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## **CULTURAL ICON AND MUSIC LEGEND DAVID BOWIE TO BE HONORED BY SIX-TIME GRAMMY<sup>®</sup> WINNER AND CURRENT NOMINEE LADY GAGA AT THE 58TH ANNUAL GRAMMY AWARDS<sup>®</sup>**

*Music's Biggest Night<sup>®</sup> — Hosted By LL COOL J — Airs Live On CBS, Feb. 15, 2016*

**SANTA MONICA, Calif. (Feb. 2, 2016)** — The Recording Academy<sup>®</sup> will honor GRAMMY<sup>®</sup> winner and Lifetime Achievement Award recipient **David Bowie** with an experiential tribute performed by one of his biggest fans, six-time GRAMMY winner and current nominee **Lady Gaga**, at the [58th Annual GRAMMY Awards<sup>®</sup>](#). Affording audiences a chance to experience Bowie's music once again, the tribute will be a multisensory testament to the icon's incredible artistry and a reflection of his limitless creativity.

The musical director for Lady Gaga's tribute is three-time GRAMMY winner Nile Rodgers, whose own history with Bowie dates back more than 30 years to "Let's Dance," the chart-topping 1983 hit that marked the beginning of a lifelong friendship between the two.

Lady Gaga joins previously announced performers including **Adele, James Bay, Andra Day, Ellie Goulding, Sam Hunt, Tori Kelly, Kendrick Lamar, Little Big Town, Carrie Underwood, and The Weeknd**. Entertainment icon and two-time GRAMMY winner **LL COOL J** is set to host Music's Biggest Night<sup>®</sup> for the fifth consecutive year. Taking place at **STAPLES Center** in **Los Angeles**, the 58th Annual GRAMMY Awards will be broadcast live in HDTV and 5.1 surround sound on the [CBS Television Network](#), **Monday, Feb. 15, 2016, at 8 p.m. ET/5 p.m. PT**. Additional performers will be announced shortly.

The tribute will mark Lady Gaga's fourth appearance on the GRAMMY Awards telecast. She is nominated for Best Song Written For Visual Media for "Til It Happens To You" with Diane Warren.

"We had already booked Lady Gaga on this year's show, but when David passed — almost in a single moment — we knew we had to change direction," said executive producer of the GRAMMY Awards Ken Ehrlich. "We immediately spoke and agreed that she should be the one to honor David. She's perfect for it. So I reached out to Nile and, before long, we were on our way to creating what we believe will not only make a great GRAMMY Moment, but one befitting of David."

The 58th Annual GRAMMY Awards are produced by AEG Ehrlich Ventures for The Recording Academy. Ken Ehrlich is executive producer, Louis J. Horvitz is director, and David Wild and Ehrlich are the writers.

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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, please visit [www.grammy.com](http://www.grammy.com).

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