

25 Years of Producers & Engineers Wing

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The Recording Academy Producers & Engineers Wing (P&E Wing), celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2026, hosted its annual Grammy Week Celebration on Wednesday, Jan. 28 at The Preserve LA in Los Angeles, bringing together leading audio professionals, artists, technologists, and industry partners for a night honoring the excellence behind the sound. The celebration took place just days before the 2026 Grammy Awards were held at Los Angeles' Crypto.com Arena on Sunday, Feb. 1. The picture above shows David “Swagg” Harris, P&E Wing Co-Chair; Maureen Droney, P&E Wing Vice President; Jimmy Douglass; and Marcella Araica, P&E Wing Co-Chair.

This year’s celebration recognized legendary producer, engineer, mixer, and five-time Grammy winner Jimmy Douglass for his extraordinary career and lasting impact on recorded music. Douglass’ genre-defying versatility has shaped countless landmark recordings, ranging from Aretha Franklin to The Rolling Stones and collaborations with Timbaland on projects by JAY-Z, Justin Timberlake and Missy Elliott, among many other top artists. The event welcomed hundreds of guests from across the music and audio communities, featuring sponsor activations, live demonstrations and curated hospitality experiences throughout The Preserve's expansive indoor and outdoor spaces.

The evening culminated in a formal presentation hosted by P&E Wing leadership and Recording Academy executives. Following opening remarks from P&E Wing Vice President Maureen Droney and P&E Wing Co-Chairs Marcella Araica and David “Swagg” Harris, Recording Academy CEO Harvey Mason jr. introduced a tribute celebrating Douglass' many contributions to music production. Douglass took the stage to accept the honor, followed by a live performance by his longtime friends, The System - aka David Frank and Mic Murphy, closing the program on a high note.

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Premier Sponsors for this year's event included Iron Mountain, Sony's Pro Audio Div. and Qualcomm Technologies, Inc. (Snapdragon). Supporting Sponsors included Shure Incorporated, Neumann Berlin, Qobuz, Mix with the Masters, Music Marketing/FabFilter, Lurssen Mastering, FileEaters, Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services (The Recording Studio Insurance Program), SoundExchange, Genelec, Ultimate Ears Professional and Black River Entertainment/Sound Stage Studios.

Sony Pro Audio Div.'s Director, Personal Entertainment Business, Hiroyuki Komuro, weighed in on the event, adding, "As a Premier Sponsor of this milestone celebration, Sony Pro Audio is privileged to honor the P&E Wing's 25 years of championing the artistry and technical excellence that define modern music production. Jimmy Douglass has spent decades demonstrating how innovation and craftsmanship transform creative vision into timeless recordings, and his influence continues to inspire engineers and producers worldwide. This anniversary reflects not only the Wing's legacy of advocacy, but also our shared commitment to advancing the tools and technologies that empower creators to push sonic boundaries. We're proud to celebrate this community during Grammy Week and beyond."

Throughout the night, sponsors hosted immersive activations and hospitality lounges across the venue's bungalows and conference rooms. Red carpet arrivals and on-site photography captured the celebration as notable guests from across the recording industry gathered in support of the honoree. The annual P&E Wing Grammy Week Celebration continues to serve as a cornerstone event for the audio community, recognizing creative and technical excellence while fostering connection, collaboration and advocacy for producers and engineers worldwide.

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