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BEHIND THE MUSIC: GRAMMY® HQ GEARS UP BOARD ROOM WITH STATE OF THE ART SURROUND SOUND SYSTEM FROM HARMAN PRO GROUP

Upgrading its boardroom for listening to music worthy of winning a GRAMMY® Award, the Recording Academy worked with a team of legendary talent including Phil Ramone, George Augspurger, John Eargle, and engineers from Harman Pro Group.

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, June 8, 2005 — Reinforcing the performance superiority of its JBL Professional, Crown International and Lexicon brand professional audio components, Harman Pro Group today announced the completion of a new, state-of-the-art sound system at the board room of the Los Angeles headquarters of the Recording Academy®. The room, conceived, designed and installed by leading lights of the recording community is the brainchild of Phil Ramone, legendary producer of numerous icon albums and Chairman of the Producers & Engineers Wing (P&E Wing) of the Recording Academy. Ramone corralled a veritable dream team of audio experts including Peter Chaikin of Harman Pro Group, John Eargle, a widely recognized expert on audio design, George Augspurger, a distinguished consultant and recording veteran, and Leslie Lewis, Director of The Academy's P&E Wing.

The result was an astonishingly clear, beautiful sounding room that allowed listeners to truly appreciate the depth of the music in that room for the first time. The 5.1 surround sound system consists of soffit-mounted JBL Professional LSR6332 3-way 12" Studio Monitors. The low end is comprised of two, LSR6312SP Subwoofers with JBL RMC Room Mode Correction. Only the cleanest, most powerful amplifiers were considered for this project and so the system includes 3 Crown Reference 1 Power Amplifiers. Surround processing is via a Lexicon MC12



Pictured in photo (left to right): Neil Portnow - President, NARAS
George Augspurger - President, Perception Inc, John Eargle -
President, JME Consulting Corporation, Leslie Lewis - Director,
NARAS P&E Wing, Peter Chaikin - Director, Recording and
Broadcast, JBL Professional, Jeff Harris - Western Region Sales
Manager, Lexicon Professional

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and a JBL Synthesis system serves as the Graphic Room EQ. When the installation was complete and the room was tuned to the desired specifications, the committee gathered to listen as the final test.

“The sound quality is better than ever,” said Recording Academy President Neil Portnow. “We are grateful to our wonderful partners at the Harman Pro Group for bestowing upon us a state-of-the-art sound system worthy of our organization, and for their invaluable expertise and support.”

“The room sounds superb!” Chaikin explains. “Given the high profile of the GRAMMY Awards and the supreme level of talent that would be listening to music in the room, we viewed the system as a reference test for our professional and consumer components. It’s very reassuring to get the vote from such an esteemed, talented group.”

About the Recording Academy:

Established in 1957, the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences, Inc., also known as the Recording Academy, is an organization of musicians, producers, engineers and recording professionals that is dedicated to improving the cultural condition and quality of life for music and its makers. Internationally known for the GRAMMY Awards, the Recording Academy is responsible for groundbreaking professional development, cultural enrichment, advocacy, education and human services programs — including the creation of the national public education campaign What’s The Download® (www.WhatsTheDownload.com). For more information about the Academy, please visit www.grammy.com.

About JBL Professional:

Headquartered in Northridge, California, JBL Professional is the world’s leading designer, manufacturer, and marketer of professional loudspeakers for recording and broadcast, musician, cinema, touring sound, commercial sound and contracting applications. JBL Professional is part of the Harman International network of professional and consumer audio companies. For complete product and company information, go to the JBL Professional website at www.jblpro.com.

About the Harman Pro Group:

Headquartered in Northridge, California, the Harman Pro Group is part of Harman International Industries, Incorporated (www.harman.com), a leading manufacturer of high-quality, high fidelity audio products and infotainment systems for the automotive, home and professional markets. The Company’s stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol: HAR. Harman Pro Group companies include AKG Acoustics, BSS Audio, Crown International, dbx, Digitech, JBL Professional, Lexicon, Soundcraft, and Studer.

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