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Jay-Z (GETTY)

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# Grammy's New York state of mind

Nate Ruess of fun.  
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From Frank Sinatra and Miles Davis to the Ramones and Bob Dylan, New York has been the inspiration for some of America's most iconic music.

As the city gears up for the Grammy Awards this Sunday, keep an eye on the nominees with roots in the Big Apple.

## WHERE TO WATCH

The 55th Grammy Awards air on Sunday at 8 p.m. on CBS/2. Preshow is at 5 p.m. at [grammy.com/live](http://grammy.com/live). Red carpet coverage, 5 p.m. on E!

ing together in Bed-Stuy. The pair began singing with Cheryl "Coko" Clemons, from the South Bronx, in high school. In 1990, they started SWV.

## Nas

*Best Rap Performance* ("Daughters"), *Best Rap/Sung Collaboration* ("Cherry Wine"), *Best Rap Song* ("Daughters"), *Best Rap Album* ("Life Is Good")

Nas was born in Crown Heights but his family later moved to Long Island City. He grew up in Queensbridge projects where he met an upstairs neighbor who introduced him to hip-hop music. After drop-

ping out of school, Nas became immersed in the Queensbridge and New York hip-hop scenes before recording his debut album in the early '90s.

## Kanye West

*Best Rap Performance* ("N---- In Paris" and "Mercy"), *Best Rap/Sung Collaboration* ("No Church In The Wild"), *Best Rap Song* ("Mercy" and "N---- In Paris"), *Best Short Form Music Video* ("No Church In The Wild")

Though the rapper can credit a lot of his early work to Chi-town, Kanye West makes the best of both coasts, living in L.A. and an apartment in SoHo.

## Chris Martin (Coldplay)

*Best Rock Performance* ("Charlie Brown"), *Best Rock Album* ("Mylo Xyloto")

Chris Martin and wife Gwyneth Paltrow divide time between London and L.A., in addition to a swanky TriBeCa loft.

## fun.

*Record of the Year* ("We Are Young"), *Album of the Year* and *Best Pop Vocal Album* ("Some Nights"), *Best New Artist, Producer of the Year — Non-Classical*

The 1970s-style indie rock band is based in New York and producer Jeff Bhasker heard the beginnings of "We Are Young" from frontman Nate Ruess in a room at the Bowery Hotel.

## Jay-Z

*Best Short Form Music Video* ("No Church In The Wild"), *Best Rap Performance* ("N---- In Paris" and "I Do"), *Best Rap/Sung Collaboration* ("No Church In The Wild" and "Talk That Talk"), *Best Rap Song* ("N---- In Paris")

Jay-Z grew up in the Marcy Houses in Bed-Stuy and eventually attended Trenton Central High School in New Jersey with the Notorious B.I.G. and Busta Rhymes, though he did not graduate. Jay-Z owns a share in the Brooklyn Nets and encouraged their relocation to the Barclays Center. He also lives with his daughter, Blue Ivy, and wife, Beyoncé, in TriBeCa.

## Beyoncé

*Best Traditional R&B Performance* ("Love On Top")

Speaking of which, Mrs. Carter (Jay-Z's last name) was born and raised in Houston, Texas, but now calls the TriBeCa penthouse home.

## Anthrax

*Best Hard Rock/Metal Performance* ("I'm Alive")

Guitarists Scott Ian and Danny Lilker first came up with the name of the band while looking at a biology textbook in 1981, the same year Ian graduated from Bayside High School in Queens. Ian says seeing Kiss live at Madi-



## Fiona Apple

*Best Alternative Music Album* ("The Idler Wheel Is Wiser Than The Driver Of the Screw and Whipping Cords Will Serve You More Than Ropes Will Ever Do")

Fiona Apple grew up on the Upper West Side and sang in Christmas pageants at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine.

## SWV

*Best Traditional R&B Performance* ("If Only You Knew")

SWV members Leanne "Lelee" Lyons and Tamara "Taj" Johnson grew up sing-

Fiona Apple (GETTY)

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## SHOULD WIN/WILL WIN

This is one of those Grammy years where there are plenty of strong candidates, but no real front-runner. Here's a look at how we think the top categories should shake out. (GLENN GAMBOA)

## RECORD OF THE YEAR

- The Black Keys, "Lonely Boy"
- Kelly Clarkson, "Stronger (What Doesn't Kill You)"
- fun., featuring Janelle Monae, "We Are Young"
- Gotye, "Somebody That I Used to Know"
- Frank Ocean, "Thinkin' 'Bout You"
- Taylor Swift, "We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together"

**WILL WIN** "We Are Young." Being upbeat and youth-oriented should give it the edge over Gotye.

**SHOULD WIN** "We Are Young." Structurally and thematically, it doesn't feel like a pop song. But it's so catchy and so well crafted, it acts like one.

## ALBUM OF THE YEAR

- The Black Keys, "El Camino"
- fun., "Some Nights"
- Mumford & Sons, "Babel"
- Frank Ocean, "Channel Orange"
- Jack White, "Blunderbuss"

**WILL WIN** "El Camino." The Black Keys are worthy Grammy darlings and "El Camino" deserves the attention as a crowning achievement in the Akron, Ohio, duo's blues-rock sound. This category is so high quality that strong arguments can be made for all of them to win.

**SHOULD WIN** "Channel Orange." Frank Ocean's reinvention of R&B is a wonder, as is his epic tale, "Pyramids." It shows being hip can also carry intellectual heft.

## SONG OF THE YEAR

- Ed Sheeran, "The A Team"
- Miguel, "Adorn"
- Carly Rae Jepsen, "Call Me Maybe"
- Kelly Clarkson, "Stronger (What Doesn't Kill You)"
- fun., featuring Janelle Monae, "We Are Young"

**WILL WIN** "We Are Young." Grammy voters seem to have some misplaced doubts about Jepsen's future.

**SHOULD WIN** "We Are Young." While "Call Me Maybe" may be the most memorable song of the year, the fun. song is much more interesting.

## BEST NEW ARTIST

- Alabama Shakes
- fun.
- Hunter Hayes
- The Lumineers
- Frank Ocean

**WILL WIN** fun. The New York trio's ambitious combination of Queen, emo and pop will charm the voters. Of course, this category is traditionally crazy, so don't rule out Hunter Hayes or Alabama Shakes.

**SHOULD WIN** Frank Ocean. It may sound like hyperbole, but Ocean may really turn out to be this generation's Prince.

## LL returns to host Grammys



Besides the slew of Grammy nominated musicians from New York, this year's host, rapper LL Cool J, also has Big Apple origins. Born in Bay Shore, Long Island, in 1968, the rapper grew up in St. Albans and released his first album, "Radio," in 1985. (AS)

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