



## GRAMMY MUSEUM<sup>®</sup> SELECTS STUDENTS FROM ACROSS THE UNITED STATES TO PARTICIPATE IN 2018 GRAMMY CAMP<sup>®</sup>—JAZZ SESSION PROGRAM WILL TAKE PLACE DURING GRAMMY<sup>®</sup> WEEK IN JANUARY

**SANTA MONICA, CALIF. (DEC. 8, 2017)** — The GRAMMY Museum<sup>®</sup> announced today that **18 talented high school students** from across the United States have been selected for the **2018 GRAMMY Camp<sup>®</sup>—Jazz Session**. Their selection launches them into the spotlight surrounding the 60th Annual GRAMMY Awards<sup>®</sup> and provides them with unparalleled opportunities to perform for some of music's biggest names. The students, representing **18 cities** in **nine states**, will travel to New York City for a seven-day musical adventure under the direction of Justin DiCioccio.

"We are very excited to hold GRAMMY Camp—Jazz Session in New York City this year and to showcase the talents of these high school instrumentalists in venues throughout Manhattan during GRAMMY<sup>®</sup> Week," said Neil Portnow, President/CEO of the Recording Academy<sup>™</sup> and Chair of the Board of the GRAMMY Museum. "This program will provide students with unparalleled opportunities to rehearse, record, and perform with their fellow Jazz Session members. It will foster collaborative skills that are necessary for successful careers in any field—and are especially useful if these young people pursue professional paths in the music industry."

On Jan. 27, courtesy of **The Power Station at BerkleeNYC**, the young musicians will record an album (*GRAMMY Jazz 26*) at the legendary New York facility. Over the years, **noted members of the Recording Academy's Producers & Engineers Wing<sup>®</sup>** have **worked with the ensembles during the recording process**. **GRAMMY Camp—Jazz Session albums** from 2007–2017 are available for purchase via online music outlets such as [Amazon](#) and [iTunes](#).

The selected students will perform at various **GRAMMY Week** events, including—for the ninth year—an appearance at **GRAMMY In The Schools Live!—A Celebration Of Music & Education** sponsored by **Ford Motor Company Fund**. This special event, which is open to the public, will showcase the selectees, along with **special guest artists**, on Jan. 25, 2018, at The Auditorium, Alvin Johnson/JM Kaplan Hall at **The New School**. The group will offer an additional **public performance** with **special guest artists** at the **Iridium** on Jan. 26. Further, GRAMMY Camp—Jazz Session members will perform at the official **MusiCares<sup>®</sup> Person of the Year** after-party celebration and will attend the **60th Annual GRAMMY Awards** on Jan. 28 as guests of the Recording Academy. Their final performance will be at the **GRAMMY Celebration<sup>®</sup>** after-party.

**GRAMMY Camp—Jazz Session** is supported in part by the **Ella Fitzgerald Charitable Foundation**, and **Gia Maione Prima Foundation, Inc.** Additional support is provided by **The Power Station at BerkleeNYC**, **Centerstaging**, **Gibson/Baldwin**, **JBL**, **Roland**, **Shure**, and **Zildjian Cymbals**.

GRAMMY Camp—Jazz Session selectees are eligible for more than \$2 million in college scholarships made possible through the GRAMMY Museum'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.

### 2018 GRAMMY CAMP—JAZZ SESSION MEMBERS

The 2018 GRAMMY Camp—Jazz Session members are listed by each student's instrument:

Name	City	State	School	Part
Max Hubbard	Champaign	Ill.	Champaign Central High School	Alto Sax
Mogi Taylor	Bellaire	Texas	High School for the Visual & Performing Arts	Alto Sax
Kieran Hitsman	Tamarac	Fla.	Dillard Center for the Arts	Tenor Sax
David Winograd	Morganville	N.J.	High Technology High School	Tenor Sax
Veronica Leahy	Charlotte	N.C.	Charlotte Latin School	Baritone Sax
Summer Camargo	Hollywood	Fla.	Dillard Center for the Arts	Trumpet
Joey Curreri	Marina Del Rey	Calif.	Alexander Hamilton High School	Trumpet
Zaq Davis	New York	N.Y.	Saint Ann's School	Trumpet
Geoffrey Gallante	Alexandria	Va.	West Potomac High School	Trumpet
Artem Rossin	Walnut Creek	Calif.	Northgate High School	Trumpet
Reid Christmann	Summit	N.J.	Newark Academy	Trombone
Leo Markel	Jupiter	Fla.	Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts	Trombone
Zachary Niess	Arlington	Va.	Yorktown High School	Trombone
Trystan Fritts	Corryton	Tenn.	Homeschooled	Bass Trombone
Esteban Castro	Hackensack	N.J.	Bergen County Academies	Piano
Augustus Allen	Houston	Texas	High School for the Visual & Performing Arts	Bass
Jordan Reifkind	Los Angeles	Calif.	Los Angeles County High School for the Arts	Guitar
Varun Das	Edison	N.J.	John P. Stevens High School	Drums

### ABOUT THE GRAMMY MUSEUM

Established in 2008 as a partnership between the Recording Academy and AEG, the GRAMMY Museum is a nonprofit organization dedicated to cultivating a greater understanding of the history and significance of music. Paying tribute to our collective musical heritage, the Museum explores and celebrates all aspects of the art form—from the technology of the recording process to the legends who've made lasting marks on our cultural identity. In 2017, the Museum integrated with its sister organization, the GRAMMY Foundation, to broaden the reach of its music education and preservation initiatives. As a unified organization, today, the GRAMMY Museum fulfills its mission of making music a valued and indelible part of our society through exhibits, education, grants, and public programming.

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