Industry Sponsors Show Support for Recording Academy™ Producers & Engineers Wing® 12th Annual GRAMMY® Week Event Honoring Willie Nelson Alongside Music's Creative Technical Wizards

**Sponsor Partners Contribute to Successful Gala**

**Santa Monica, Calif**. (MAR. 13, 2019) — The Recording Academy™ Producers & Engineers Wing® 12th annual celebration returned to The Village Studios in West Los Angeles on Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2019, after last year's sojourn in New York, reprising once again what has become a highly anticipated event that marks the official start of GRAMMY Week®. Representatives from a large range of top manufacturers, services and organizations pledged their support for the event and were in attendance to honor individuals who strive for audio excellence and who have championed creative freedom throughout their career. The event is focused on the irreplaceable contributions made by recording, mixing and mastering engineers and record producers whose technical expertise and creative brilliance earn these professionals working behind the glass GRAMMY Awards® and nominations of their own. This special evening also featured the presentation of the President's Merit Award to Willie Nelson, recognizing both his commitment to creative and sonic excellence and his ongoing support for the art and craft of recorded music.

This year, Dolby joined Iron Mountain Entertainment Services as a Premier Sponsor for the event. Iron Mountain's involvement is an extension of its ongoing year-round partnership with the Wing. Sponsor partners included Shure, Music Marketing (representing the brands Celemony, NUGEN Audio and FabFilter), Jaxsta, Audio-Technica, BMI, iZotope, Lurssen Mastering, Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management, Louisiana Entertainment, AFM & SAG-AFTRA Intellectual Property Rights Distribution Fund, and Joe D’Ambrosio Management.

"We were happy to return to our familiar setting at The Village Studios for the P&E Wing's yearly highlight, our GRAMMY Week celebration," stated Maureen Droney, the Recording Academy Managing Director, P&E Wing and Recording Technology. "This event is always a huge undertaking, and it couldn't be accomplished without our industry partners showing their support. We sincerely thank them for helping make this event happen, as well as all the other contributions they offer throughout the year."

Personnel from several of the sponsors also weighed in on the evening's festivities:

Greg Parkin, Global Head of Partnerships & Industry Relations, Iron Mountain Entertainment Services, remarked, "It is always great to take an evening each year to celebrate the community of studio professionals who contribute so much to the music that we love. Iron Mountain Entertainment Services is a year-round partner for the P&E Wing, but this event always stands out as a high point of our annual itinerary. The P&E Wing’s members represent the cornerstone of the recording industry, and the P&E Wing’s initiatives align very closely with the goals and values of Iron Mountain. We are proud to be a close partner, and we look forward to working together even more throughout 2019.”

Mark Brunner, VP Corporate Relations, Shure Incorporated, stated, “For the Shure team, the P&E Wing celebration at The Village is a highlight of GRAMMY Week. We have been sponsors every year since the event first began, and we are consistently thrilled with the mix of old and new friends, great food and conversation, and luminary honorees. Maureen Droney of the P&E Wing and Village owner and CEO Jeff Greenberg are the consummate hosts – making sure every detail is perfect and creating a warm environment for all of us to catch up on recent projects, share stories, and celebrate the industry.”

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Photo caption: Leading members of the audio community gathered in West Los Angeles at The Village Studios on Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2019, for the Recording Academy™ Producers & Engineers Wing® 12th annual celebration. Photo courtesy of the Recording Academy™/Getty Images. © 2019.

about the recording academy

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