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More nominees than usual mark music's 64th Annual Grammy Awards

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Trevor Noah hosts The 64th Annual Grammy Awards, airing Sunday on CBS and streaming on Paramount+.

Whatever is happening in it, the world always will have music ... and, as the Grammy Awards continue to confirm annually, new music.

That's even more the case as far as the Recording Academy's honors go, since several major categories expand by two to encompass 10 nominees each when CBS and Paramount+ present The 64th Annual Grammy Awards from Las Vegas' MGM Grand Garden Arena on Sunday, April 3. (The event was postponed from January.) "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" bandleader Jon Batiste leads the nominees with 11 bids.

Despite some strife within and challenging of the Recording Academy in recent years, the Grammys – which Trevor Noah of "The Daily Show" will host for the second consecutive time – remain the high bar of music awards, with industry professionals casting the votes. Other artists with significant numbers of nominations this time include Justin Bieber, Doja Cat and H.E.R. with eight each.

Following are the contenders in the four Grammy categories that now have 10 nominees each.

Record of the year: "I Still Have Faith in You," ABBA; "Freedom," Jon Batiste; "I Get a Kick Out of You," Tony Bennett & Lady Gaga; "Peaches," Justin Bieber featuring Daniel Caesar & Giveon; "Right on Time," Brandi Carlile; "Kiss Me More," Doja Cat featuring SZA; "Happier Than Ever," Billie

Eilish; "Montero (Call Me By Your Name)," Lil Nas X; "drivers license," Olivia Rodrigo; "Leave the Door Open," Silk Sonic

Album of the year: "We Are," Jon Batiste; "Love for Sale," Tony Bennett & Lady Gaga; "Justice (Triple Chucks Deluxe)," Justin Bieber; "Planet Her (Deluxe)," Doja Cat; "Happier Than Ever," Billie Eilish; "Back of My Mind," H.E.R.; "Montero," Lil Nas X; "Sour," Olivia Rodrigo; "Evermore," Taylor Swift; "Donda," Kanye West

Song of the year (awarded to the songwriter or songwriters): "Bad Habits," performed by Ed Sheeran; "A Beautiful Noise," Alicia Keys and Brandi Carlile; "drivers license," Olivia Rodrigo; "Fight for You," H.E.R.; "Happier Than Ever," Billie Eilish; "Kiss Me More," Doja Cat featuring SZA; "Leave the Door Open," Silk Sonic; "Montero (Call Me By Your Name)," Lil Nas X; "Peaches," Justin Bieber featuring Daniel Caesar & Giveon; "Right on Time," Brandi Carlile

Best new artist: Arooj Aftab; Jimmie Allen; Baby Keem; FINNEAS; Glass Animals; Japanese Breakfast; The Kid Laroi; Arlo Parks; Olivia Rodrigo; Saweetie

Also among Grammy nominees in another category are the following.

Best pop vocal album: "Justice (Triple Chucks Deluxe)," Justin Bieber; "Planet Her (Deluxe)," Doja Cat; "Happier Than Ever," Billie Eilish; "Positions," Ariana Grande; "Sour," Olivia Rodrigo

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