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### GRAMMY FOUNDATION<sup>®</sup> GRANT PROGRAM AWARDS \$300,000 FOR MUSIC RESEARCH AND SOUND PRESERVATION

Funds Will Provide Support for Archiving and Preservation Programs and Research Efforts  
that Examine the Impact of Music on Human Development

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (April 6, 2016) <sup>2</sup> The GRAMMY Foundation<sup>®</sup> Grant Program announced today that \$300,000 in grants will be awarded to 20 recipients in the United States and Canada to help facilitate a range of research on a variety of subjects as well as support a number of archiving and preservation programs. Scientific research projects include a study that will investigate the perceptual deficits experienced by persons with cochlear implants, and a study that will be the first systematic investigation of social and nonsocial rhythm perception and entrainment in infants and toddlers with autism spectrum disorder. Preservation and archiving initiatives include the recovery and digitization of sound from some of the earliest cylinder records ever made as well as the preservation and dissemination of

Preservation Assistance

Delta Blues Museum<sup>2</sup> Clarksdale, Mis.

Awarded: \$5,000

This project is an effort to organize, preserve, and digitize the DBM collection, thereby making it accessible to the public. The collect

[New York Philharmonic](#) <sup>2</sup> New York



University of South Florida 2 Tampa, Fla.

Awarded: \$9,986

More than five million Americans (age 60 and above) suffer from Parkinson's disease, an illness associated with impaired motor control and cognitive performance. While research suggests that piano training mitigates cognitive impairment in healthy adults, little is known as to how piano training affects cognition and motor control in PD. This project is the first randomized clinical trial to evaluate the cognitive, motor and psychosocial outcomes in patients with PD.

The GRAMMY Foundation was established in 1988 to cultivate the understanding, appreciation and advancement of the contribution of recorded music to American culture. The Foundation accomplishes this mission through programs and activities that engage the music industry and cultural community as well as the general public. The Foundation works in partnership-year and with its founder, The Recording Academy, to bring national attention to important issues such as the value and impact of music and arts education and the urgency of preserving our rich cultural heritage. In recognition of the significant role of teachers in shaping their students' musical experiences, The Recording Academy and the GRAMMY Foundation have partnered to present the Music Educator Award. Open to current U.S. music teachers kindergarten through college, the fourth annual Music Educator Award will be presented at during GRAMMY Week 2016. For more information on the Music Educator Award, please visit [GRAMMYMusicTeacher.com](http://GRAMMYMusicTeacher.com). For more information about the Foundation, please visit [www.grammyfoundation.org](http://www.grammyfoundation.org). For breaking news and exclusive content, please follow GRAMMY in the Schools on [Facebook](#) and follow @GRAMMYFdn on [Twitter](#) and