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## **BROADWAY CAST OF "HAMILTON" RETURNS MUSICAL THEATER TO THE GRAMMY® STAGE**

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

**SANTA MONICA, Calif. (Feb. 3, 2016)** — The GRAMMY®-nominated musical "**Hamilton**" ushers Broadway back to the GRAMMY Awards® stage after a more than five-year hiatus. GRAMMY winner Lin-Manuel Miranda and his extraordinary cast will perform a number from the acclaimed musical on the 58th Annual GRAMMY Awards®, directly from the legendary Richard Rodgers Theatre in New York, marking one of only four times that the GRAMMY telecast has featured a performance live via satellite. [Watch](#) a video of the "Hamilton" cast announcing their upcoming GRAMMY performance.

Previously announced performers include **Adele, James Bay, Andra Day, Ellie Goulding, Sam Hunt, Tori Kelly, Kendrick Lamar, Lady Gaga, 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® 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 "Hamilton" performance will be the eighth time in history that musical theater has been featured on the GRAMMY Awards. Previous Broadway productions featured on the telecast include "Godspell" (1972); "The Magic Show" (1975); "Sophisticated Ladies" (1982); "La Cage Aux Folles" (1984); "Will Rogers Follies" (1992); "Riverdance" and "Bring In Da Noise, Bring In Da Funk" (1997); and, most recently, "American Idiot" (2010).

"The 'Hamilton' cast and crew are absolutely thrilled to be a part of this year's GRAMMY Awards," said Miranda, "Hamilton" creator, writer, and lead performer. "The music community's response to our cast album has been overwhelming, and we're honored to be a part of such a special night. To perform from our home at the Richard Rodgers Theatre is a dream come true."

Catch an [exclusive interview](#) with Miranda as he talks about his musical influences, the inspiration behind "Hamilton," and how he hopes the show will expose hip-hop and musical theater to new audiences.

The "Hamilton" segment also marks the fourth time that a performance will be broadcast live via satellite on the GRAMMY Awards. The last time the awards telecast included a performance from another location was when Amy Winehouse performed "You Know I'm No Good" and "Rehab" in London during the 50th Annual GRAMMY Awards in 2008, the same year Winehouse earned her five GRAMMYS®.

"Melding contemporary hip-hop into a musical set in the year 1776, 'Hamilton' reimagines the traditional musical in a unique and extraordinary way that has brought Broadway — and our nation's history — to new audiences," said Neil Portnow, President/CEO of The Recording Academy. "With the GRAMMY

Awards on a Monday this year, we have a wonderful opportunity to highlight this important musical art form on an even bigger stage for our millions of viewers worldwide to experience."

Current nominees for Best Musical Theater Album from the Original Broadway Cast recording of "Hamilton" include: principal soloists Daveed Diggs, Renée Elise Goldsberry, Jonathan Groff, Christopher Jackson, Jasmine Cephas Jones, Lin-Manuel Miranda, Leslie Odom, Jr., Okieriete Onaodowan, Anthony Ramos, and Phillipa Soo; producers Alex Lacamoire, Lin-Manuel Miranda, Bill Sherman, Ahmir Thompson, and Tarik Trotter; and composer and lyricist Lin-Manuel Miranda. Miranda, Lacamoire, and Sherman are previous winners in this category for "In The Heights" (2008).

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.

Watch the "Hamilton" cast announce their GRAMMY performance here: <https://youtu.be/S45H3V3iMaw>  
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Watch Miranda speak on his musical influences, inspiration, and desired impact on audiences here: <https://youtu.be/-tLIZyLuYGo>  
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