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THE GRAMMY FOUNDATION® SELECTS STUDENTS FROM ACROSS THE UNITED STATES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PRESTIGIOUS GRAMMY CAMP® — JAZZ SESSION PROGRAM

Program Applications For 2013 Online Now At www.grammyintheschools.com

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (Nov. 23, 2011) — The GRAMMY Foundation® (www.grammyintheschools.com) announced today that **30 talented high school students** from across the United States have been selected for positions in the **2012 GRAMMY Camp® — Jazz Session** (formerly known as GRAMMY® Jazz Ensembles). Their selection launches them into the spotlight surrounding the 54th Annual GRAMMY Awards, and provides them with unparalleled opportunities to perform in front of some of music's biggest names. Since 1993, the GRAMMY Foundation has provided students with this extraordinary musical experience. The students, representing **29 cities** and **14 states**, will travel to Los Angeles for a weeklong musical adventure under the direction of Justin DiCioccio of the Manhattan School of Music, Dr. Ron McCurdy of the University of Southern California Thornton School of Music and Dr. Leila Heil of the University of Colorado, Boulder. This year, two members will comprise the **GRAMMY Camp Media Team**, and they will **document the GRAMMY Week experience** for a range of the **GRAMMY Foundation's websites and social media platforms**. Many past members of the **GRAMMY Camp® — Jazz Session** program go on to enjoy thriving performance careers, including singer/pianist Peter Cincotti (2001), two-time GRAMMY-nominated jazz pianist Gerald Clayton (2002), saxophonist Grace Kelly (2008), New York Philharmonic bassist David Grossman (1995) and pianist Aaron Parks (2000). **Applications for the 2013 GRAMMY Camp — Jazz Session** are online at www.grammyintheschools.com and the **deadline to apply is Oct. 22, 2012**.

"GRAMMY Camp — Jazz Session is one of our longest-running GRAMMY in the Schools® programs, and it gives young people real-world experiences in the music industry," said Neil Portnow, President/CEO of the GRAMMY Foundation and The Recording Academy®. "In this case, it brings together top high school vocalists and instrumentalists from across the country to create a jazz choir, combo and band for a once-in-a-lifetime GRAMMY Week opportunity where these young artists play with their peers as well as with GRAMMY-nominated and GRAMMY-winning artists. GRAMMY Camp — Jazz Session truly embodies the GRAMMY Foundation's mission of fostering the next generation of music and its makers."

The selected students will perform at various **GRAMMY Week** events including — for the third year— an appearance at **GRAMMY In The Schools® Live! — A Celebration Of Music & Education**, sponsored by the **Ford Motor Company Fund** and the **Starkey Hearing Foundation**. This special evening, which is open to the public, will showcase the selectees, along with student alumni from GRAMMY Camp and GRAMMY Signature Schools, with **special guest artists** on Feb. 8, 2012, at USC. The group will offer another **public performance** at **Spghettini's Italian Grill & Lounge** with a **special guest artist** on Feb. 9. GRAMMY Camp — Jazz Session members will also will attend the **54th Annual GRAMMY Awards** on Feb. 12 as guests of The Recording Academy and will perform at the **GRAMMY Celebration®** after-party.

The young musicians will again record at the legendary Capitol Studios & Mastering in Hollywood, Calif., courtesy of the EMI Music Group. **GRAMMY Jazz Ensembles albums** from 2007– 2011 **are available for purchase** at online music outlets such as **Amazon, iTunes, Napster, and Rhapsody**.

The GRAMMY Camp — Jazz Session selectees are eligible for more than \$2 million in college scholarships made possible through the GRAMMY Foundation's college partners: Berklee College of Music, Manhattan School of Music, the New School for Jazz and Contemporary Music, and USC Thornton School of Music. In addition, each selectee's school will receive a professional cymbal courtesy of the Zildjian Company.

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The 2012 GRAMMY Camp – Jazz Session members are listed by each student's instrument, role, or voice:

Choir

Name	City	State	School	Part
Laila Smith	San Jose	Calif.	Marin School of the Arts	Soprano
Ashley Levin	Augusta	Ga.	Davidson Fine Arts	Soprano
Veronica O'Brien	Greenwood	Va.	Albemarle High School	Alto
Christina Takayama	Woodside	Calif.	Menlo-Atherton High School	Alto
Nathan Heldman	Los Angeles	Calif.	Academy of Music at Hamilton High School	Tenor
Felix Ramsey, Jr.	Milwaukee	Wis.	Milwaukee High School of the Arts	Tenor
Myles Nuzzi	Cumberland	Maine	Greely High School	Bass
Mark Mekailian	Arcadia	Calif.	Los Angeles County High School for the Arts	Bass

Combo

Kayvon Gordon	Detroit	Mich.	Renaissance High School	Drums
Beka Gochiashvili	New York	N.Y.	Juilliard Pre-College/home-schooled	Piano
Daryl Johns	Englewood	N.J.	Dwight-Englewood School	Bass

Band

Sam Hart	New City	N.Y.	Clarkstown High School South	Alto Sax 1
Tom Kelley	Canton	Conn.	Canton High School	Alto Sax 2
Julian Lee	Montclair	N.J.	Montclair High School	Tenor Sax
Jyron Walls	Pearland	Texas	High School for the Performing and Visual Arts	Tenor Sax
David Leon	Miami	Fla.	New World School of the Arts	Bari Sax
Ryan DeWeese	Yorba Linda	Calif.	Esperanza High School	Trumpet Lead
Tyler Tritt	Philadelphia	Pa.	J.R. Masterman Home and School	Trumpet Lead
Adam O'Farrill	Brooklyn	N.Y.	Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts	Trumpet Jazz
Max Boiko	Sunrise	Fla.	Dillard High School	Trumpet 4
Michael Wang	Sacramento	Calif.	Rio Americano High School	Trombone 1
Matt Bumgardner	North Bend	Wash.	Mount Si High School	Trombone 2
Coleman Hughes	Montclair	N.J.	Newark Academy	Trombone 3
Chris Palowitch	Pleasanton	Calif.	Amador Valley High School	Bass Trombone
Antonio Madruga	Pembroke Pines	Fla.	New World School of the Arts	Piano
Connor Schultze	Foxborough	Mass.	Foxborough High School	Bass
Lucas del Calvo	Marina del Rey	Calif.	Crossroads School for Arts and Sciences	Guitar
Cameron Macintosh	South Orange	N.J.	Columbia High School	Drums

Media Team

Kevin Burke	Garden City	N.Y.	Garden City High School	Videographer
Julian Ring	Piedmont	Calif.	Piedmont High School	Writer

The GRAMMY Foundation[®] was established in 1989 to cultivate the understanding, appreciation and advancement of the contribution of recorded music to American culture — from the artistic and technical legends of the past to the still unimagined musical breakthroughs of future generations of music professionals. The Foundation accomplishes this mission through programs and activities that engage the music industry and cultural community as well as the general public. The Foundation works in partnership year-round with its founder, The Recording Academy[®], to bring national attention to important issues such as the value and impact of music and arts education and the urgency of preserving our rich cultural heritage. Campbell's Labels For Education program is proud to be the official education partner of the GRAMMY in the Schools[®] programs. For more information, please visit www.grammyintheschools.com.

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