

Grammy awards, 2022

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In news— Two Indian musicians were among the winners at the 64th Annual Grammy Awards, given out to musicians in Las Vegas recently.

64th Grammy Awards-

- Jon Batiste received the most nominations with eleven, followed by Doja Cat, H.E.R., and Justin Bieber with eight each.
- Batiste received the most awards with five, and won Album of the Year for *We Are*.
- Silk Sonic won Record of the Year and Song of the Year for “Leave the Door Open”, and Olivia Rodrigo won Best New Artist.
- **India based, composer Ricky Kej** won his second Grammy Award and Stewart Copeland won the award **for Best New Age Album named Divine Tides**.
- **Bengaluru-based Ricky won his first Grammy in 2015 for his album ‘Winds of Samsara’** in the Best New Age Album category.
- **Another Indian-American singer-songwriter Falu** (whose real name is Falguni Shah) won **her maiden trophy for Best Children’s Music Album on the night** for her album *A Colorful World*. The New York-based musician has, in the past, collaborated with AR Rahman for *Slumdog Millionaire*.
- Brooklyn-based Pakistani singer Arooj Aftab bagged her first-ever Grammy, making her the first Pakistani woman to receive the prestigious trophy.

About Grammy awards-

- The Grammy Award, or just Grammy, **is an award presented by the Recording Academy to recognize “Outstanding Achievement in the music industry” of the United States.**

The trophy depicts a gilded gramophone.

- **The Grammys are the first of the Big Three networks' major music awards held annually** (before the Billboard Music Awards in Summer, and the American Music Awards in Fall).
- **It is considered one of the four major annual American entertainment awards**, along with the Academy Awards (for film achievements), the Emmy Awards (for television achievements), and the Tony Awards (for theater achievements).
- **The first Grammy Awards ceremony was held on May 4, 1959**, to honor the musical accomplishments of performers for the year 1958.
- After the 2011 ceremony, The Recording Academy overhauled many Grammy Award categories for 2012.

Changes in categories-

For the 2022 ceremony, the academy announced several changes for different categories and rules:

- For the General Field, **the number of nominees in each category was increased from eight to ten.**
- Package Field, Notes Field, and Historical Field were renamed and consolidated to Package, Notes & Historical Field.
- Production, Non-Classical Field; Production, Immersive Field; and Production, Classical Field were renamed and consolidated to Production Field.
- **Two categories, Best Global Music Performance and Best Música Urbana Album, were added**, bringing the total number of categories to 86.
- **Best Dance Recording was renamed Best Dance/Electronic Recording.**
- For Album of the Year, all credited artists (including those featured), “songwriters of new material, producers, recording engineers, mixers, and mastering

engineers are eligible” to be nominated and win the category as recipients.

- For Classical Field, singles became eligible for Best Orchestral Performance, Best Choral Performance, Best Chamber Music/Small Ensemble Performance, Best Classical Instrumental Solo, and Best Contemporary Classical Composition.
- For Music Film Field, music-related documentaries must contain at least 51% of “performance-based material or individual music videos that together create a visual album” while “films with fictional elements are eligible”.
- **Another Technical Grammy Award was added and will be awarded to individuals** who “dramatically pushed boundaries and made groundbreaking, important, outstanding, and influential contributions of technical excellence and innovation to the recording field”.