

# The Grammy Awards 2009

## Hauls five



Former Led Zeppelin singer Robert Plant and bluesgrass queen Alison Krauss hold their Grammy awards. Plant and Krauss scooped five awards, including the coveted album of the year honor and record of the year prize for work stemming from their acclaimed "Raising Sand." AFP

**Event :** 51st annual Grammy awards

**Venue :** The Staples Center, Los Angeles

**Date :** February 8, 2009

The 2009 Grammys are officially over. A surprising duo cleaned up this year—Alison Krauss and Robert Plant, who took home five awards, including Album of the Year for their album, Raising

Sand, Record Of The Year (for "Please Read The Letter"), Best Pop Collaboration With Vocals (for "Rich Woman"), and Best Country Collaboration With Vocals (for "Killing The Blues").

## Best Country Song



Performer Sheryl Crow (left) presents the Grammy Award for the Best Country Song to Kristian Bush (centre) and Jennifer Nettles (right) of Sugarland. AFP

## Best Rap Solo



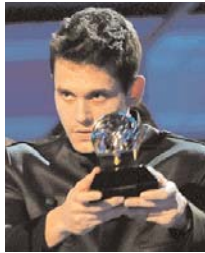
Rapper Lil Wayne accepts the Best Rap Solo Performance award. AFP

## "Be OK"



Christette Michele (right) and Will.i.am hold the Grammy award for the Best Urban/Alternative Performance for "Be OK" AFP

## Best Male Pop Vocals



John Mayer acknowledges the audience after receiving the award for Best Male Pop Vocal Performance. AFP

## Best Metal



Robert Trujillo from Metallica holds the Grammy award for the Best Metal Performance for "My Apocalypse" AFP



The Grammy Award is shaped like an old gramophone.

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The Grammy Award is the most prestigious award for a recording artist to win in the world of music. The Grammys are to honor artistic achievement, technical proficiency and overall excellence in the recording industry, without regard to album sales or chart position.

The first Grammy Awards was held in 1959 in Los Angeles at the Beverly Hilton. It was also known as "Gramophone Awards" then. The 51st Annual Grammy Awards was held on February 8 at Staples Centre Los Angeles.

The Grammys are given by the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences, Inc., US, which was formed in 1957.

The Grammy Awards have been an American music institution for nearly half a century.

## NOMINATION PROCESS

Let's look at the Grammy nomination process. It is not done by public vote or anything. It is the Record Companies which are allowed to nominate the recording artists that they feel is deserving such nominations.

A group of about 150 music experts review the recordings of the nominated artists who determine their suitability for nominations in 31 different recording fields.

The experts can only vote in the categories for which they have expertise. They are also allowed to nominate in the four general categories, which are The Record of the Year, The Album of the Year, The Song of the Year and Best New Artist. These categories can contain artists from any genre.

They also nominate in a maximum of nine of 31 categories. Once the music experts have done their nominating of the recording artists, the final step is for those who are members of the Academy to vote on those artists who have been nominated.

## VOTING

The members of the Academy vote in the same four general categories as the music experts and in no more than eight of the 31 categories. Once the members have voted, the winners are tallied by an accounting firm that has the responsibility of keeping the winners identities a secret until the live telecast in which the Grammy Awards are presented.

There are so many different Grammy Awards presented during the awards show that many of them are presented prior to the live telecast and are not seen by the viewing public. To a recording artist, a Grammy Award is the ultimate honor to receive as a result of their hard work in the recording world.

## Best New Artist



British singer Adele holds the Grammy award for the Best New Artist and Best Female Pop Vocal Performance for "Chasing Pavements" AFP

## Best Rock Album



Chris Martin (2nd left) and other members of the band Coldplay, celebrate after winning the Grammy Award for the Best Rock Album for their album "Viva La Vida Or Death And All His Friends" AFP

## Best Female Country Vocals



Carrie Underwood holds the Grammy award for the Best Female Country Vocal Performance for "Last Name", AFP

## "Still Unforgettable"



Natalie Cole holds the Grammy award for the Best Traditional Pop Vocal Album for "Still Unforgettable" AFP

## Grammy Winners

### BEST NEW ARTIST

Adele

### ALBUM OF THE YEAR

Alison Krauss & Robert Plant, Raising Sand

### SONG OF THE YEAR

"Viva La Vida," Guy Berryman, Jonny Buckland, Will Champion & Chris Martin, songwriters (Coldplay, artist)

### RECORD OF THE YEAR

Robert Plant and Alison Krauss, "Please Read The Letter"

### BEST DANCE RECORDING

Daft Punk, "Harder Better Faster Stronger"

### BEST ELECTRONIC/DANCE ALBUM

Daft Punk, Alive 2007

### BEST TRADITIONAL POP VOCAL ALBUM

"Still Unforgettable," Natalie Cole

### BEST POP COLLABORATION WITH VOCALS

Robert Plant and Alison Krauss, "Rich Woman"

### BEST POP PERFORMANCE, FEMALE

Adele, "Chasing Pavements"

### BEST POP PERFORMANCE, MALE

John Mayer, "Say"

### BEST POP PERFORMANCE BY A DUO OR GROUP WITH VOCALS

Coldplay, "Viva La Vida"

### POP COLLABORATION WITH VOCALS

"Rich Woman," Robert Plant and Alison Krauss

### BEST POP INSTRUMENTAL PERFORMANCE

"I Dreamed There Was No War," Eagles

### BEST POP INSTRUMENTAL ALBUM

"Jingle All The Way," Béla Fleck & The Flecktones

### BEST SOLO ROCK VOCAL PERFORMANCE

"Gravity," John Mayer

### BEST ROCK PERFORMANCE BY A DUO OR GROUP WITH VOCALS

"Sex On Fire," Kings Of Leon

### BEST HARD ROCK PERFORMANCE

"Wax Simulacra," The Mars Volta

### BEST ROCK INSTRUMENTAL PERFORMANCE

Peaches En Regalia, Zappa Plays Zappa

### BEST METAL PERFORMANCE

Metallica, "My Apocalypse"

### BEST ROCK SONG

Bruce Springsteen, "Girls In Their Summer Clothes"

### BEST ROCK ALBUM

Coldplay, Viva La Vida Or Death And All His Friends

### BEST ALTERNATIVE ALBUM

Radiohead, In Rainbows

### BEST FEMALE R&B VOCAL PERFORMANCE

"Superwoman," Alicia Keys

### BEST MALE R&B VOCAL PERFORMANCE

"Miss Independent," Ne-Yo

### BEST R & B PERFORMANCE BY A DUO OR GROUP WITH VOCALS

Al Green feat. John Legend, "Stay With Me (By The Sea)"

### BEST TRADITIONAL R&B VOCAL PERFORMANCE

"You've Got The Love I Need," Al Green Featuring Anthony Hamilton

### BEST URBAN / ALTERNATIVE PERFORMANCE

"Be OK," Christette Michele Featuring will.i.am

### BEST R&B SONG

"Miss Independent," (Ne-Yo)/M.S. Eriksen, T.E. Hermansen & S. Smith, songwriters

### BEST R&B ALBUM

"Jennifer Hudson," Jennifer Hudson

### BEST CONTEMPORARY R&B ALBUM

"Growing Pains," Mary J. Blige

### BEST RAP ALBUM

Lil Wayne, Tha Carter III

### BEST RAP PERFORMANCE BY A DUO OR GROUP

T.I. feat. Kanye West & Lil Wayne, "Swagger Like Us"

### BEST RAP/SUNG COLLABORATION

Esterline feat. Kanye West, "American Boy"