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THE GRAMMY FOUNDATION® SELECTS STUDENTS FROM ACROSS THE UNITED STATES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PRESTIGIOUS GRAMMY CAMP® — JAZZ SESSION PROGRAM DURING GRAMMY WEEK 2014

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (Dec. 3, 2013) — The GRAMMY Foundation® (www.grammyintheschools.com) announced today that **32 talented high school students** from across the United States have been selected for positions in the **2014 GRAMMY Camp® — Jazz Session**. Their selection launches them into the spotlight surrounding the 56th Annual GRAMMY Awards®, and provides them with unparalleled opportunities to perform in front of some of music's biggest names. The students, representing **30 cities** and **12 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 associate choral director Susanna Wegner of Kansas City, Mo. This year, two students will comprise the **GRAMMY in the Schools® Media Team**, and they will **document the GRAMMY® Week experience** for a range of the **GRAMMY Foundation's social media platforms**.

"GRAMMY Camp — Jazz Session has been fostering the next generation of music and its makers since 1993, and the results have been truly impressive," said Neil Portnow, President/CEO of the GRAMMY Foundation and The Recording Academy®. "Not only do these young people have a once-in-a-lifetime experience during GRAMMY Week playing with their peers as well as with GRAMMY-nominated and GRAMMY-winning artists at a range of events, but many of them go on to enjoy thriving performance careers, including singer/pianist Peter Cincotti, three-time GRAMMY-nominated jazz pianist Gerald Clayton, New York Philharmonic bassist David J. Grossman, GRAMMY-nominated singer/songwriter Brandon Heath, saxophonist Grace Kelly, and pianist Aaron Parks, among others."

The selected students will perform at various **GRAMMY Week** events including — for the fifth year— an appearance at **GRAMMY In The Schools Live! — A Celebration Of Music & Education**, sponsored by **Ford Motor Company Fund**. This special evening, which is open to the public, will showcase the selectees, along with **special guest artists**, on Jan. 22, 2014, at the University of Southern California. The group will offer another **public performance** at **Spghettini Fine Dining & Entertainment** with a **special guest artist** on Jan. 23. GRAMMY Camp — Jazz Session members will also attend the **56th Annual GRAMMY Awards** on Jan. 26 as guests of The Recording Academy and will perform at the **GRAMMY Celebration®** after-party.

On Jan. 23–25, the young musicians will again record at the legendary **Capitol Studios & Mastering** in Hollywood, Calif., courtesy of the EMI Music Group. **GRAMMY Camp — Jazz Session albums** from 2007–2013 **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.

The **2014 GRAMMY Camp – Jazz Session** members are listed by each student's instrument, role, or voice:

<u>Choir Name</u>		<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Part</u>
Alyssa	McDoom	Weston	Fla.	Cypress Bay High School	Soprano
Ashley	Pezzotti	Plantation	Fla.	Miami Arts Charter School	Soprano

Darynn	Dean	Los Angeles	Calif.	Mira Costa High School	Alto
Stephanie	Hansen	Clive	Iowa	Valley High School	Alto
Colby	Ewatuya	Allen	Texas	Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts	Tenor
Dylan	DeAnda	Grapevine	Texas	Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts	Tenor
Robert	Washington III	Augusta	Ga.	Davidson Fine Arts Magnet School	Bass
Caleb	Collins	Arcadia	Calif.	Los Angeles County High School for the Arts	Bass

Combo

Matt	Wong	San Francisco	Calif.	Ruth Asawa San Francisco School of the Arts	Piano
Kanoa	Mendenhall	Novato	Calif.	Marin School of the Arts	Bass
Joshua	Bermudez	Miami	Fla.	New World School of the Arts	Guitar
Adrian	Cota	West Covina	Calif.	Los Angeles County High School for the Arts	Drums

Band

Zoe	Obadia	Glen Ridge	N.J.	Glen Ridge High School	Alto Sax 1
Immanuel	Wilkins	Upper Darby	Pa.	Upper Darby High School	Alto Sax 2
Yesseh	Furaha-Ali	Upper Darby	Pa.	Upper Darby High School	Tenor Sax
Andy	Arditi	Encino	Calif.	Harvard-Westlake School	Tenor Sax
Henry	Solomon	Woodside	Calif.	Interlochen Arts Academy	Bari Sax
Andrew	Stephens	Sacramento	Calif.	Rio Americano High School	Trumpet Lead
Liam	Werner	Montclair	N.J.	Montclair High School	Trumpet Jazz
Michael	Gutierrez	Clovis	Calif.	Buchanan High School	Trumpet 3
John	Otten	Seattle	Wash.	Roosevelt High School	Trumpet 4
Fernando	Ferrarone	Miami	Fla.	Felix Varela Senior High School	Trumpet 5
Johnathan	Black	Tucson	Ariz.	Tucson High Magnet School	Trombone 1
Coleman	Hughes	Montclair	N.J.	Newark Academy	Trombone 2
Jeffery	Miller	New Orleans	La.	New Orleans Center for Creative Arts	Trombone 3
Peter	Wikle	Santa Ana	Calif.	Orange County School of the Arts	Bass Trombone
Austin	Thomas	Houston	Texas	High School for the Performing and Visual Arts	Piano
Cole	Davis	New York	N.Y.	Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts	Bass
Aris	Kare	Rancho Palos Verdes	Calif.	Palos Verdes High School	Guitar
Cameron	MacIntosh	South Orange	N.J.	Columbia High School	Drums

Media Team

Drew	Schwendiman	Summit	N.J.	Summit High School
Lauren	Craig	Chicago	Ill.	Fenwick High School

The GRAMMY Foundation was established in 1989 to cultivate the understanding, appreciation and advancement of the contribution of recorded music to American culture. 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. In recognition of the significant role of teachers in shaping their students' musical experiences, the GRAMMY Foundation and The Recording Academy are partnering to present our first Music Educator Award. Open to current U.S. music teachers in kindergarten through college, the Music Educator Award will be given out during GRAMMY Week 2014. For more information on the Music Educator Award, please visit grammymusicteacher.com. For more information about the Foundation, please visit www.grammyfoundation.org. For breaking news and exclusive content, please like "GRAMMY in the Schools®" on Facebook at www.facebook.com/grammyintheschools, follow the GRAMMY Foundation on Twitter @GRAMMYFdn at www.twitter.com/GRAMMYFdn and join us on Instagram @GRAMMYFdn at www.instagram.com/GRAMMYfdn.

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