

Project 2: Research

topic: The Grammy Award's

The Grammy Awards or also known as the Grammys, are awards that are presented by the Recording Academy of the United States to recognize outstanding achievements within the music industry. To many, this award is known as the most prestigious, significant awards in the music industry worldwide. Originally, The Grammys were called the Gramophone Awards, since the trophy depicts a gilded gramophone. This awards show is the first of the Big Three network's major music awards that are held annually, and it is considered one of the four major annual American entertainment awards, along with the Emmy Awards (TV), The Academy Awards (movies), and the Tony Awards (theater). The first ceremony for the Grammy Awards was held on May 4, 1959. This was to honor the musical accomplishments of performers for the year 1958. After the ceremony in 2011, the Recording Academy overhauled many Grammy Award categories for the year of 2012.

The Grammys had their upcoming from the Hollywood Walk of Fame project in the 1950s. Recording executives on the Walk of Fame committee would make a list of significant recording industry people who could possibly qualify as a Walk of Fame star, but they realized that many leading people in their business would not have earned a star on the Hollywood Boulevard. They determined to correct this by creating awards that are given by their industry, very similar to the Oscars and the Emmys. After deciding to go forward with these kind of awards, one question remained. What do we call these awards? A working title was the 'Eddie'. This was to honor Thomas Edison, who was the inventor of the phonograph. Eventually, the name was chosen after a mail-in contest. Approximately 300 contestants had submitted the name 'Grammy', this was an abbreviated reference to Emile Berliner's invention, which is the gramophone.



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