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Levitt Artists Rack Up Nominations for the 56th Annual GRAMMY Awards

*Seven of this year's nominees have performed at Levitt's free concert series across America.
Winners announced January 26, 2014.*

December 10, 2013—Lucky seven! For the second year in a row, seven Levitt artists have been nominated for a GRAMMY Award. This year's nominees are just the latest examples in GRAMMY history reflecting the stellar quality and diverse lineup of the national Levitt program, which presents acclaimed, emerging talent and seasoned, award-winning artists to the public every year through 300+ FREE outdoor concerts nationwide.

The 56th Annual GRAMMY nominees include:



Clockwise from top left

- **La Santa Cecilia** for Best Latin Rock, Urban or Alternative Album ("Treinta Días"). La Santa Cecilia performed at **Levitt Los Angeles** in 2009 and 2011 and **Levitt Pasadena** in 2010. In recent years, they have also received three nominations from the Latin GRAMMY Awards.
- **Jim Lauderdale** and Buddy Miller for Best Americana Album ("Buddy and Jim"). The GRAMMY Award-winning Lauderdale performed at **Levitt Pasadena** in 2013, **Levitt Shell**

Memphis in 2010 and **Levitt Los Angeles** in 2009.

- **Terrance Simien & The Zydeco Experience** for Best Regional Roots Album ("Dockside Sessions"). This is the second GRAMMY nomination for the group, who previously won a GRAMMY in 2008. They performed at **Levitt Shell Memphis** and **Levitt Westport** in 2010.
- **Gregory Porter** for Best Jazz Vocal Album ("Liquid Spirit"). This is Porter's third GRAMMY nomination. Porter performed at **Levitt Shell Memphis** in 2012.
- **Snarky Puppy** with Lalah Hathaway for Best R&B Performance ("Something"). Snarky Puppy performed at **Levitt Arlington** twice, in 2013 and 2010.
- **Gary Clark Jr.** received two nominations for Best Rock Song ("Ain't Messin' Round") and Best Traditional R&B Performance ("Please Come Home"). Clark performed at **Levitt Shell Memphis** in 2011.
- **Mariachi Divas de Cindy Shea** for Best Regional Mexican Music Album ("A Mi Manera"). This is the fourth GRAMMY nomination for the all-female, GRAMMY Award-winning Mariachi Divas, who have performed at **Levitt Los Angeles** and **Levitt Pasadena** multiple times.

Levitt Pavilions' Executive Director Sharon Yazowski praised the artistic programmers of the six Levitt venues, each 501(c)(3) nonprofits, for their commitment to excellence. "The GRAMMY nominations are a testament to the dynamic programming choices made by local Friends of Levitt staff who present these—and many other amazing artists—to the public free of charge, every year," she said. "This caliber of programming is why Levitt music venues have become nationally renown for showcasing legendary artists as well as those who are rising stars."

Previous GRAMMY Award winners who have graced Levitt stages include Booker T. Jones, Quetzal, Brave Combo, Poncho Sanchez, Kirk Whalum, Karla Bonoff, Asleep at the Wheel and Marcia Ball.

About Levitt Pavilions

Levitt Pavilions is a national nonprofit organization that exists to strengthen the social fabric of America. We partner with cities to transform neglected public spaces into welcoming destinations where the power of free, live music brings people together and invigorates community life.

Levitt Pavilions is the only national network of outdoor music venues presenting free concert series. The Levitt program is six cities strong—in places as diverse as **Los Angeles** and **Pasadena**, California; **Westport**, Connecticut; **Bethlehem**, Pennsylvania; **Memphis**, Tennessee; and **Arlington**, Texas—collectively serving more than half a million people annually through 300 free, family-friendly concerts. Each Levitt venue is its own 501(c)(3) Friends of Levitt nonprofit organization, presenting 50 free concerts every year featuring acclaimed, emerging talent to seasoned, award-winning performers in all music genres.

Due to accelerating interest from cities and engaged citizens, the Levitt program is growing. Developing Levitt locations across the country include **Denver** (opening 2016) and **Houston** (opening 2017), amongst other cities.

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