



## **RECORDING ACADEMY® REVEALS SONGWRITERS & COMPOSERS WING LEADERSHIP COUNCIL COMMITTEE WILL WORK WITH HONORARY CHAIRS TO ELEVATE AND ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF MUSIC'S STORYTELLERS**

**SANTA MONICA, CALIF. (AUG. 24, 2021)** — The Recording Academy®'s newly launched Songwriters & Composers Wing has announced a Leadership Council comprised of music creators spanning diverse backgrounds and genres to further the Wing's mission of supporting and advocating on behalf of music's storytellers. Working collaboratively with the Academy's membership base and ecosystem of musicians, the Leadership Council will meet regularly to inform the Wing's direction and take lead in fostering recognition of all genres of songwriters. To better serve creators internationally, the Wing has also forged a partnership with The Latin Recording Academy® and will work with the organization to better serve global creators who identify as songwriters and composers.

Hailing from the Academy's 12 Chapters and The Latin Recording Academy's membership, the accomplished songwriters and composers that make up the Leadership Council include:

Ivan Barias  
Edgar Barrera  
Mason Bates  
Emily Bear  
Claudia Brant  
Bryan-Michael Cox  
Erika Ender  
Sue Ennis

J.J. Hairston  
Sam Hollander  
J. Ivy  
Brett James  
Savan Kotecha  
Luciano Luna  
Lori McKenna  
Eduardo Osorio

Tayla Parx  
Bruce Robison  
Georgia Stitt  
Justin Tranter  
Christopher Tin  
Emily Warren  
Jay Weigel

The Leadership Council will join the previously announced Honorary Chairs Lamont Dozier, Kenny "Babyface" Edmonds, Ashley Gorley, Carole King, Jimmy Jam, Tania León, Gustavo Santaolalla, Valerie Simpson, Diane Warren, and Hans Zimmer. Recording Academy Trustee Evan Bogart serves as the Songwriters & Composers Wing Chair and Susan Stewart is the newly appointed Managing Director.

"The Wing's mission is to provide composers and songwriters a home base in the industry that presents opportunities, advocates on their behalf, and celebrates their important contributions to our music community," said Susan Stewart, Managing Director of the Recording Academy Songwriters & Composers Wing. "We're thrilled to take action alongside our newly established Leadership Council to help further the Wing's mission of amplifying the work and voices of creators that call these crafts home."

Through educational offerings including panels, mixers, songwriting retreats, and mentorship, the Wing provides opportunities for recognition, networking and collaboration. It also spotlights emerging opportunities



for song and scoring achievement within a variety of media globally, and amplifies songwriters and composers' unique role in policy discussions that seek fair compensation for creators.

Stay up to date on the Songwriters & Composers Wing and learn more about joining its membership [here](#).

### **ABOUT THE RECORDING ACADEMY**

The Recording Academy represents the voices of performers, songwriters, producers, engineers, and all music professionals. Dedicated to ensuring the recording arts remain a thriving part of our shared cultural heritage, the Academy honors music's history while investing in its future through the GRAMMY Museum®, advocates on behalf of music creators, supports music people in times of need through MusiCares®, and celebrates artistic excellence through the GRAMMY Awards® — music's only peer-recognized accolade and highest achievement. As the world's leading society of music professionals, we work year-round to foster a more inspiring world for creators.

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