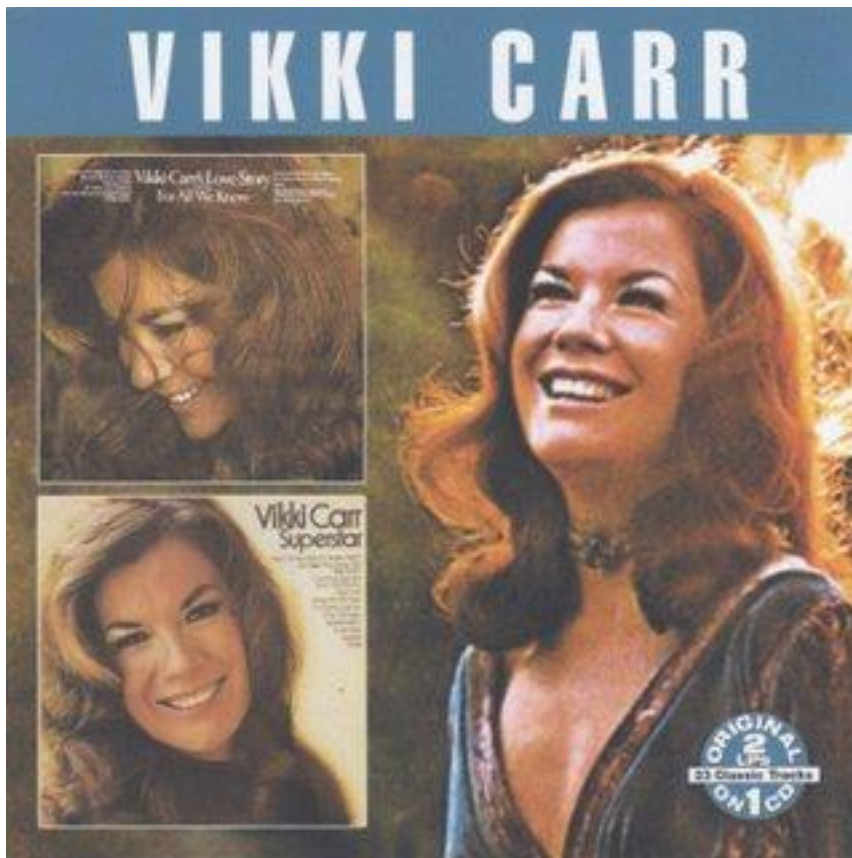


Cheo Feliciano, Vikki Carr and **Astrud Gilberto** were among the recipients announced for the 2008 Latin Grammy Lifetime Achievement Awards.



The Lifetime Achievement honors will be presented on Nov. 12, 2008, a day before the Latin Grammys scheduled at Houston's Toyota Center.

The 2008 Latin Grammy ceremony will be a historic event, marking the first time a Grammy award show is held in Texas.

The other Lifetime Achievement recipients are **Angelica Maria, Maria Dolores Pradera, and Estela Raval**

. In addition, Grammy officials are also presenting

Larry Harlow, Simon Diaz

and

Juanito Marquez

with the 2008 Trustees award.

"This is a diverse group of honorees that represent the vivid history, rich diversity and true foundation of Latin music," said **Gabriel Abaroa**, President of The Latin Recording Academy.

"Their legendary passion and artistry has spanned many decades across many countries, illustrating the prominence and importance of Latin music globally. The Board of Trustees of The Latin Recording Academy is honored to pay homage to these creative and innovative visionaries who have made prolific contributions to Latin culture."



A weekly schedule of concerts throughout the city of Houston have been scheduled to help create awareness and excitement in the first ever Grammy show to be held in Houston.

In addition, Grammy officials are also presenting a series of their signature Street Parties in different cities.

"We are proud to continue celebrating the road to Latin music's hottest night with the Latin Grammy Street Parties," said Abaroa. "These festivals allow us to create a bond between music lovers and the Latin Grammys, through the power of music, and the talented artists that make an impression along the way."

Recipients of the Lifetime Achievement Awards are selected based on their creative contributions and body of work produced during their lifetime.

Puerto Rico's Cheo Feliciano began carving out a career as a distinctive salsa singer in the 1960s, scoring hits such as "El Ratón" and "A La Seis." Feliciano was known for fusing blues, bolero, and R&B singing styles.

In a span of four decades, Carr has recorded more than 60 albums in various genres, including pop, jazz, country and boleros. She has also performed on the big screen and on stage and has won three Grammys.

Astrud Gilberto is a Brazilian bossa nova singer who first shot to the top with the unforgettable hit, "The Girl From Ipanema." Her other hits include "Insensatez" and "Corcovado." Mexican pop singer Angélica María first made a name singing boleros and later scored in with a couple of rock en Español hits. She has also enjoyed a career as an actress on TV, stage and films.

María Dolores Pradera is a singer from Spain who began her career as an actress. But it was her stint with Los Gemelos where she achieved her memorable hits "La Flor De La Canela" and "Amarraditos."

Argentinean singer Estela Raval was influential for bringing '50s doo wop into Latin America with her group Los 5 Latinos. Their hits included "Tú Eres Mi Destino" and "Solamente Tú."

The artists receiving the Trustees Awards were selected on the basis of their contributions to the field of recording.

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