



GRAMMY MUSEUM® OFFERS FREE ADMISSION ON WEDNESDAY, AUG. 5, THANKS TO GRAMMY®-NOMINATED AND LATIN GRAMMY® AWARD-WINNING BANDA EL RECODO

SPECIAL PROGRAM FEATURES A CONVERSATION WITH AND ACOUSTIC PERFORMANCE BY BANDA EL RECODO, PLUS A CITY OF LOS ANGELES RECOGNITION

SPECIAL POP-UP EXHIBIT SHOWCASES ARTIFACTS FROM BANDA EL RECODO'S LEGENDARY CAREER

LOS ANGELES (JULY 8, 2026) — On Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2026, the **Grammy Museum®** will be free thanks to the generous support of **Banda El Recodo**, one of Mexico's most celebrated bands. [RSVP is encouraged, but not required.](#) **Summer Free Day — Presented by Banda El** will include access to all of the Museum's current exhibits and special programming celebrating the band's nearly 90-year legacy.

This special day will feature a conversation with the band moderated by **Gabriel Abaroa**, former President/CEO of The Latin Recording Academy®, followed by an acoustic performance. Banda El Recodo will also receive a special recognition granted by the office of Councilmember Curren D. Price Jr., representing District 9 on the Los Angeles City Council, for enriching Los Angeles communities through its music and cultural legacy. Guests will also have the opportunity to enjoy a meet-and-greet with Banda El Recodo on a first-come, first-serve basis.

A special pop-up exhibit, on display from July 20th through October 2026, will feature artifacts from the band, including one of the band's tamboras, a tuba, a clarinet, and a stage outfit, among other items.

Formed in 1951, the eclectic group has performed a mixture of Latin dance tunes, jazz swing, and classical music, and has brought its music from the barrios of Mexico to the international stage. The first "banda" to be recorded, Banda El Recodo has recorded more than 178 records. They are one of the most decorated artists in the history of the Latin Grammy Awards®, with nine Latin Grammy® wins (the most by any banda) and numerous additional nominations. They have also received six Grammy Award nominations.

The day will also feature performances by Mia Marcella as well as LAUSD's Banda Sinaloense, an ensemble of high school students that showcases the sounds and traditions of regional Mexican music, led by music educator Eloy Adame.



The entire museum will be open throughout the day for guests to explore and engage with its exhibits and many interactive experiences, including the Museum's Electric Forest, a mesmerizing blend of music, light and technology that will feature a unique five-track soundtrack by Banda El Recodo.

"The Grammy Museum is honored to welcome Banda El Recodo, whose remarkable, almost 90-year legacy has shaped regional Mexican music and inspired generations of artists around the world," said Rita George, Chief Program Officer. "Thanks to the band's generous support, we're thrilled to offer free admission and invite our community to experience their extraordinary story through conversation, performance, and a special exhibition that celebrates their enduring impact. This celebration reflects the Museum's mission to preserve and share the music that has shaped our cultural landscape."

"We are honored to partner with the Grammy Museum to make this special day accessible to everyone," said Poncho Lizárraga. "Our greatest privilege has been sharing our music with audiences across generations and borders. We look forward to celebrating our nearly 90-year journey and the music and traditions at the heart of our career. Receiving the recognition from the City of Los Angeles makes this occasion even more meaningful."

Event schedule*:

11:00 a.m. Grammy Museum doors open

11:45 a.m. Conversation with Banda El Recodo, City of Los Angeles recognition and acoustic performance on the Ray Charles Terrace at the Grammy Museum

1:20 p.m. Meet and greet with Banda El Recodo on the Ray Charles Terrace, first-come, first-serve

3:00 p.m. Performance by Mia Marcella and LAUSD's Banda Sinaloense, led by music educator Eloy Adame

5:00 p.m. Museum closes

**Times are subject to change*

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ABOUT THE GRAMMY MUSEUM

The Grammy Museum is a nonprofit organization dedicated to celebrating and exploring music from yesterday and today to inspire the music of tomorrow through exhibits, education, grants, preservation initiatives, and public programming. Paying tribute to our collective musical



heritage, the Museum values and celebrates the dynamic connection in people's diverse backgrounds and music's many genres, telling stories that inspire us, and creative expression that leads change in our industry.

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