

# 2022 Grammy Award Nominees Announced



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(VILLAGER) - The Recording Academy® revealed nominees for the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Grammy Awards® and announced that for the first time, there will be 10 nominees in each of the General Field Categories: Record of The Year, Album of The Year, Song of The Year and Best New Artist. This year's top nominees include **Jon Batiste** (11), **Justin Bieber** (8), **Doja Cat** (8), **H.E.R.** (8), **Billie Eilish** (7) and **Olivia Rodrigo** (7). As the only peer-selected music accolade, the Grammy Awards are voted on by the Recording Academy's voting membership body of music makers, who represent all genres and creative disciplines, including recording artists, songwriters, producers, mixers and engineers.

Nominated in the *Best Gospel Album* category is **Mali Music** (K



Approved Enterprises/RCA Inspiration) as a co-performer on the *Jonathan McReynolds & Mali Music* collaboration album *Jonny x Mali: Live in LA*. Their EP project of live performances was released in September 2021, in partnership with Mali's imprint K

Jonathan's Life Room Label and eOne Music (now named MNRK Music Group).

Separately, **Kirk Franklin** (Fo Yo Soul/RCA) received a nomination in the *Best Contemporary Christian Music Performance/Song* category, as a co-performer on the *Lil Baby x Kirk Franklin* track "We Win."

Released in May 2021, the song was featured on the *Space Jam: A New Legacy Official Soundtrack*, which was released by Republic Records and Warner Bros. Pictures.

**Jesse Royal** received a nomination for Best Reggae album for "Royal." The release is Royal's sophomore album and was released via Easy Star Records. The singer/songwriter has been a key player in

the island's current reggae movement and collaborated with like-minded colleagues on "Royal," including incarcerated dancehall legend **Vybz Kartel**, Grammy-nominated reggae star **Protoje**, Ghanian lyricist **Stonebwoy**, former Raging Fyah lead vocalist **Kumar**, and more.

**President Barack Obama, LeVar Burton, Don Cheadle, J. Ivy, Dave Chappelle** and

**Amir Sulaiman** all received a Grammy nod for **Best Spoken Word Album** (Includes Poetry, Audio Books & Storytelling).

"This is an exciting day for music," said Harvey Mason Jr., CEO of the Recording Academy®. "These nominations beautifully reflect today's broad and diverse musical landscape. I congratulate all of the nominees and everyone who submitted work. I'm also so proud of our voters. They voted in record numbers and brought their very best to evaluating the work of their peers, and I thank them on behalf of the entire music community."

The Recording Academy will present the Grammy Awards® on **Mon, Jan. 31, 2022**, on the CBS Television Network, and will stream live and on demand on Paramount+ from **8-11:30 p.m. ET / 7-10:30 p.m. CT**. Prior to the telecast, the Grammy Awards Premiere Ceremony® will be held at the Microsoft Theater at 2:30 p.m. CT and will be streamed live on [www.grammy.com](http://www.grammy.com) and the Recording Academy's YouTube Channel: [www.youtube.com/user/TheGRAMMYS](http://www.youtube.com/user/TheGRAMMYS).

For a complete 2022 Grammy Nominations list, visit [www.grammy.com](http://www.grammy.com).

## Justices signal they'll OK new abortion limits, may toss Roe

By MARK SHERMAN and JESSICA GRESKO | AP

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — In the biggest challenge to abortion rights in decades, the Supreme Court's conservative majority on Wednesday signaled they would allow states to ban abortion much earlier in pregnancy and may even overturn the nationwide right that has existed for nearly 50 years.

With hundreds of demonstrators outside chanting for and against, the justices led arguments that could decide the fate of the court's historic 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision legalizing abortion throughout the United States and its 1992 ruling in *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, which reaffirmed *Roe*.

The outcome probably won't be known until next June. But after nearly two hours of arguments, all six conservative justices, including three appointed by former President Donald Trump, indicated they would uphold a Mississippi law that bans abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy.

At the very least, such a decision would undermine *Roe* and *Casey*, which allow states to regulate but not ban abortion up until the point of fetal viability, at roughly 24 weeks.

And there was also substantial support among the conservative justices for getting rid of *Roe* and *Casey* altogether. Justice Clarence Thomas is the only member of the court who has openly called for overruling the two cases.

Justice Brett Kavanaugh, a Trump ap-

pointee, asked whether the court would be better off withdrawing completely from the abortion issue and letting states decide.

"Why should this court be the arbiter rather than Congress, the state legislatures, state supreme courts, the people being able to resolve this?" Kavanaugh asked. "And there will be different answers in Mississippi and New York, different answers in Alabama than California."

Abortion would soon become illegal or severely restricted in roughly half the states if *Roe* and *Casey* are overturned, according to the Guttmacher Institute, a research organization that supports abortion rights. Legislatures in many Republican-led states are poised for action depending on the Supreme Court's ruling.

People of color and lesser means would be disproportionately affected, supporters of abortion rights say.

The court's three liberal justices said that reversing *Roe* and *Casey* would significantly damage the court's own legitimacy.

"Will this institution survive the stench that this creates in the public perception that the Constitution and its reading are just political acts?" Justice Sonia Sotomayor asked.

In unusually strong terms for a high-court argument, Justice Stephen Breyer warned his colleagues they "better be damn sure" before

they throw away the established abortion decisions.

Public opinion polls show support for preserving *Roe*, though some surveys also find backing for greater restrictions on abortion.

Among the conservatives, Chief Justice John Roberts appeared most interested in a less sweeping ruling that would uphold the Mississippi law but not explicitly overrule *Roe* and *Casey*.

"That may be what they're asking for, but the thing at issue before us today is 15 weeks," Roberts said, alluding to Mississippi's call to overturn the broader cases in addition to upholding its own law.

More than 90% of abortions are performed in the first 13 weeks of pregnancy, well before viability, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

About 100 patients per year get abortions after 15 weeks at the Jackson Women's Health Organization, Mississippi's lone abortion clinic. The facility does not provide abortions after 16 weeks.

Even upholding the 15-week ban would mean rejecting the decades-old viability line. Abortion rights supporters say that would effectively overturn *Roe* and leave no principled line for when abortions might be banned.

Justice Neil Gorsuch, another Trump appointee, suggested the lack of a rigorous alternative might be a reason to overrule *Roe* and *Casey* entirely.

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