



*****MEDIA ALERT FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2017*****

THE RECORDING ACADEMY® TO HONOR KEITH URBAN AT GRAMMYS ON THE HILL® AWARDS ON APRIL 5

GRAMMY® Winners And Nominees Converge With Congress To Support Music For Future Generations

WHAT: Representatives of the worlds of music and politics will come together at The Recording Academy®'s 2017 [GRAMMYS on the Hill®](#) Awards on April 5 to honor four-time GRAMMY® winner **Keith Urban**. Urban will receive the Recording Artists' Coalition® Award for his musical achievements and commitment to numerous music education programs that have inspired young musicians and provided thousands of musical instruments to underserved programs across the country.

The following day, renowned music creators will advocate on Capitol Hill for the next generation of music makers as part of The Recording Academy's annual GRAMMYS on the Hill Advocacy Day. Topics that will be discussed include the need to update music copyright law and maintain support for the arts.

WHO: Honoree: **Keith Urban**
Master of ceremonies: **Martina McBride**

Performances by **Keith Urban**, singer/songwriter **John Popper** of Blues Traveler, and GRAMMY winner **Wynonna Judd** with special guests, as well as a special presentation by renowned television composer **Jonathan Wolff**.

Joined by nearly 50 members of Congress, confirmed attendees include GRAMMY-winning producer **Peter Asher**, GRAMMY-winning Americana artist **William Bell**, GRAMMY-winning producer **Steve Berkowitz**, rapper **Chill Moody**, producer and singer/songwriter **Kara DioGuardi**, **Duke Fakir** of Recording Academy Lifetime Achievement Award recipients the Four Tops, GRAMMY winner **Rory Feek** of Joey+Rory, GRAMMY-winning engineer/mixer **Frank Filipetti**, GRAMMY-nominated contemporary Christian singer/songwriter **Natalie Grant**, country music artist **Jack Ingram**, GRAMMY and Latin GRAMMY winners **Jesse & Joy**, GRAMMY-winning engineer/producer **Dmitriy Lipay**, **Kirstin Maldonado** of GRAMMY winners Pentatonix, GRAMMY-nominated R&B singer/songwriter **Mario**, GRAMMY-winning producer **Harvey Mason, Jr.**, **Lukes Morgan** of GRAMMY-winning reggae band Morgan Heritage, **Rick Nielsen** of Cheap Trick, GRAMMY-nominated R&B singer/songwriter **Kelly Price**, GRAMMY-winning blues singer **Bobby Rush**, guitarist **Chad Taylor** of the band Live, rapper **Uncle Luke** of 2 Live Crew, and singer/songwriter **VASSY**.

The GRAMMYS on the Hill Awards are sponsored by music rights organization SESAC.

WHEN: **Wednesday, April 5, 2017**
5:15 p.m. Media Arrival
5:45–6:30 p.m. Red Carpet and Media Interviews
*Program begins at 7 p.m.

WHERE: **The Hamilton**
600 14th Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20005
*MUST RSVP BEFORE 10 A.M., APRIL 5 TO SECURE ADMITTANCE
**Not open to the public

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About The Recording Academy

Established in 1957, The Recording Academy is an organization of musicians, songwriters, producers, engineers, and recording professionals dedicated to improving the cultural condition and quality of life for music and its makers. Internationally known for the GRAMMY Awards®—the preeminent peer-recognized award for musical excellence and the most credible brand in music—The Recording Academy is responsible for groundbreaking professional development, cultural enrichment, advocacy, education, and human services programs. The Academy continues to focus on its mission of recognizing musical excellence, advocating for the well-being of music makers, and ensuring music remains an indelible part of our culture. For more information about The Academy's advocacy efforts, please visit www.grammy.com/action, and follow the online conversation on Twitter @GRAMMYAdvocacy, #SupportMusic, and "like" GRAMMY Advocacy on Facebook.

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