



## GRAMMY® Salute to Classical Music Honors **The Romeros**



At this year's **GRAMMY® Salute To Classical Music** luncheon, The Recording Academy pays tribute to "The Royal Family of the Guitar," **The Romeros**. A genuine institution, The Romeros encompass three generations of gifted guitar players whose unique sound has delighted audiences and won the raves of music critics worldwide for more than 40 years. The internationally renowned ensemble has consistently performed with virtually every major symphony orchestra in the U.S., including those of Boston, Cleveland, Chicago, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Pittsburgh, Detroit and many others. The family has twice been invited to the White House; in 1983 they appeared at the Vatican in a special concert for His Holiness Pope John Paul II, and in 1986 they performed for His Royal Highness Prince Charles, Prince of Wales. Regular festival appearances include the Hollywood Bowl, Blossom, Wolf Trap, Saratoga, Flagstaff and Garden State. They have inspired composers to enrich the repertoire of guitar quartet with orchestra, which includes works by the distinguished composers Joaquín Rodrigo, Federico Moreno Torroba, Morton Gould, Francisco de Madina, Lorenzo Palomo and others. To have so many virtuosi of the same instrument in one family is unique in the world of musical performance, and in the realm of the classical guitar it is absolutely without precedent. In the words of Spanish composer Joaquin Rodrigo, "The Romeros have developed the technique of the guitar by making what is difficult to be easy; They are, without a doubt, the grand masters of the guitar."