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## Album Turns 30 Times Platinum

(AP) - Michael Jackson's "Thriller" is still scaring up sales and giving the King of Pop's legacy a new milestone.

The album has sold 30 million copies in the United States, making Jackson the first artist to attain 30-time multiplatinum status, the Recording Industry Association of America and Jackson's estate announced last week.

The album has proved even more popular overseas, with a total of 100 million copies sold worldwide since its 1982 release. It includes some of Jackson's most recognizable hits, including "Beat It," "Billie Jean," "Wanna Be Startin' Somethin'" and the title track, which inspired one of the most famous music videos of all time.

"'Thriller' continues to be the yardstick against which all other albums are measured," said John Branca, co-executor of Jackson's estate.



Michael Jackson's 1982 'Thriller' album.



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## Will Host Grammys Again



LL Cool J

(AP) - The Grammy Awards will celebrate a lot of new music, but its ceremony will have a familiar face up-front in host LL Cool J.

The Recording Academy announced last week that the rap artist and actor will be the master of ceremonies for the fifth consecutive year. The Grammys will be telecast Feb. 15 from the Staples Center in Los Angeles.

Somewhat unique to awards shows, the Grammys traditionally focus on performances and Recording Academy President Neil Portnow says LL Cool J's personality and energy set the perfect tone for the show.