



**PHOTO RELEASE:  
A PRE-GRAMMY SALUTE TO THE SONGS OF PAUL SIMON**



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**NASHVILLE, Tenn. (Feb. 4, 2024)** — The Americana Music Association presented a pre-GRAMMYs salute to the songs of Paul Simon on Saturday night (February 3) at the Troubadour in Los Angeles. Performers included: Allison Russell, Andrew Bird, Blind Boys of Alabama, Bobby Rush, Brett Dennen, Dwight Yoakam, Gaby Moreno, Jackson Browne, Jason Isbell & Sadler Vaden, John Vincent III, Johnnyswim, Larkin Poe, Madison Cunningham, Marcus King, Molly Tuttle & Ketch Secor, Natalia LaFourcade, Rodney Crowell, Rufus Wainwright, Ruthie Foster, Sean & Sara Watkins, Silvana Estrada,

and Susanna Hoffs with Grace Bowers.

Co-presented by Vector Management and the Americana Music Association and Foundation, the show has been produced by Michelle Aquilato and Americana Music Association executive director Jed Hilly every year since 2013. Each year, the event sources its lineup from the GRAMMY nominees in the American Roots Music Field, in addition to inviting a few special guests.

Since 2013, the annual Pre-GRAMMY salute has paid tribute to the songs of Lucinda Williams (2023), Willie Nelson (2020), John Prine (2019), Emmylou Harris (2018), Loretta Lynn (2017), Glenn Frey (2016), Phil Everly (2014), and Emmylou Harris, Rodney Crowell & Friends (2013). All shows took place at the Troubadour except for 2018, when the GRAMMYS were held in New York City and the event was staged at City Winery.

Since 2013, the Americana Music Association has successfully lobbied the Recording Academy to include multiple GRAMMY Categories, first with the Best Americana Album GRAMMY, followed by Best American Roots Song, Best American Roots Performance and most recently, Best Americana Performance. The inclusion of these four categories is among the most significant achievements for the Nashville-based not-for-profit music association.

**About the Americana Music Association:**

The Americana Music Association is a professional not-for-profit trade organization whose mission is to advocate for the authentic voice of American roots music around the world. The Association produces events throughout the year; including AMERICANAFEST and the critically acclaimed Americana Honors & Awards program. The Americana Music Association receives enormous support from the Tennessee Department of Tourism, Nashville Convention & Visitors Corp, ASCAP, BMI, SESAC.

**About the Americana Music Foundation (AMF):**

The Americana Music Foundation (AMF), a 501(c)(3) non-profit educational and charitable organization, was founded to preserve Americana music through education. The Foundation endeavors to strengthen understanding, awareness and appreciation of cultural heritage, to shine a light on inspiration, and to promote the capacity and engagement of future creators. The foundation accomplishes this mission through educational programs, musical performances and public events. Throughout the year, its partnership with The Americana Music Association and NYU Steinhardt School of Culture, Education and Human Development focuses on the preservation of past legacies and traditions that spotlight Americana music's heritage, while also looking ahead to ensure the future of the community's generations to come.



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