

Freddie Records gets 5 shots at Grammy

Lauryn Hill gets 10 nominations in pop categories

From staff and wire reports

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. – Five albums created at Corpus Christi's Freddie Records were nominated for Grammy Awards Tuesday.

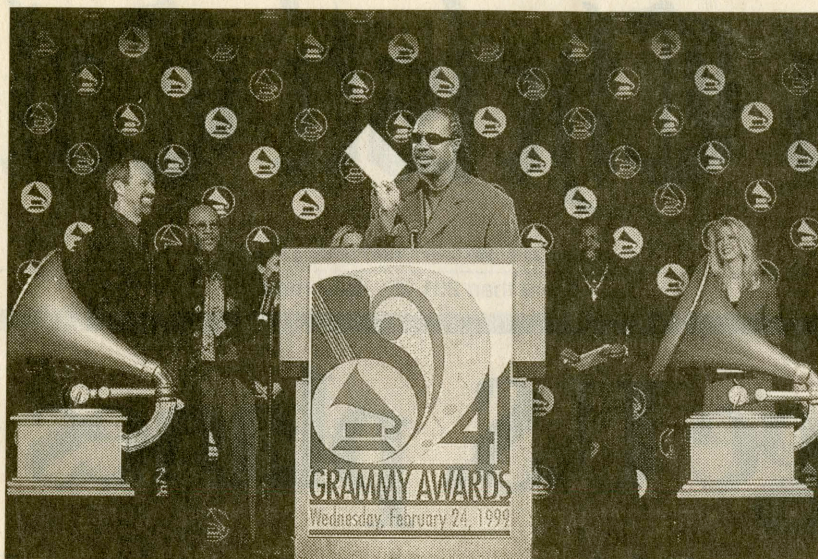
In the newly-created Tejano Music Performance category, Freddie Records products dominated, garnering three of the five nominations.

Corpus Christi musician Freddie Martinez Sr. received a nomination for his work, "Leyendas y Raices," with the Four Legends, a touring super-group he co-founded earlier this year with three other Tejano stars, Sunny Ozuna, Agustin Ramirez and Carlos Guzman.

"He was very excited when I called and told him this morning," said Martinez's son, Freddie Martinez Jr., vice president of operations at Freddie Records. "To be nominated – recognized by your peers – after 35 years in this business, he was very excited."

In addition to "Leyendas y Raices," "Live ... en Concierto!" by Fiebre and "Fanaticos," Jaime y los Chamacos, were nominated. It's the third Grammy nomination for Jaime y los Chamacos.

In the Mexican-American Music Performance category, Ramon Ayala y Sus Bravos del Norte received their fifth Grammy nomination for "Casas de Madera," created at Freddie Records. Los Terribles del Norte were nominated for the locally produced



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Musician Stevie Wonder announces the 41st annual Grammy Awards nominations Tuesday. Local recording studio Freddie Records dominated the Tejano category.

"Colgado de un Arbol."

In the pop categories, hip-hop star Lauryn Hill, who took a break from the Fugees to carve out a solo career, got 10 nominations as women dominated several categories typically ruled by men.

Eight of the 10 nominations for record and album of the year went to women.

Hill's solo debut album, "The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill," will compete against a nearly all-female field – including Madonna, Sheryl Crow and Shania Twain – for album of the year. Garbage, with lead singer Shirley Manson, also was nominated in the category.

The 41st annual Grammys will be presented Feb. 24 in Los Angeles on CBS.

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Corpus Christi musician Freddie Martinez Sr. was nominated for his work, "Leyendas y Raices," with the Four Legends, a touring super-group he co-founded earlier this year.

Grammy contenders

Nominations in top categories for the Grammy Awards announced Tuesday:

■ **RECORD OF THE YEAR:** "The Boy Is Mine," Brandy & Monica; "My Heart Will Go On," Celine Dion; "Iris," Goo Goo Dolls; "Ray of Light," Madonna; "You're Still the One," Shania Twain.

■ **ALBUM OF THE YEAR:** "The Globe Sessions," Sheryl Crow; "Version 2.0," Garbage; "The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill," Lauryn Hill; "Ray of Light," Madonna; "Come on Over," Shania Twain.

■ **SONG OF THE YEAR:** "I Don't Want to Miss a Thing," Diane Warren; "Iris," John Rzeznik; "Lean on Me," Kirk Franklin; "My Heart Will Go On," James Horner and Will Jennings; "You're Still the One," Robert John Lange and Shania Twain.

■ **MEXICAN-AMERICAN MUSIC PERFORMANCE:** "Casas de Madera," Ramon Ayala y Sus Bravos del Norte; "Entre el Amor y Yo," Vicente Fernandez; "Euforia," La Mafia; "Los Super Seven," Los Super Seven; "Colgado de un Arbol," Los Terribles del Norte.

■ **TEJANO MUSIC PERFORMANCE:** "Live ... en Concierto!," Fiebre; "Fanaticos," Jaime y los Chamacos; "Said and Done," Flaco Jimenez; "Leyendas y Raices," Leyendas y Raices; "2000," Little Joe & la Familia.

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