

GRAMMYS Announce 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award Honorees

*THE RECORDING ACADEMY
ANNOUNCES 2017 LIFETIME
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD HONOREES*

LOS ANGELES, CA, USA, December 23, 2016 /EINPresswire.com/ -- SHIRLEY CAESAR, AHMAD JAMAL, CHARLEY PRIDE, JIMMIE RODGERS, NINA SIMONE, SLY STONE, AND THE VELVET UNDERGROUND TO BE HONORED WITH THE RECORDING ACADEMY LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



THOM BELL, MO OSTIN AND RALPH PEER TO BE HONORED WITH TRUSTEES AWARD

ALAN DOWER BLUMLEIN TO RECEIVE TECHNICAL GRAMMY® AWARD

[The Recording Academy announced](#) its 2017 Special Merit Awards recipients today. The Lifetime Achievement Award honorees are Shirley Caesar, Ahmad Jamal, Charley Pride, Jimmie Rodgers, Nina Simone, Sly Stone, and the Velvet Underground. Thom Bell, Mo Ostin and Ralph Peer are Trustees Award honorees; Alan Dower Blumlein is the Technical GRAMMY® Award recipient.

"This year's Special Merit Awards recipients comprise a prestigious group of diverse and influential creators who have crafted or contributed to some of the most distinctive recordings in music history," said Neil Portnow, President/CEO of The Recording Academy. "These exceptionally inspiring figures are being honored as legendary performers, creative architects, and technical visionaries. Their outstanding accomplishments and passion for their respective crafts have created a timeless legacy."

[The Lifetime Achievement Award celebrates](#) performers who have made outstanding contributions of artistic significance to the field of recording, while the Trustees Award honors contributions in areas other than performance. The recipients are determined by vote of The Recording Academy's National Board of Trustees. Technical GRAMMY Award recipients are voted on by The Academy's Producers & Engineers Wing Advisory Council and Chapter Committees, and are ratified by The Academy's Trustees. The award is presented to individuals and/or companies who have made contributions of outstanding technical significance to the recording industry.

Additionally, The Recording Academy and Hal Leonard Books will publish [A GRAMMY Salute To Music Legends](#), a hardcover book that collects two decades of artist-written tributes to The Academy's annual Special Merit Awards honorees. Among those who have written tributes in the book are Eric Clapton, Elvis Costello, Red Hot Chili Peppers bassist Flea, Whoopi Goldberg, Ice Cube, Miranda Lambert, Queen guitarist Brian May, Dolly Parton, Carly Simon, Patti Smith, and Yo-Yo Ma. The tributes were originally commissioned for the annual GRAMMY Awards program book and

never published widely until now. A GRAMMY Salute To Music Legends will be available in early January.

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