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THE GRAMMY FOUNDATION® AND MUSICARES® TEAM UP WITH KOMPOLT ONLINE AUCTION AGENCY TO DEVELOP GRAMMY® ONLINE CHARITY AUCTIONS ON EBAY

**Partnership — Part of Annual Fund-raising Program — Kicks Off with Night at the Net
GRAMMY Online Charity Auction July 25 through Aug. 4 at www.ebay.com/grammy**

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (July 26, 2005) — The GRAMMY Foundation® and MusiCares® today announced their official partnership with Kompolt Online Auction Agency to develop an overall GRAMMY® Online Charity Auction program, which aims to increase online revenue for the two charities while increasing awareness of the organizations.

Kompolt is renowned for creating successful, high-value, high-profile promotional and charity auctions for top brand companies. In working with the GRAMMY Foundation and MusiCares to manage online auctions in prior years, steady growth has been achieved and a high level of excellence has been maintained in creative design, operations, customer service, bidder pre-qualification, promotion and fulfillment.

Bidders can participate in the kickoff by visiting www.ebay.com/grammy **July 25 through Aug. 4** as GRAMMY Online Charity Auctions celebrates the Gibson/Baldwin Night at the Net, the opening night charity gala of the Mercedes-Benz Cup tennis tournament presented by Countrywide®. The charity auction commemorates the event with items including: **Gibson guitar signed by the event's pro/celebrity participants**, memorabilia package that sports an **Andre Agassi signed game ball**, exclusive **celebrity gift bag created especially for the event by Jewels & Pinstripes**, **2006 Ultimate GRAMMY VIP Experience** (where the winner and a guest can attend the 48th Annual GRAMMY Awards in true star fashion), and a **Meet Dr. Phil VIP Experience** for four.

Over the five-year history of GRAMMY Online Charity Auctions, more than \$820,000 has been raised on eBay — The World's Online Marketplace®. GRAMMY Online Charity Auctions will now have a continuous presence at www.ebay.com/grammy to showcase current listings, promote upcoming items and experiences, provide visitors the opportunity to make general online contributions, and to offer the purchase of merchandise or tickets to the charities' fund-raising events.

GRAMMY Online Charity Auctions are known for featuring some of the hottest music and entertainment memorabilia as well as exclusive VIP experiences. Past items include instruments, wardrobe and other collectibles from Aerosmith, Alanis Morissette, Alicia Keys, Avril Lavigne, B.B. King, Bono, Brian Wilson, Cher, Dave Matthews, Destiny's Child, Dwight Yoakam, Faith Hill, Les Paul, Madonna, Melissa Etheridge, Randy Travis, Rod Stewart, Sarah McLachlan, Sting, Wynonna, and many more. Once-in-a-lifetime experience packages have included: Ultimate GRAMMY VIP experiences, private cooking lesson with Patti LaBelle, drum lesson with the legendary Mick Fleetwood, music video experiences with Wynonna as well as with J.C. Chasez, tour of Flyte Tyme Studios with Jimmy Jam, Maroon5 VIP concert experience, a "Jimmy Kimmel Live" VIP experience, and a Universal Orlando Resort VIP getaway including a stay at the Hard Rock Hotel and VIP park privileges. Special thanks to all donors who made these unique packages possible.

Kompolt is the highly regarded "go-to" online auction agency for creating successful, high-value, and high-profile promotional and charity auctions for top brand companies and nonprofits. Kompolt has helped their clients raise close to \$5 million for charity through unique auction events. For more information, go to www.kompolt.com.

Established in 1989 by The Recording Academy®, MusiCares provides a safety net of critical assistance for music people in times of need. MusiCares' services and resources cover a wide range of financial, medical and personal emergencies, and each case is treated with integrity and

confidentiality. MusiCares also focuses the resources and attention of the music industry on human service issues that directly impact the health and welfare of the music community. For more information please visit www.musicares.com.

The GRAMMY Foundation was established in 1989 to cultivate the understanding, appreciation and advancement of the contribution of recorded music on American culture — from the artistic and technical legends of the past to the still unimagined musical breakthroughs of the future generations of music professionals. 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-round with 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. For more information please visit www.grammyfoundation.com.

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