



RECORDING ACADEMY® ESTABLISHES SONGWRITERS & COMPOSERS WING

ANNOUNCED AT THE 63RD ANNUAL GRAMMY AWARDS®, THE NEW WING IS DEDICATED TO ELEVATING, SUPPORTING AND ADVOCATING ON BEHALF OF MUSIC'S STORYTELLERS

SANTA MONICA, CALIF. (MARCH 14, 2021) — The Recording Academy® announced today, at the 63rd Annual GRAMMY Awards®, the creation of its Songwriters & Composers Wing, an Academy membership division representing the diverse community of music creators who provide the world with the gift of song. Working collaboratively with the Academy's membership base and ecosystem of music creators, the new Wing fosters recognition of all genres of songwriters and amplifies their unique role in policy discussions that seek fair compensation for creators. Through educational offerings including panels, mixers, songwriting retreats, and mentorship, the Wing will provide opportunities for recognition, networking and collaboration. It will also spotlight emerging opportunities for song and scoring achievement within a variety of media globally.

"The musical process begins with our fellow songwriters and composers, and we're thrilled to launch this Wing at the Academy that creates a home for music's storytellers across the country," said **Harvey Mason jr., Chair and Interim President/CEO of the Recording Academy**. "These creatives are essential to the music community and we look forward to collaborating with our industry colleagues to support, educate and empower the diverse members in these crafts."

"The S&C Wing magnifies the presence of songwriters and composers throughout our membership body," said **Ruby Marchand, Chief Industry Officer at the Recording Academy**. "Many songwriters and composers are also producers, engineers, musicians, and recording artists. We look forward to celebrating their full array of talents and accomplishments."

"Just as music begins with the song, music advocacy begins with the songwriter," said **Daryl Friedman, Chief Advocacy Officer at the Recording Academy**. "We are pleased to continue our fight for songwriters and composers' rights, reenergized by the newly organized advocates of the Songwriters & Composers Wing."

Songwriter and Recording Academy Los Angeles Chapter President **Evan Bogart** will serve as Chair of the Songwriters & Composers Wing; the esteemed **Lamont Dozier, Kenny "Babyface" Edmonds, Ashley Gorley, Carole King, Jimmy Jam, Tania León, Gustavo Santaolalla, Valerie Simpson, Diane Warren,** and **Hans Zimmer** will serve as honorary chairs; and **Susan Stewart**, Senior Director, South Region at the Recording Academy will serve as Executive Sponsor.

Currently, a third of the Recording Academy's voting membership identify songwriting or composing as part of their craft and these members will be automatically included in the new Wing. Those interested in joining can find membership information on the Recording Academy's [Songwriters & Composers Wing page on GRAMMY.com](#).



This is the second membership division created by the Recording Academy on behalf of music creators. In 2001, The Academy established the Producers & Engineers Wing which is comprised of approximately 4,500 studio professionals across the U.S. who work together to create standards for best recording practices.

ABOUT THE RECORDING ACADEMY

The Recording Academy represents the voices of performers, songwriters, producers, engineers, and all music professionals. Dedicated to ensuring the recording arts remain a thriving part of our shared cultural heritage, the Academy honors music's history while investing in its future through the GRAMMY Museum[®], advocates on behalf of music creators, supports music people in times of need through MusiCares[®], and celebrates artistic excellence through the GRAMMY Awards[®] — music's only peer-recognized accolade and highest achievement. As the world's leading society of music professionals, we work year-round to foster a more inspiring world for creators.

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