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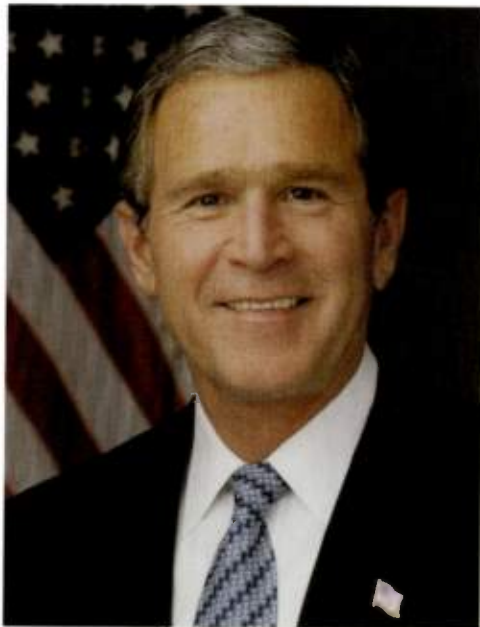
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# President Bush's Welcome



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April 27, 2005

I send greetings to those gathered for the 40th annual Academy of Country Music Awards.

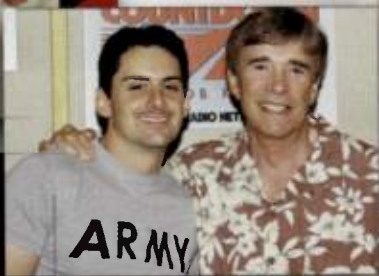
Country music is an important part of the fabric of our culture. The enormous and growing popularity of country music is a testament to the enjoyment it brings to countless people across our country.

I appreciate this year's honorees for your dedication and artistic achievements. Your efforts contribute to the creativity of our country and help preserve our Nation's great musical tradition for generations to come.

Laura and I send our best wishes.

A large, stylized handwritten signature of George W. Bush in black ink.





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# President's Message



On behalf of the Academy of Country Music I welcome you.

Once again we gather to congratulate and to pay tribute to those artists and performers who have excelled in our industry in 2004. I am honored to be a part of an organization that has for 40 years taken on the heartfelt responsibility to recognize those who have achieved this mark of excellence voted on by their peers.

We will not only celebrate this year's winners, but also during the Academy of Country Music's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Wednesday evening, we will pay homage to those artists that have successfully captured the coveted ACM award as well as having

experienced dominance in their respective categories.

This year we are celebrating our 40th anniversary with the launch of the Academy Of Country Music Charitable Foundation, a non-profit organization committed to support and embrace programs dedicated to the awareness, growth and the education of country music.

I champion the efforts of the Academy Board of Directors and staff; they continue to amaze me with the level of energy and commitment that they provide. As we rise to meet the challenges that the entertainment industry is facing today, I salute each and every one that is a part of this endeavor. It is truly a team effort.

We are blessed with excellent partnerships. CBS, Dick Clark Productions and Mandalay Bay Resort & Casino continue to play an integral part in the impressive growth the Academy is experiencing today.

For all of this we are truly grateful, but through this incredible growth I hope that we will strive to keep the music first.

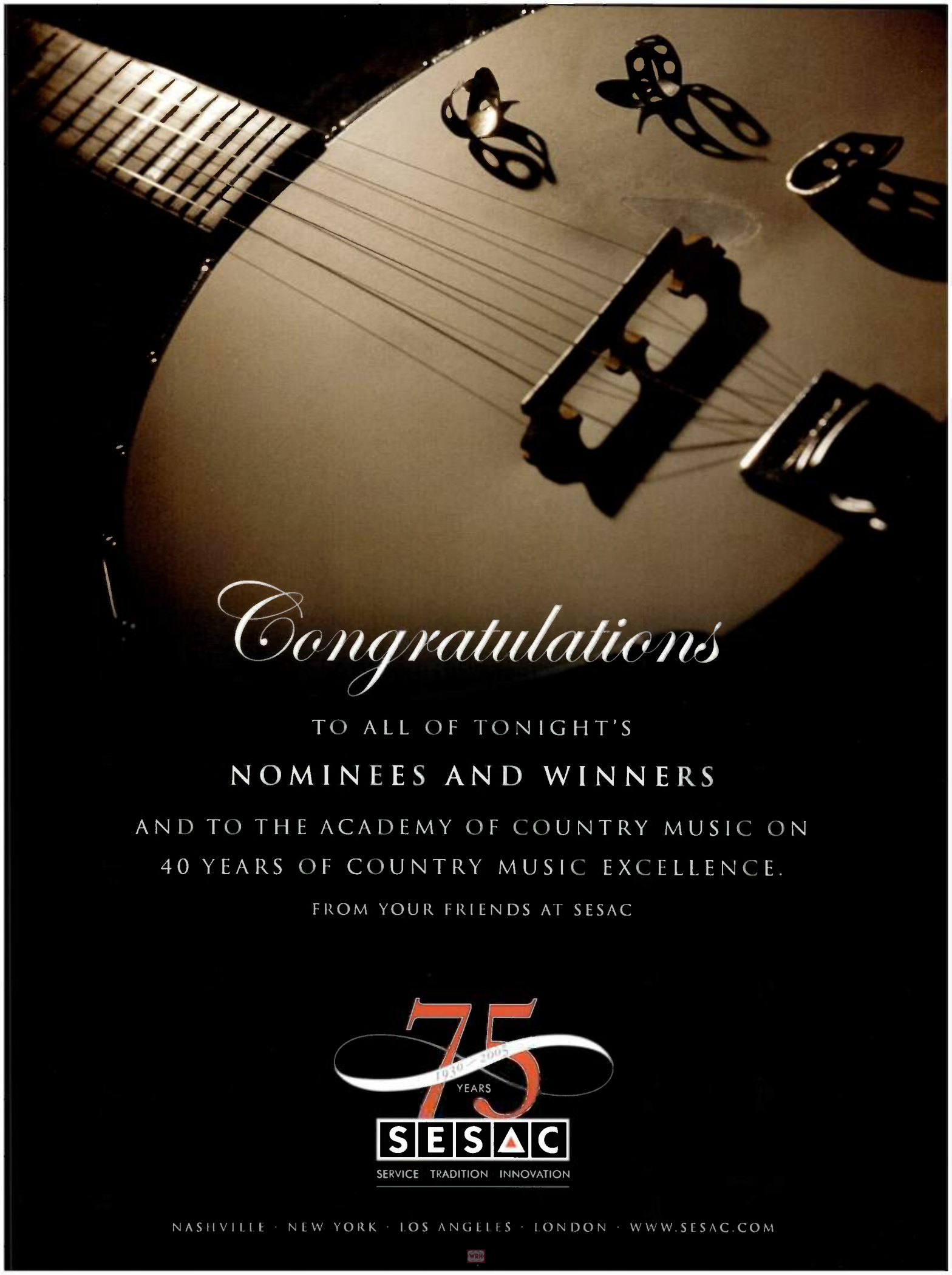
And last, on a personal note, I send my most sincere prayers for the continued healing of Mr. Clark, and I will forever miss one of the most endearing cowboys the West will ever know, Chris LeDoux.

May God bless this evening,

David Corlew

P.S. And may God bless the men and women of our Armed Forces serving our country all over the world.





*Congratulations*

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# Chairman's Message



Dear Friends of the Academy:

Welcome to this year's 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Academy of Country Music Awards.

It is amazing to think forty years ago, Lyndon Johnson was president, the soap opera "Days of Our Lives" debuted, The Grateful Dead played their first concert, and the Academy of Country Music had their 1<sup>st</sup> award show at the Hollywood Palladium.

Tonight, millions of people here and internationally will watch our show from the entertainment capitol of the world – Las Vegas!!

I am honored to be the chairman of the board as the Academy celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and embarks on a new decade.

I am blessed to work with a board full of creative and talented individuals in all facets of the business. I want to personally thank David Corlew, the Academy President, for being a great partner.

As the board looks ahead to a new decade we will have a strategic planning retreat this summer. Our goal is to keep the Academy at the forefront in our industry and seize the many opportunities that are before us.

Tomorrow night, the Academy will tape a show that will air later this year for CBS. We will commemorate our 40-year legacy while also celebrating two other elements that the Academy is known for — fans and fun!!

As I have said in the past, this telecast is truly a team effort and involves so many people – the incredible and dedicated ACM staff, Bob Romeo, Brandi Brammer, Tiffany Davis, Marla Gluck, Tiffany Moon, Tree Paine and David Young, Jack Sussman and all the folks at CBS Television, Rac Clark, dcp/Mosaic, H.C. Rowe and all our friends at Mandalay Bay Resort & Casino, Teresa George at Cornerstone Communications, Brooke Primero and Bragman Nyman Cafarelli and the participation of all the artists, record labels, managers, agents, publicists and our corporate partners. Thank you!

Good luck to all the nominees!

Now, sit back, relax and enjoy the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Academy of Country Music!

Here's to a great evening,

Gayle Holcomb  
Chairman of the Board of Directors



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Brad Paisley  
Brady Seals  
Bryan White  
Carolyn Dawn Johnson  
Chad Brock  
Charley Pride  
The Charlie Daniels Band  
Chris Cagle  
Clay Walker  
Cledus T. Judd

Clint Black  
Collin Raye  
Confederate Railroad  
David Allan Coe  
David Kersh  
Darryl Worley  
Deana Carter  
Diamond Rio  
The Dixie Chicks  
Don Williams  
Doug Kershaw  
Dwight Yoakam  
Emerson Drive  
Gary Allan  
The Gatlin Brothers  
Gene Pitney  
Glen Campbell  
George Jones  
Hal Ketchum  
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Jo Dee Messina  
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John Michael Montgomery  
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Josh Turner  
Juice Newton  
Kathy Mattea  
Keith Urban  
Kenny Chesney  
Kenny Rogers  
Kentucky Headhunters  
Kevin Sharp  
The Kinleys  
Lacy J. Dalton  
Lee Greenwood  
Lee Roy Parnell  
Lonestar  
Loretta Lynn  
Lynn Anderson

Mark Wills  
Martina McBride  
Marty Stuart  
Mel Tillis  
Merle Haggard  
Michelle Wright  
Michael Martin Murphey  
Michael Peterson  
Mila Mason  
Montgomery Gentry  
Neal McCoy  
The Oak Ridge Boys  
Pam Tillis  
Pat Green  
Patti Page  
Patty Loveless  
Phil Vassar  
Porter Wagoner  
Randy Travis  
Rascal Flatts  
Ray Price  
Rhett Akins  
Rick Trevino  
Ricky Skaggs

Ricochet  
Robert Earl Keen  
Rodney Carrington  
Ronnie Milsap  
Roy Clark  
Sammy Kershaw  
Sawyer Brown  
Scotty Emerick  
Sons of the Desert  
T. Graham Brown  
T.G. Sheppard  
Terri Clark  
Tim Rushlow  
Toby Keith  
Trace Adkins  
Tracy Byrd  
Tracy Lawrence  
Trisha Yearwood  
Ty Herndon  
Vince Gill  
Wade Hayes  
Waylon Jennings  
Willie Nelson  
Yankee Grey

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# Dick Clark's Message



May 17, 2005

Welcome to the 40<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL "ACADEMY OF COUNTRY MUSIC AWARDS"!

From the early days, when the likes of Lynn Anderson, Glen Campbell, Donna Fargo, Merle Haggard, Loretta Lynn, Barbara Mandrell, Roger Miller, Buck Owens, Ray Price, Marty Robbins, Conway Twitty and Tammy Wynette, were taking home the trophies ... to this year when superstars like Brooks & Dunn, Kenny Chesney, Alan Jackson, Toby Keith, Martina McBride and Tim McGraw will compete against some of our new stars like Big & Rich, Rascal Flatts, Brad Paisley, Keith Urban and Gretchen Wilson, Country Music has been America's music.

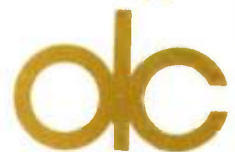
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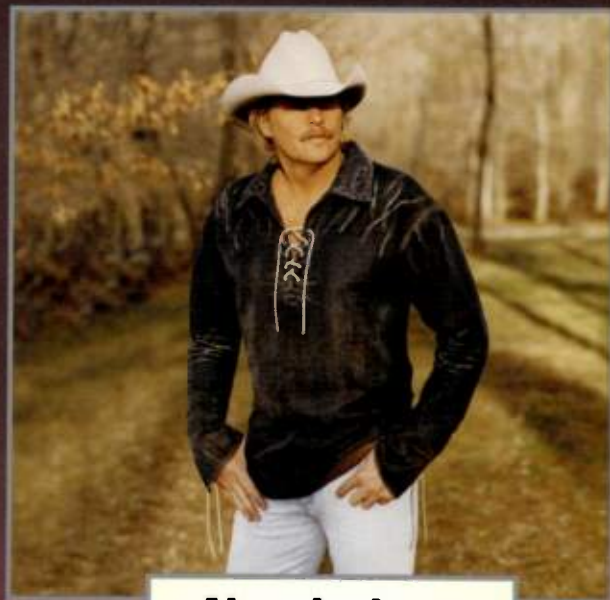
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# Performers



**Big & Rich**



**Alan Jackson**

**Brooks & Dunn**

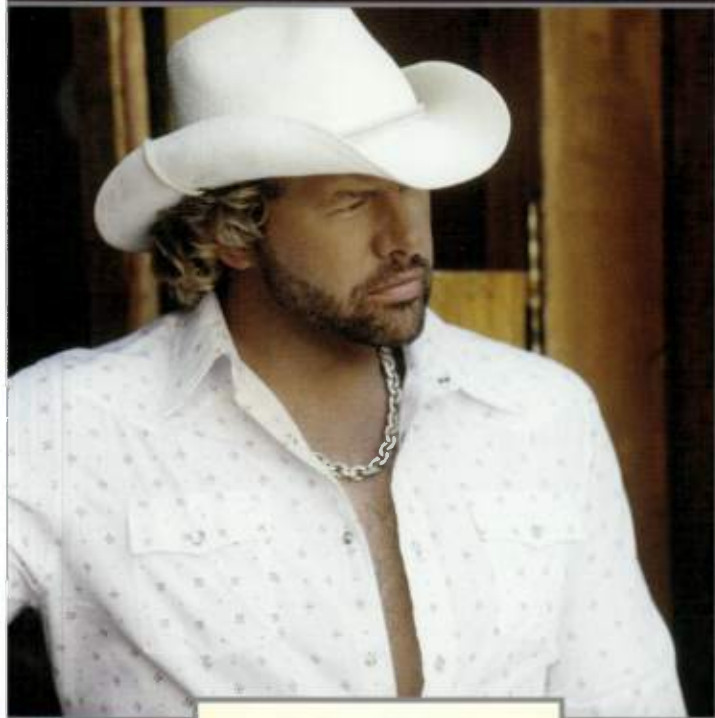


**Sara Evans**





# Performers



**Toby Keith**



**Reba McEntire**

**Tim McGraw**



**Montgomery Gentry**

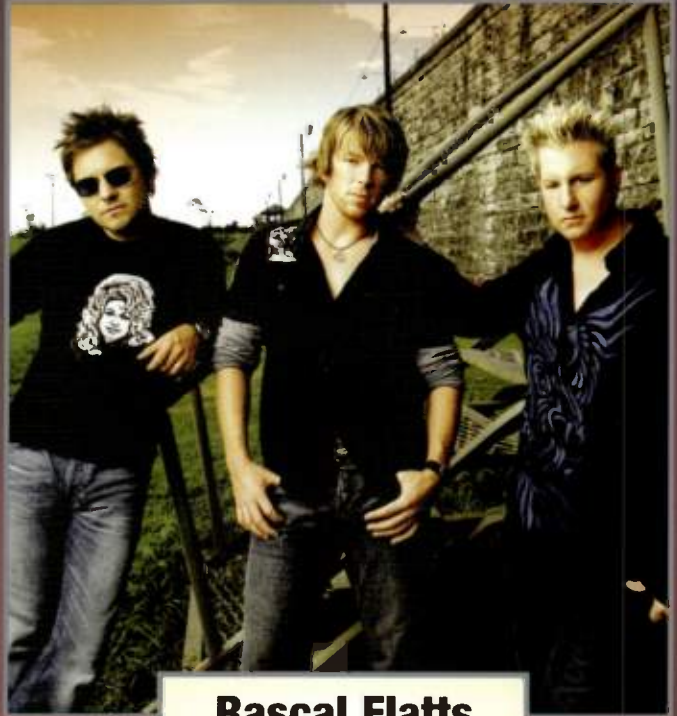




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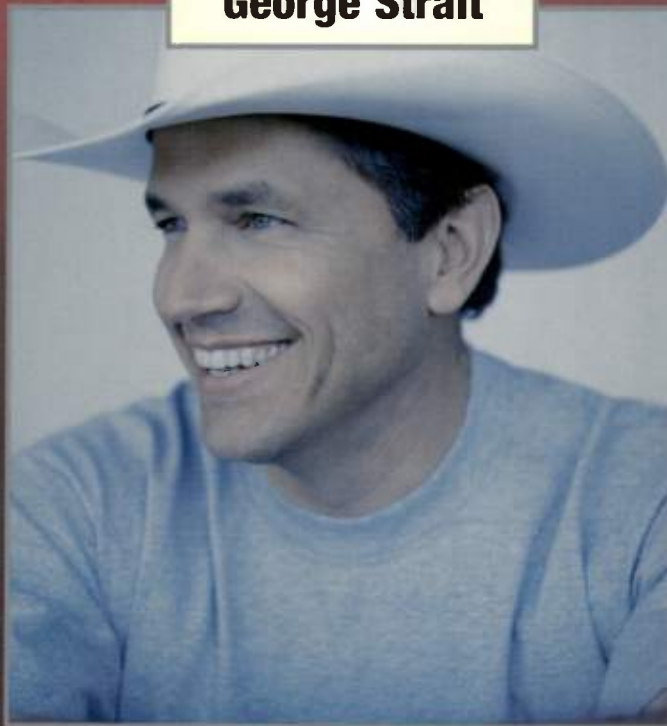


**Brad Paisley**



**Rascal Flatts**

**George Strait**

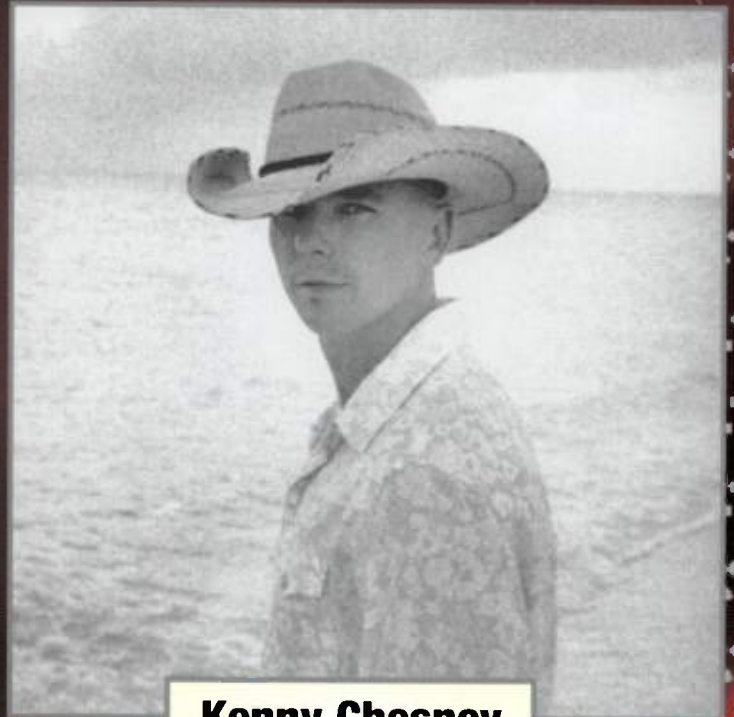




# Performers



**Lee Ann Womack**



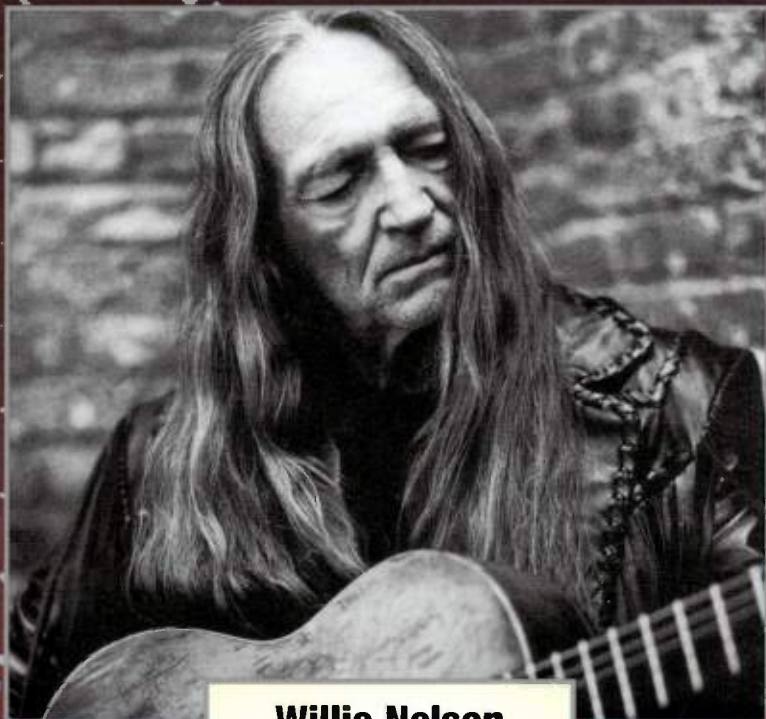
**Kenny Chesney**

**Gretchen Wilson**





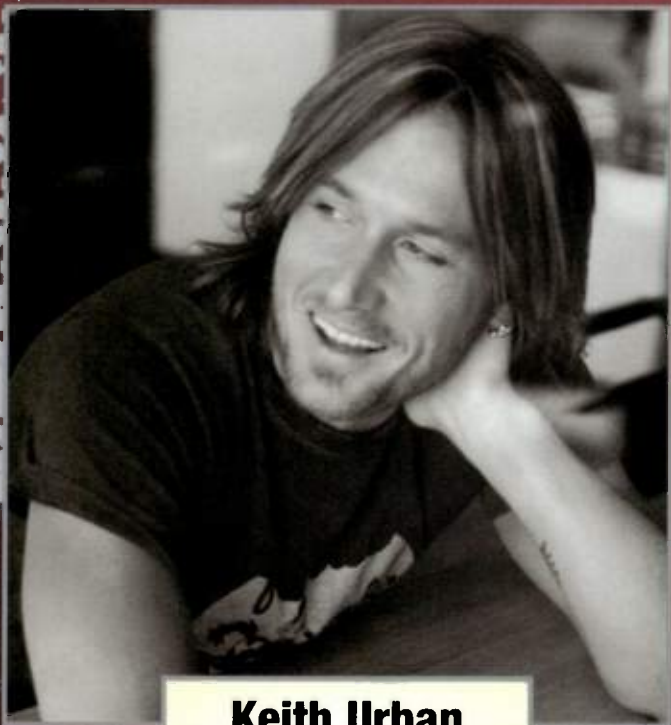
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**Willie Nelson**



**Jessica Simpson**



**Keith Urban**



**Merle Haggard**





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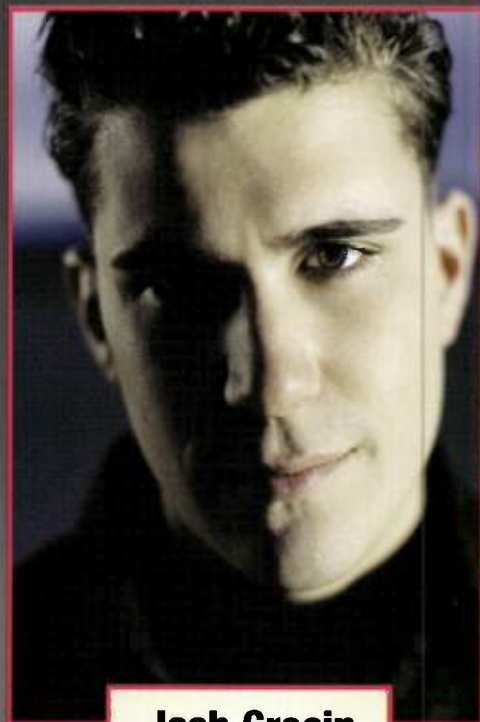
# Presenters



**Terri Clark**



**Diamond Rio**



**Josh Gracin**



**Jamie O'Neal**



**Sterling Marlin**



**Dr. Phil  
& Robin McGraw**



# Presenters



**Emily Procter**



**Julie Roberts**



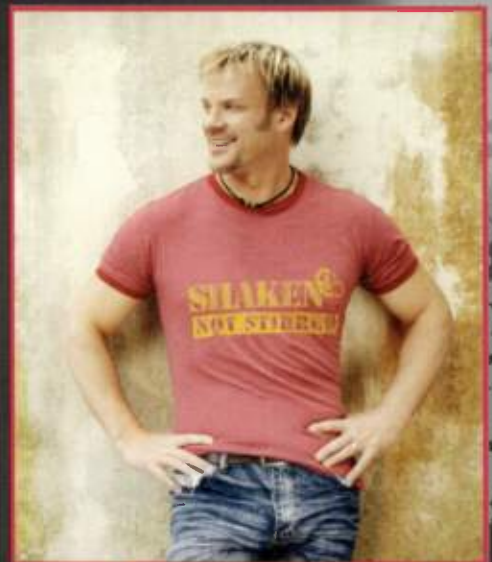
**Rob Schneider**



**Michelle Stafford**



**Josh Turner**



**Phil Vassar**



# Presenters



**The Warren Brothers**



**Neal McCoy**



**Garth Brooks**



**Trick Pony**



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Year In The  
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# Presenters



**Alison Krauss**



**Deana Carter**



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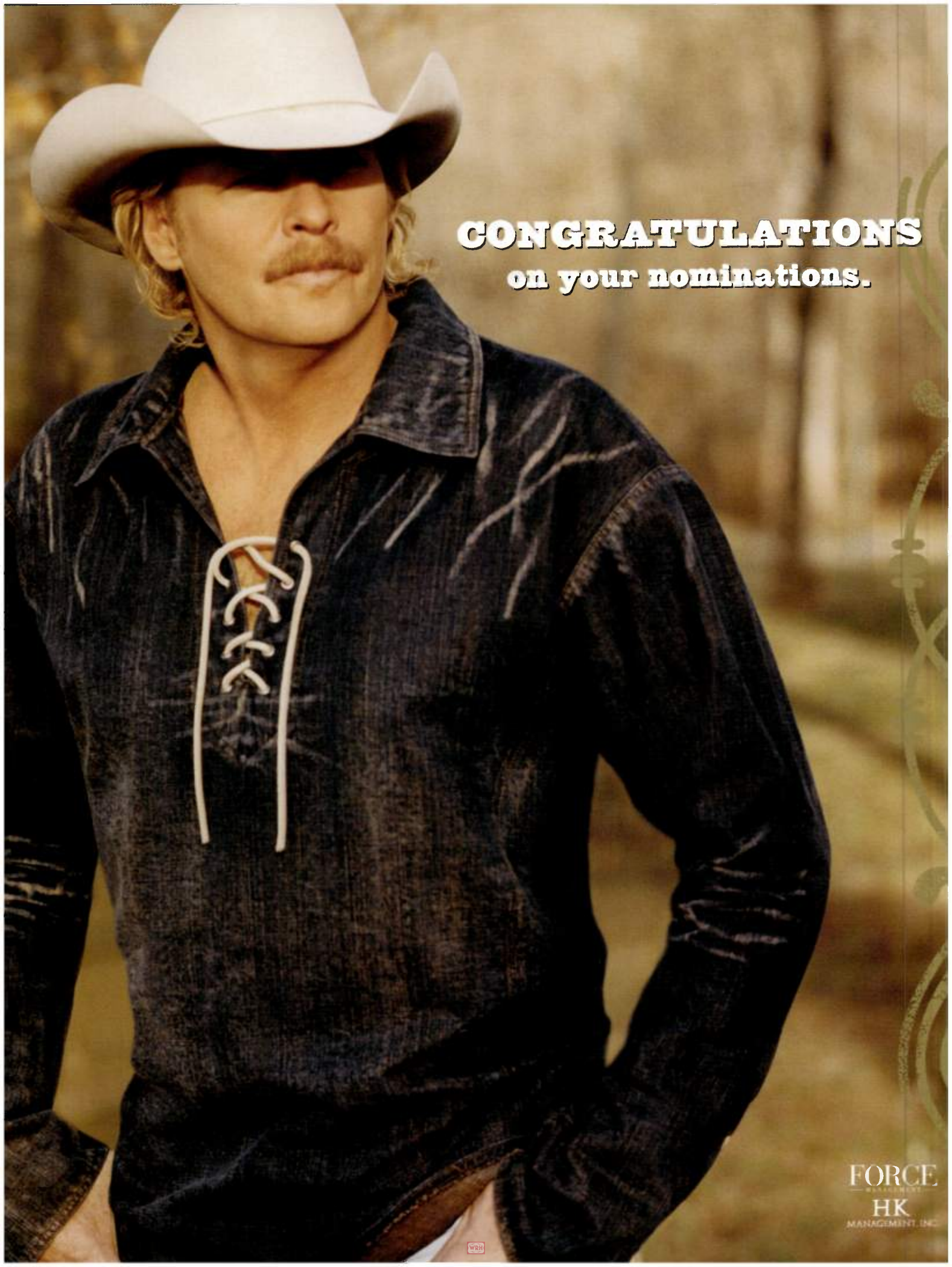
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# Nominations



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# Nominations

## ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR

BROOKS & DUNN  
KENNY CHESNEY  
TOBY KEITH  
TIM MCGRAW  
KEITH URBAN

## TOP VOCAL GROUP

ALISON KRAUSS  
& UNION STATION  
DIAMOND RIO  
LONESTAR  
RASCAL FLATTS  
THE NOTORIOUS CHERRY  
BOMBS

## TOP NEW ARTIST

BIG & RICH  
JOSH GRACIN  
JULIE ROBERTS  
JOSH TURNER  
GRETCHEN WILSON

## TOP VOCAL DUO

BIG & RICH  
BLUE COUNTY  
BROOKS & DUNN  
MONTGOMERY GENTRY  
THE WARREN BROTHERS

## TOP FEMALE VOCALIST

TERRI CLARK  
SARA EVANS  
MARTINA McBRIDE  
GRETCHEN WILSON  
LEE ANN WOMACK

## TOP MALE VOCALIST

KENNY CHESNEY  
ALAN JACKSON  
TOBY KEITH  
TIM MCGRAW  
KEITH URBAN

## VIDEO OF THE YEAR

GIRLS LIE TOO  
PRODUCER: ROBIN RUCKER  
DIRECTOR: SHAUN SILVA  
ARTIST: TERRI CLARK  
  
LIVE LIKE YOU WERE DYING  
PRODUCER: SHERMAN HALSEY  
DIRECTOR: SHERMAN HALSEY  
ARTIST: TIM MCGRAW

REDNECK WOMAN  
PRODUCER: ANASTASIA SPENCER  
DIRECTOR: DAVID HOGAN  
ARTIST: GRETCHEN WILSON

SAVE A HORSE  
(RIDE A COWBOY)  
PRODUCER: ROBERT DEATON,  
GEORGE FLANIGEN, MARC  
OSWALD, STEVE LAMAR  
DIRECTOR: DAVID HOGAN  
ARTIST: BIG & RICH

WHISKEY LULLABY  
PRODUCER: DON LEPORE  
DIRECTOR: RICK SCHRODER  
BRAD PAISLEY (FEATURING  
ALISON KRAUSS)

## VOCAL EVENT OF THE YEAR

CREEPIN' IN  
NORAH JONES AND DOLLY  
PARTON  
PRODUCED BY: ARIF MARDIN  
AND NORAH JONES  
BLUE NOTE/ CAPITOL  
RECORDS NASHVILLE

HEY GOOD LOOKIN'  
JIMMY BUFFETT WITH CLINT  
BLACK, KENNY CHESNEY,  
ALAN JACKSON, TOBY KEITH  
AND GEORGE STRAIT  
PRODUCED BY: MICHAEL  
UTLEY & MAC MCANALLY  
THE RCA RECORDS LABEL  
NASHVILLE

PARTY FOR TWO  
SHANIA TWAIN WITH BILLY  
CURRINGTON  
PRODUCED BY: ROBERT  
"MUTT" LANGE  
MERCURY RECORDS

WHEN THE SUN GOES  
DOWN  
KENNY CHESNEY (DUET WITH  
UNCLE KRACKER)  
PRODUCED BY: BUDDY  
CANNON & KENNY CHESNEY  
BNA RECORDS

WHISKEY LULLABY  
BRAD PAISLEY (FEATURING  
ALISON KRAUSS)  
PRODUCED BY: FRANK ROGERS  
ARISTA NASHVILLE



## SONG OF THE YEAR

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RASCAL FLATTS

### I MAY HATE MYSELF IN THE MORNING

WRITER: ODIE BLACKMON  
CAL IV SONGS, ADMIN BY CAL  
IV ENTERTAINMENT, LLC  
(ASCAP)  
LEE ANN WOMACK

### LIVE LIKE YOU WERE DYING

WRITERS: CRAIG WISEMAN &  
TIM NICHOLS  
BIG LOUD SHIRT (ASCAP)  
ICG/WARNER (BMI)  
TIM MCGRAW

### WHISKEY LULLABY

WRITERS: BILL ANDERSON &  
JON RANDALL  
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WRENSONG (BMI)  
BRAD PAISLEY  
(FEATURING  
ALISON KRAUSS)

## SINGLE RECORD OF THE YEAR

(Six nominees due to a tie)

### BLESS THE BROKEN ROAD

RASCAL FLATTS  
PRODUCERS: MARK BRIGHT,  
MARTY WILLIAMS, RASCAL  
FLATTS  
LYRIC STREET RECORDS

### DAYS GO BY

KEITH URBAN  
PRODUCERS: DANN HUFF &  
KEITH URBAN  
CAPITOL RECORDS NASHVILLE

### I MAY HATE MYSELF IN THE MORNING

LEE ANN WOMACK  
PRODUCER: BYRON  
GALLIMORE  
MCA NASHVILLE

### LIVE LIKE YOU WERE DYING

TIM MCGRAW  
PRODUCERS: TIM MCGRAW,  
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### REDNECK WOMAN

GRETCHEN WILSON  
PRODUCERS: MARK WRIGHT &  
JOE SCAIFE  
ASSOCIATE PRODUCER:  
JOHN RICH  
EPIC

### WHISKEY LULLABY

BRAD PAISLEY (FEATURING  
ALISON KRAUSS)  
PRODUCER: FRANK ROGERS  
ARISTA NASHVILLE

# Nominations

## ALBUM OF THE YEAR

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KEITH URBAN

CAPITOL RECORDS NASHVILLE

**HERE FOR THE PARTY**

GRETCHEN WILSON

PRODUCERS: MARK WRIGHT &  
JOE SCAIFE  
ASSOCIATE PRODUCER:  
JOHN RICH  
EPIC

**LIVE LIKE YOU WERE**

**DYING**

TIM McGRAW

PRODUCERS: TIM McGRAW,  
BYRON GALLIMORE, DARRAN  
SMITH  
CURB RECORDS

**RESTLESS**

SARA EVANS

PRODUCERS: SARA EVANS &  
PAUL WORLEY  
THE RCA RECORDS LABEL

**WHEN THE SUN GOES  
DOWN**

KENNY CHESNEY

PRODUCERS: BUDDY CANNON  
& KENNY CHESNEY  
BNA RECORDS

## CASINO OF THE YEAR

**BELTERRA**

Belterra, IN

**CASINO RAMA**

Orilla, Ontario

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**CASINO**

Las Vegas, NV

**MOHEGAN SUN CASINO**

Uncasville, CT

**TURNING STONE CASINO**

Verona, NY

## NIGHTCLUB OF THE YEAR

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Fort Worth, TX

**BUCK OWENS' CRYSTAL**

**PALACE**

Bakersfield, CA

**GRIZZLY ROSE**

Denver, CO

**PEPSI ROADHOUSE**

Burgettstown, PA

**TUMBLEWEED DANCEHALL**

Stillwater, OK

## DON ROMEO TALENT BUYER / PROMOTER OF THE YEAR

**BRIAN O'CONNELL**

(Clear Channel Entertainment)

**LOUIS MESSINA**

(The Messina Group)

**MIKE SMARDAK**

(Outback Concerts of Tenn.)

**RICH MISCHELL**

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**SUZANNE WILSON**

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## RADIO STATION OF THE YEAR

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Dallas, TX

**KTTS**

Springfield, MO

**KUZZ**

Bakersfield, CA

**WIVK**

Knoxville, TN

**WIXY**

Champaign, IL

## ON-AIR PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR

**LISA DENT**

WUSN Chicago, IL

**DEX & KIM**

WUSY Chattanooga, TN

**GUNNER**

WIVK Knoxville, TN

**SKIP MAHAFFEY**

WQYK Tampa, FL

**TIM & WILLY**

KNIX Phoenix, AZ



## PRODUCER OF THE YEAR

BUDDY CANNON  
BYRON GALLIMORE  
JAMES STROUD  
PAUL WORLEY  
MARK WRIGHT

## ENGINEER OF THE YEAR

JOHN KELTON  
JULIAN KING  
JUSTIN NIEBANK  
GARY PACZOZA  
RON "SNAKE" REYNOLDS

## BASS

MIKE BRIGNARDELLO  
DAVID HUNGATE  
LARRY PAXTON  
ALISON PRESTWOOD  
GLENN WOLF

## DRUMS

ERIC DARKEN  
SHANNON FORREST  
PAUL LEIM

GREG MORROW  
LONNIE WILSON

## FIDDLE

GLEN DUNCAN  
STUART DUNCAN  
LARRY FRANKLIN  
ROB HAJACOS  
JONATHAN YUDKIN

## GUITAR

TOM BUKOVAC  
J.T. CORENFLOS  
JON JORGENSEN  
BRENT MASON  
BRYAN SUTTON

## PIANO / KEYBOARDS

JIM BROWN  
GORDON MOTE  
STEVE NATHAN  
MICHAEL OMARTIAN  
MIKE ROJAS

## SPECIALTY INSTRUMENT

JIM HOKE  
JIM HORN  
ROB ICKES  
RUSS PAHL  
RANDY SCRUGGS

## STEEL

DAN DUGMORE  
SONNY GARRISH  
JOHN HUGHEY  
MIKE JOHNSON  
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Top Vocal Duo  
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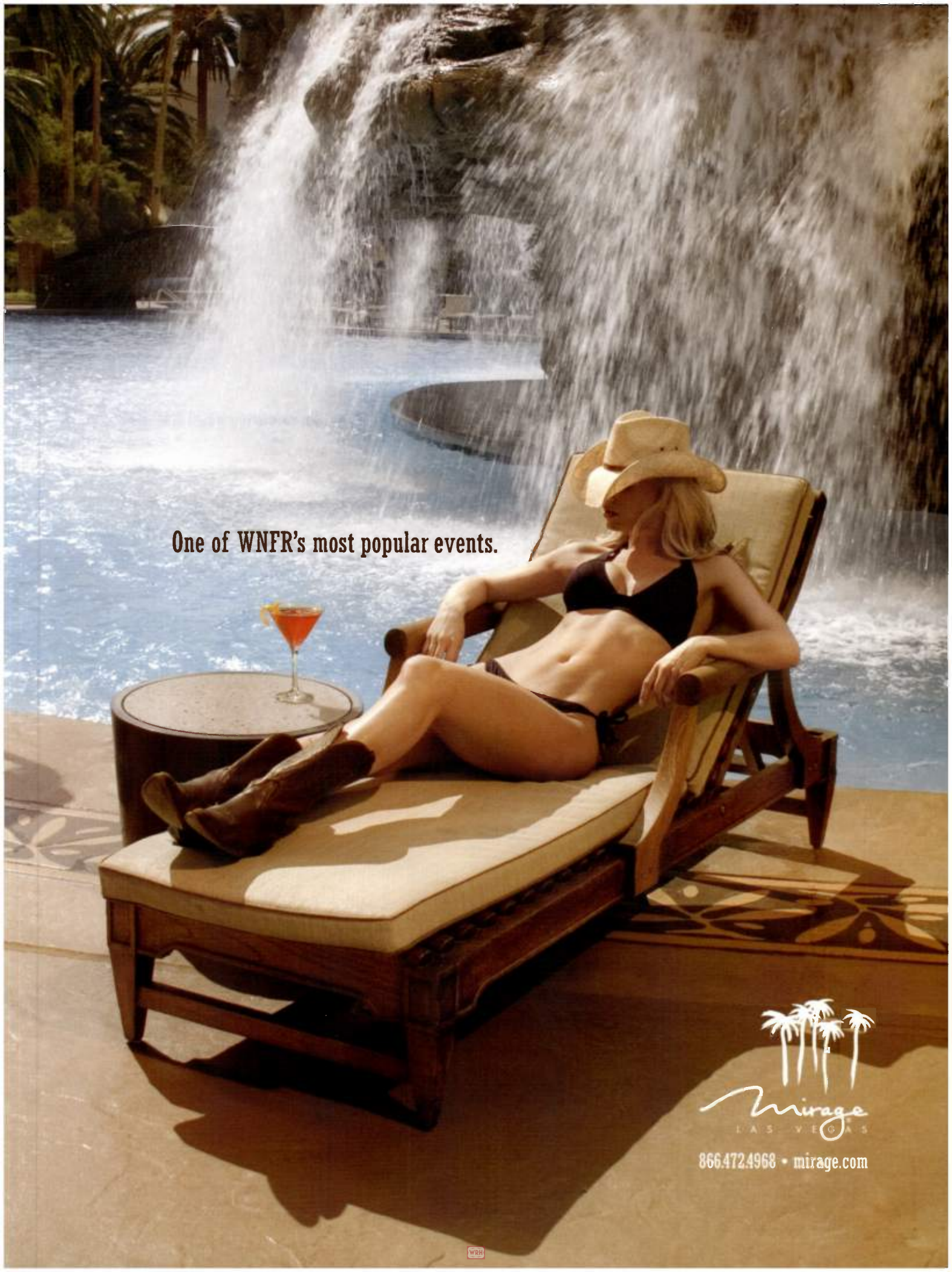
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# Blue County



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Top Vocal Duo



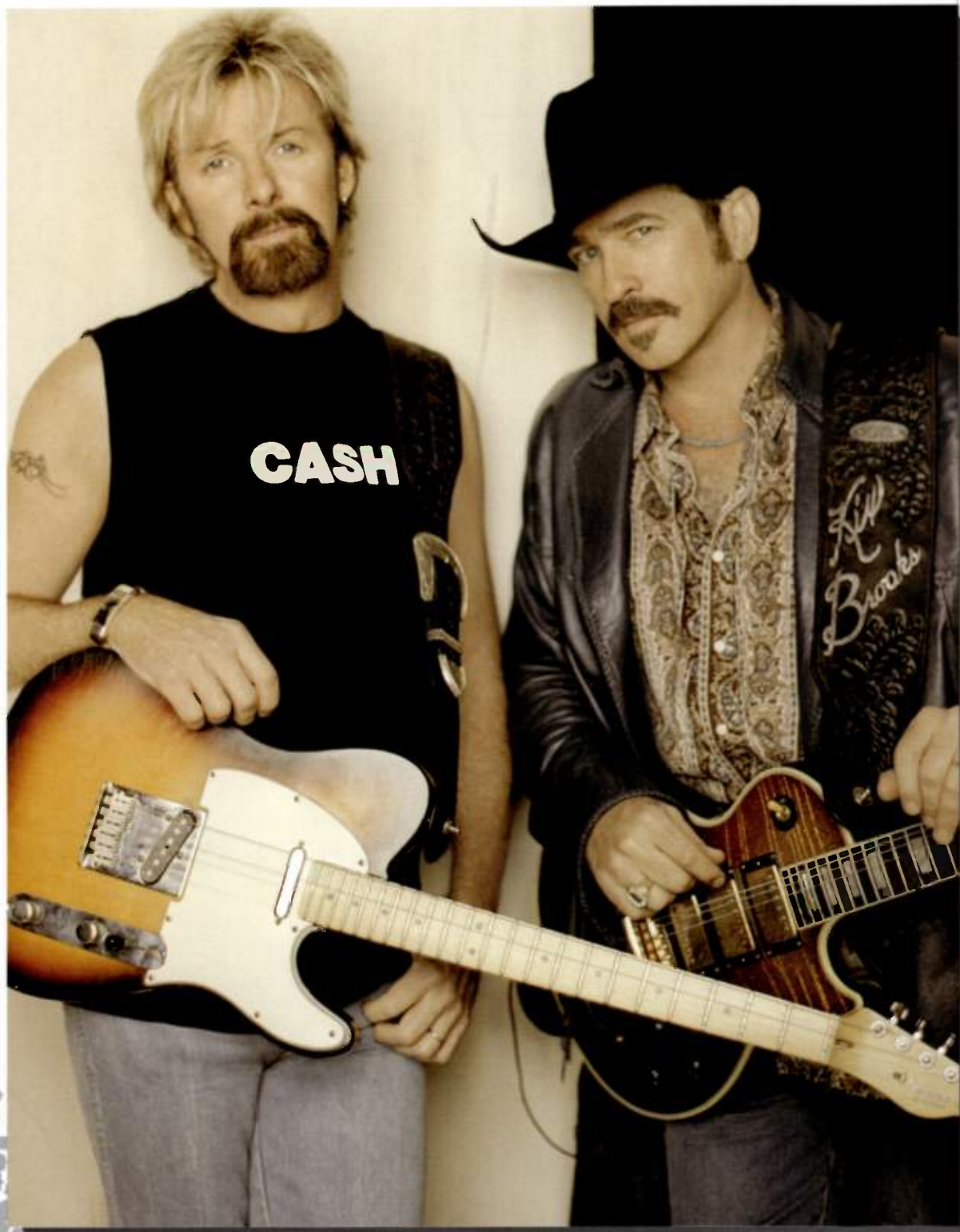
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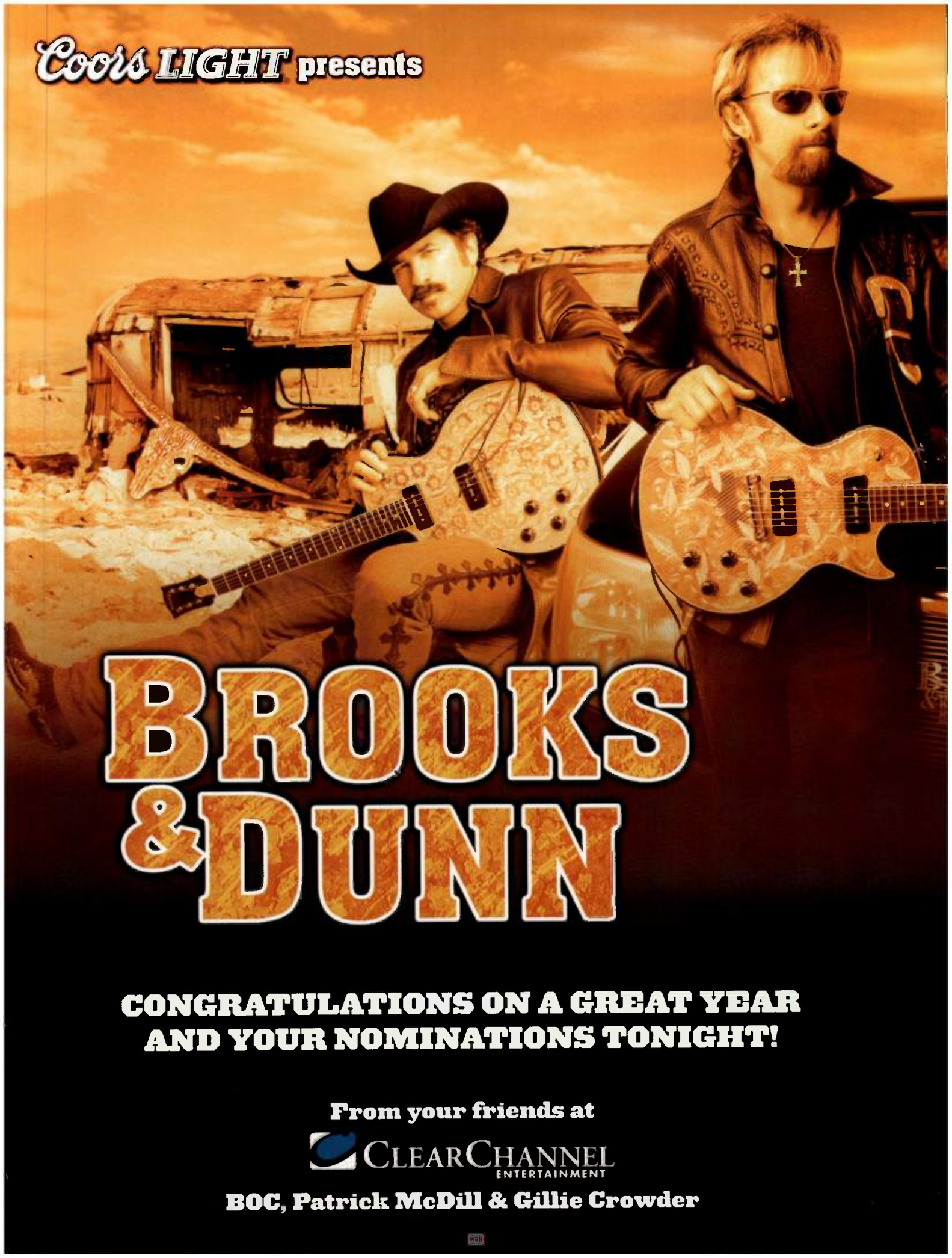




Nominated for:  
Entertainer of the Year  
Top Vocal Duo



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# Jimmy Buffett



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Vocal Event of the Year





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Top Male Vocalist  
Vocal Event of the Year  
Album of the Year

# Terri Clark



Nominated for:  
Top Female Vocalist  
Video of the Year





Nominated for:  
Top Vocal Group

# Sara Evans



Nominated for:  
Top Female Vocalist  
Album of the Year



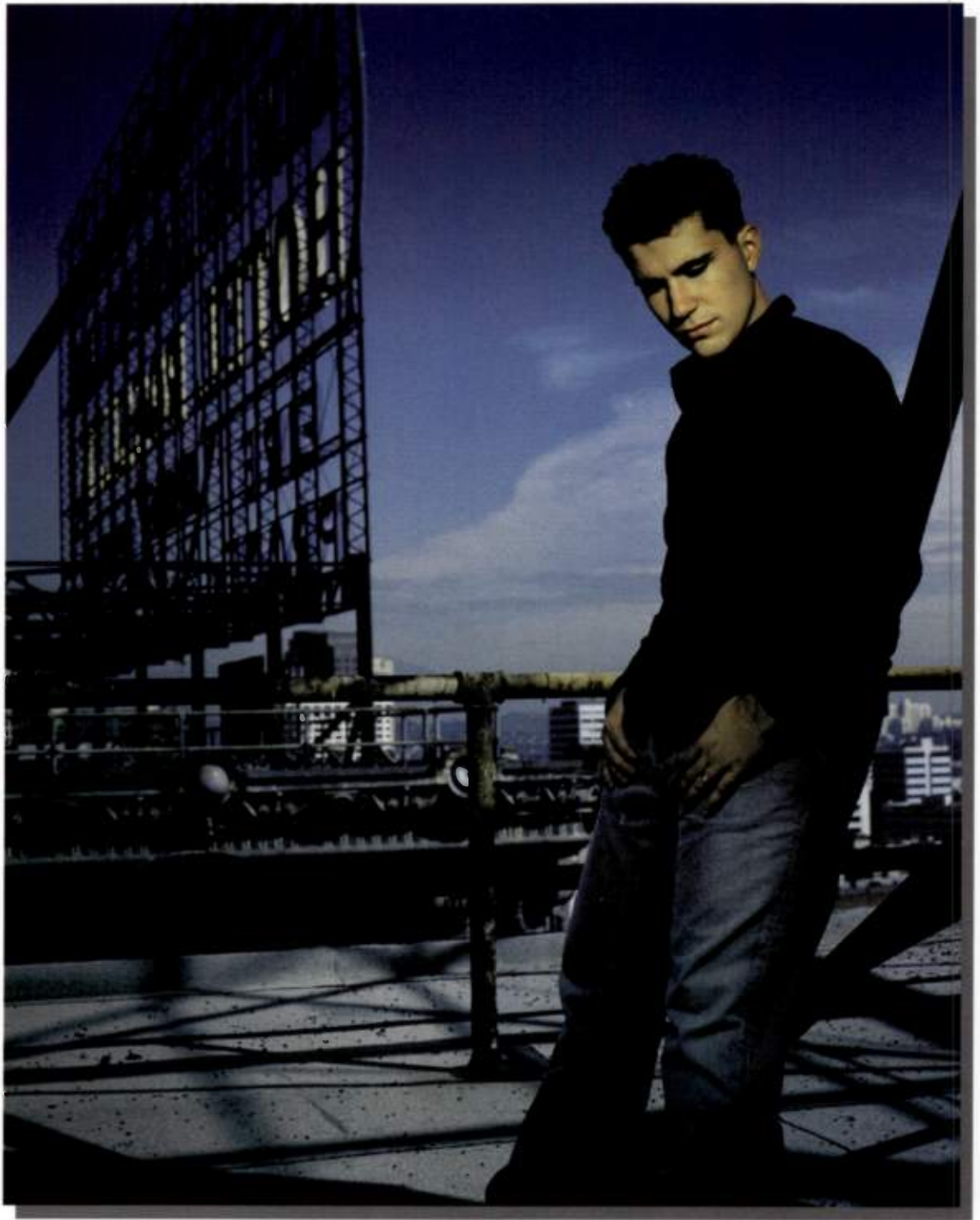
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# Josh Gracin



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Top New Artist





Nominated for:  
Top Male Artist

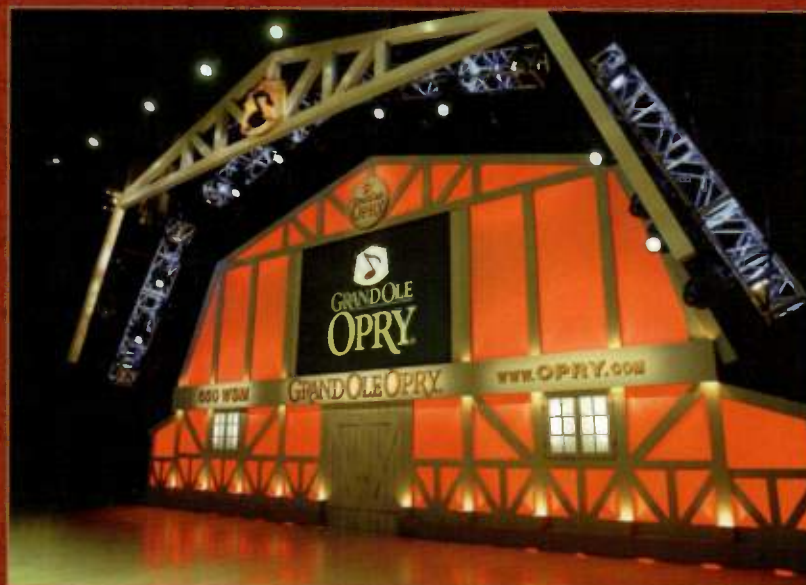
# Norah Jones



Nominated for:  
Vocal Event of the Year



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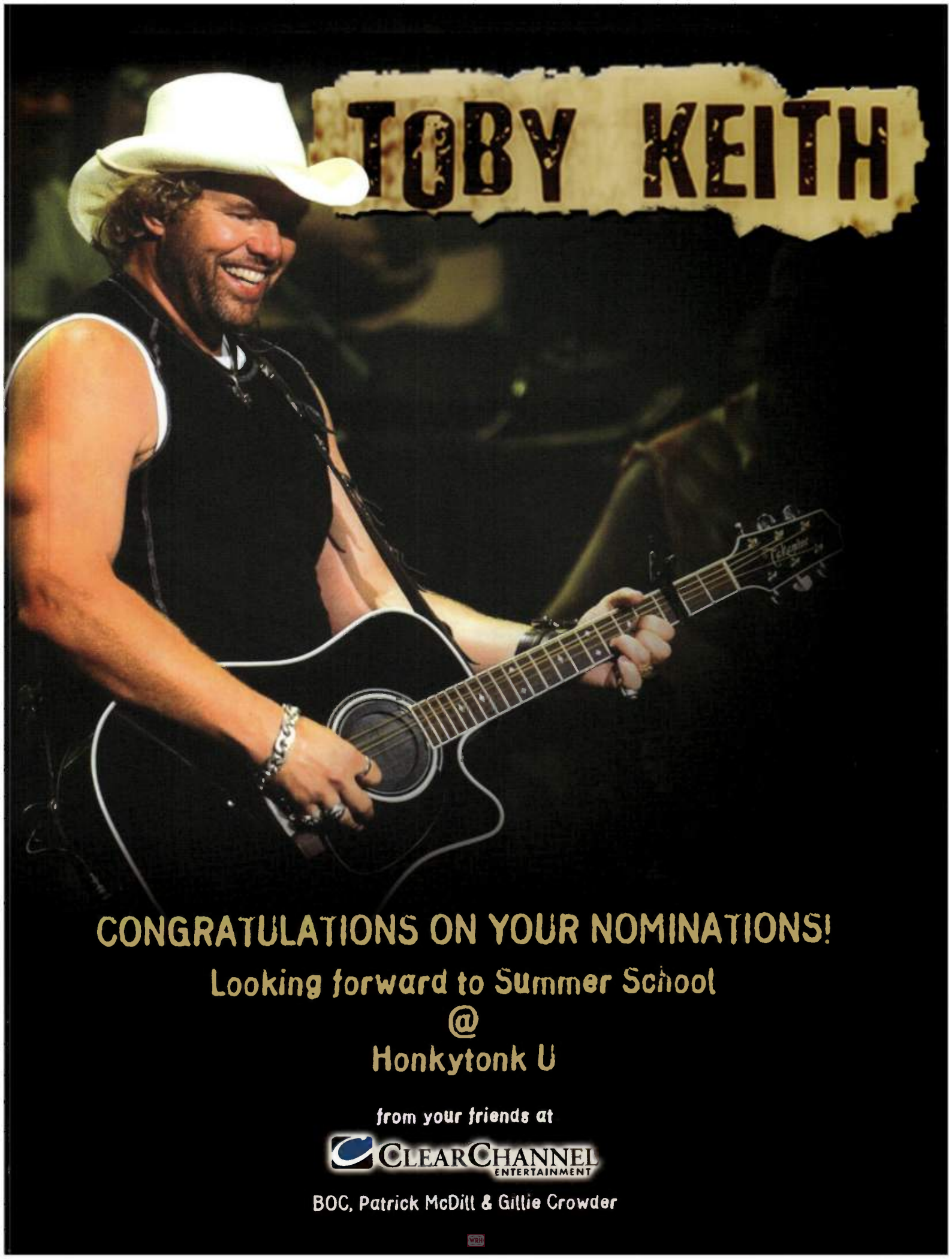


# Toby Keith



Nominated for:  
Entertainer of the Year  
Top Male Artist  
Song of the Year



A photograph of Toby Keith, a country music artist, wearing a white cowboy hat and a black sleeveless shirt. He is smiling and playing a black acoustic guitar. The background is dark and out of focus, suggesting a stage performance.

# TOBY KEITH

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# Alison Krauss & Union Station



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Top Vocal Group





Nominated for:  
Top Vocal Group

# Martina McBride



Nominated for:  
Top Female Vocalist



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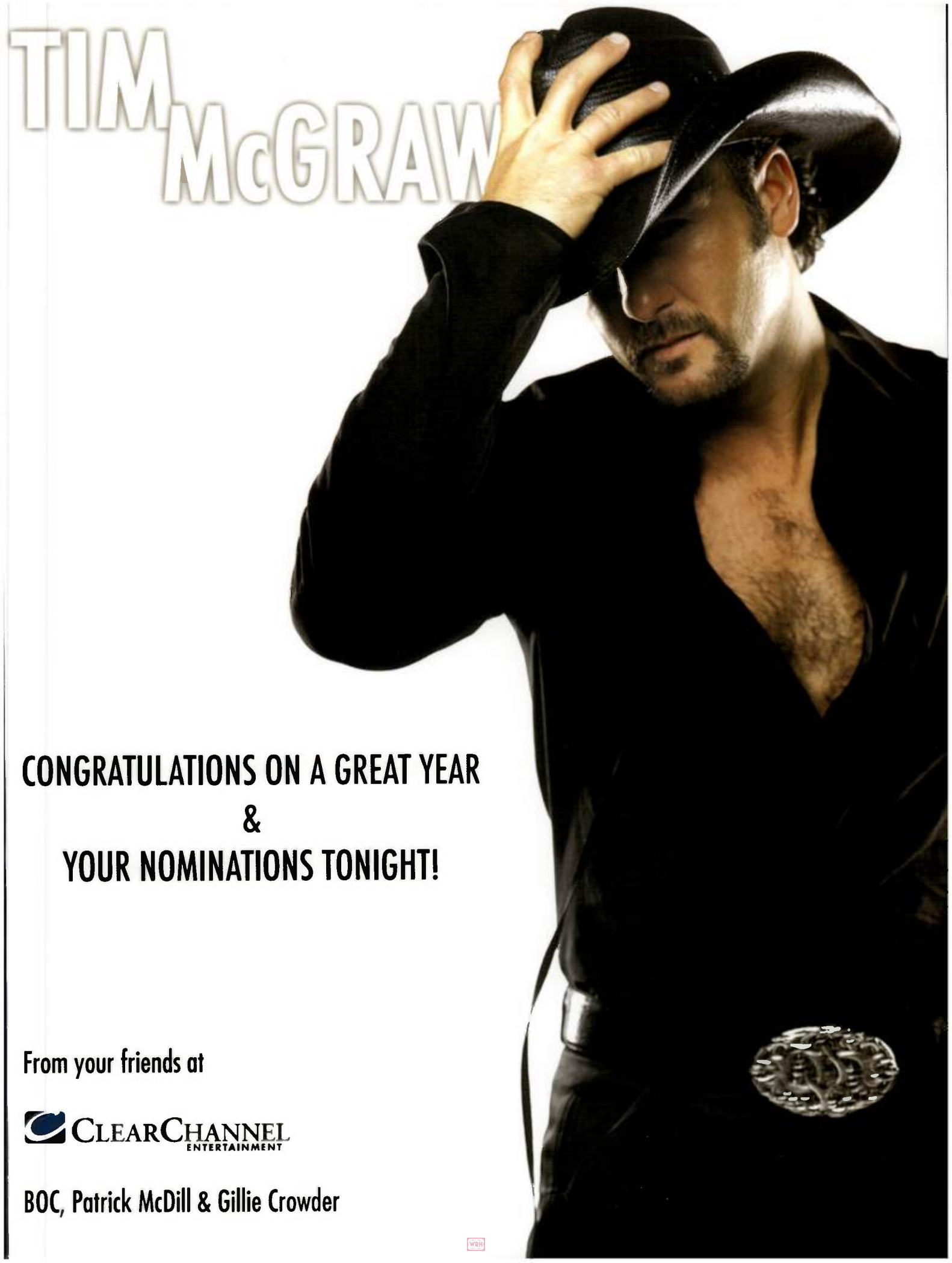


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Single Record of the Year, Album of the Year





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# Montgomery Gentry



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Top Vocal Duo





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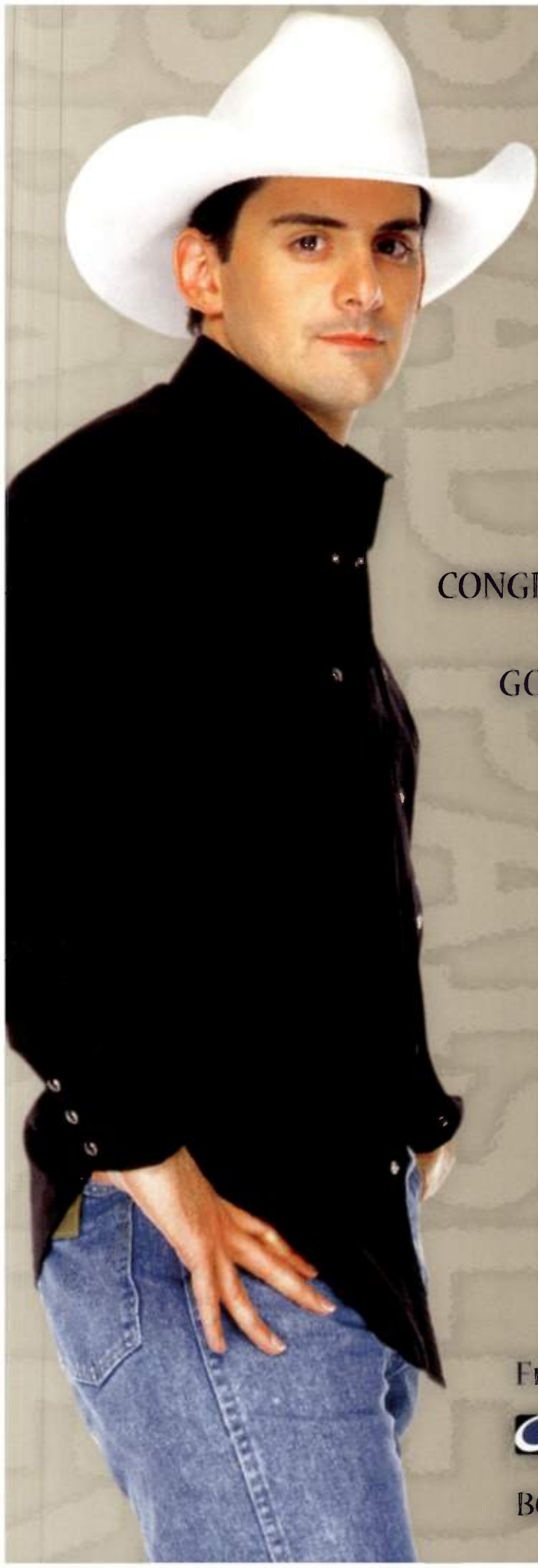
# Brad Paisley



Nominated for:

Video of the Year, Vocal Event of the Year  
Song of the Year, Single Record of the Year

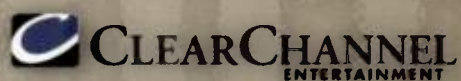




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BRAD PAISLEY

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# Rascal Flatts



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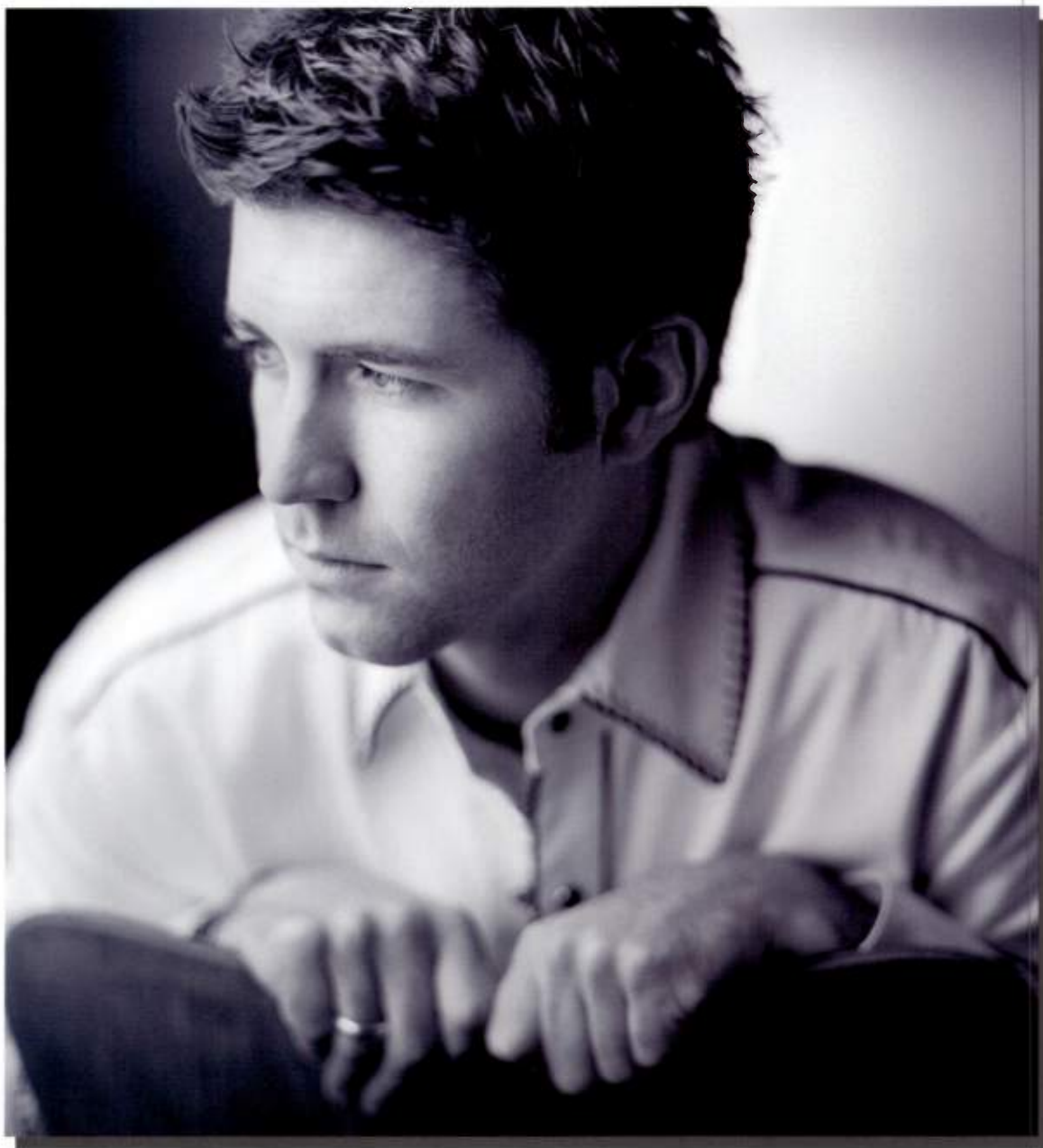
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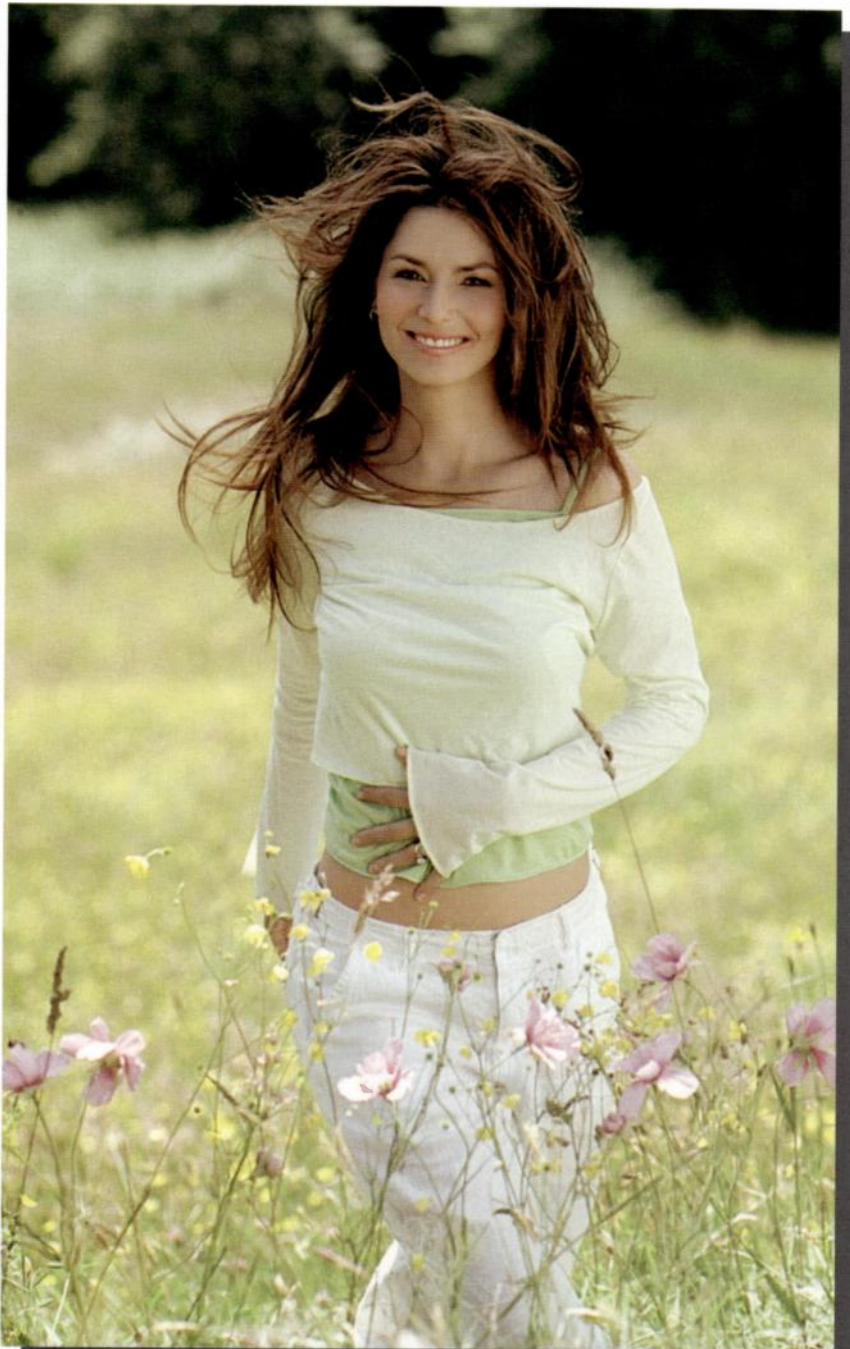


# Josh Turner

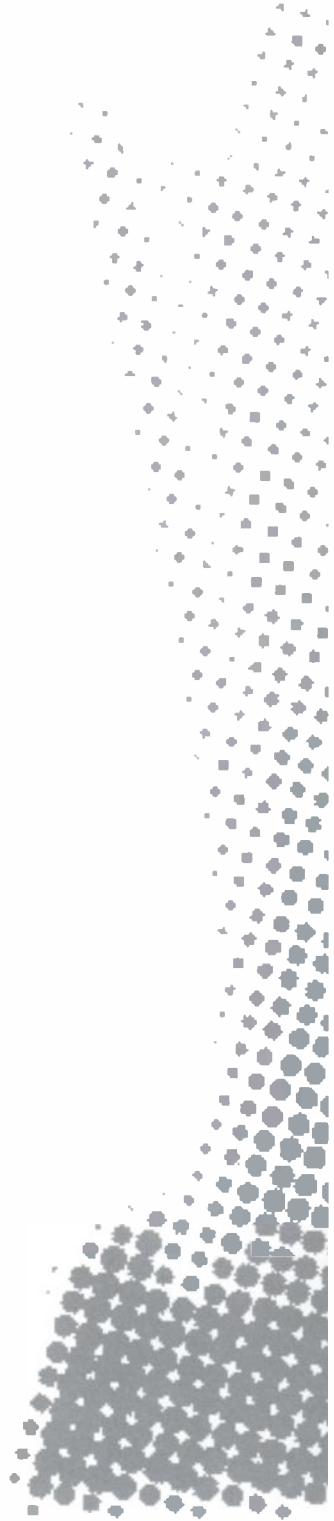


Nominated for:  
Top New Artist





Nominated for:  
Vocal Event of the Year



# Keith Urban



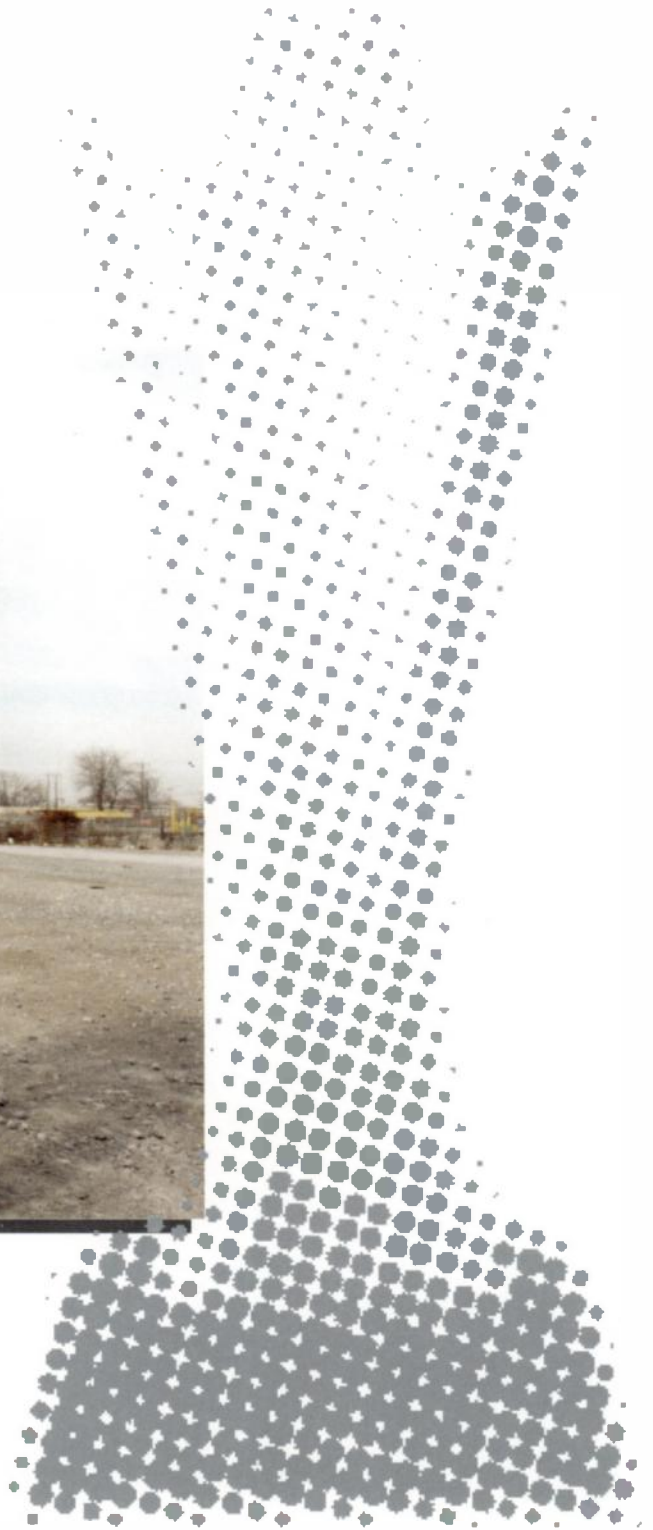
Nominated for:  
Entertainer of the Year, Top Male Vocalist,  
Single Record of the Year, Album of the Year



# The Warren Brothers



Nominated for:  
Top Vocal Duo



# Gretchen Wilson



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Top New Artist, Top Female Vocalist,  
Video of the Year, Single Record of the Year,  
Album of the Year



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# Lee Ann Womack



Nominated for:  
Top Female Vocalist, Song of the Year,  
Single Record of the Year





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# The Home Depot

The Home Depot Humanitarian Award was created to recognize an artist or group in the country music industry that is committed to serving others, has a generosity of spirit, and a dedication to helping build the dreams of those in need. The award is the first in Academy of Country Music history to be voted by fans. Nominations were sent in by artist representatives, and narrowed to three finalists, Diamond Rio, Neal McCoy and Brad Paisley, by a Blue Ribbon Committee. The finalists' names and humanitarian efforts were posted on The Home Depot web-site to be voted on by visitors to the site. The voting will continue through the first two hours of the live telecast, and will then be tabulated to determine the winner. The Home Depot Humanitarian Award winner is presented a beautiful crystal award designed by Tiffany & Co, and in addition is offered his/her choice of cities in which to build a playground sponsored by The Home Depot and KaBOOM! KaBOOM! and The Home Depot have teamed up to provide the supplies and manpower to build playgrounds in cities rich in children, but poor in safe play areas. The Academy of Country Music is grateful to The Home Depot and KaBOOM! for enabling country music to make an even greater impact in the lives of children.

We had a chance to sit down with this year's nominees for The Home Depot Humanitarian Award to discuss their respective philanthropies. The following is a transcript of that conversation.

## **Tell us about your philanthropy:**

**Diamond Rio:** Whether it is Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, The American Lung Association of Tennessee, The Tony Stewart Foundation, Project Restore - A Night for

Tsunami Relief, Crisis Center (the only free 24-hour crisis counseling resource in Middle Tennessee), Make-A-Wish Foundation, Children's Miracle Network, USO, Mid-Western Children's Home, Nashville's Room In The Inn shelter, Salvation Army

Disaster Relief Fund we have always tried our best to raise awareness, funds, compassion...whatever may be asked of us.

**Brad Paisley:** My charity work is just an extension of being a country music artist. That is the great thing about our format. There is no way to avoid being philanthropic when you are a Nashville artist. Record labels can present charity opportunities to us from day one, our fans are always letting

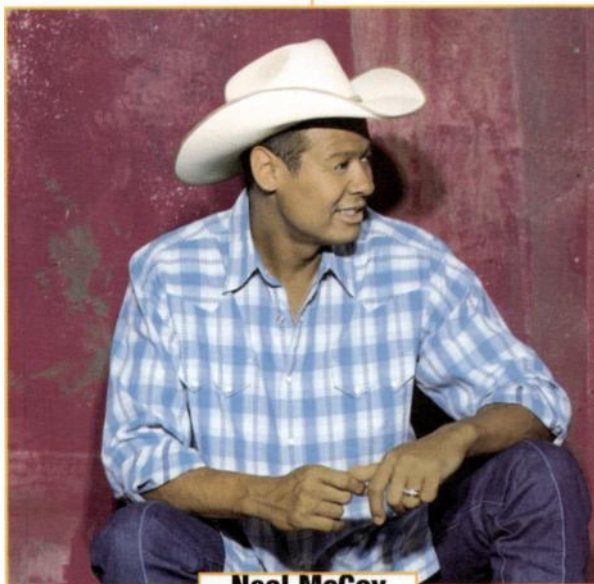
artists like myself know about people in need that we could help, and country radio is wonderful about organizations like St. Jude. You can't avoid it if you sing this type of music.

One of my main charity concerns has become my own home area. Even though it's a little place, being from there makes it dear to my heart. I started a foundation there after I did a benefit concert and raised a large sum of money. Instead of giving

the money away to a large organization, we created a board of directors that oversees how it is distributed. Then local organizations such as schools or churches or charities request things they need help with. A local church might need a piano, or there may be a family that gets hit hard with something and can request assistance, etc. This way, I feel like we are looking after the little people, the things that matter, but aren't really obvious.



**Diamond Rio**



**Neal McCoy**



# Humanitarian Award

**Neal McCoy:** Ten years ago, my wife Melinda and I founded the East Texas Angel Network (ETAN) which provides financial support for families of children living with terminal or life-threatening illnesses.

ETAN has raised over \$3 million dollars to date and helps families cover what we call their "secondary expenses" such as a mortgage or car payment, electric bills, or a parent's wages when they need time off to be with a child undergoing surgery.

Each year some of my celebrity friends participate in the annual ETAN fundraiser which includes a concert, golf tournament and meet and greet with the children. This past fall, retired Gen. Tommy Franks, TV's "Jungle" Jack Hanna, and basketball star Karl Malone were among those who participated. Rob Schneider, Bo Derek, Nolan Ryan, Martina McBride, Tracy Byrd, Bryan White, Joe Diffie, are among those who have participated in past benefits.

**What is your philanthropy's greatest need?:**

**Diamond Rio:** Effort. Nothing gets done by just wishing and hoping for change.

**Paisley:** This world we live in is very difficult and can be unfair for so many. And it's not getting better, that's for sure. I believe that if you are a blessed person, which I am beyond what I deserve, you should give back what you can. This principle is so simple, and so easy to understand, but it's overlooked I think. I'm guilty of that myself. Here I am up for an award for this sort of thing, and in my own mind I know there is so much more I could be doing. I find inspiration in the people around me in our industry who do this all the time. People like Vince Gill, who rarely ever turns down anything that has to do with helping out. Or Randy Owen, or Steve Wariner, the list

goes on and on. The best way to get more people involved is by example, I think. My dad is very philanthropic. So is my mom. I learned from them. I'm sure if I were raised by someone else, I would have a whole different set of values. I would just encourage everyone out there to look for the opportunities around them and seize them. Randy Owen told me once that charity work is the greatest thing we will leave behind as performers. Not albums or songs or shows, but the good we did. He certainly does live that advice, and we all could learn a lesson from that.

**McCoy:** Money to help support the ETAN families.

**What is it about these particular philanthropies that compels you to volunteer time and resources?:**

**Diamond Rio:** Staring real people with real problems in the face while having the ability to add support or

relief has a profound effect on getting your butt in the game to do something.

**McCoy:** The desire to give back and help those sometimes can't help themselves.

**Paisley:** Being from an area is reason enough to help it out when you have the means. But for me, it was even more. I can remember being a 12 or 13 year old and trying out my talents on the Ohio Valley with so many people being responsible for encouraging and helping me become who I am. It's a payback for me, I guess. I would not be here if they hadn't tolerated a 12-year-old kid singing off-key and made me feel like I was a lot better than I really was.



**Brad Paisley**



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# Song of the Year



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## **I MAY HATE MYSELF IN THE MORNING**

WRITER: ODIE BLACKMON  
CAL IV SONGS, ADMIN BY CAL IV  
ENTERTAINMENT, LLC (ASCAP)  
LEE ANN WOMACK



## **LIVE LIKE YOU WERE DYING**

WRITERS: CRAIG WISEMAN & TIM NICHOLS  
BIG LOUD SHIRT (ASCAP) ICG/WARNER (BMI)  
TIM MCGRAW

## **WHISKEY LULLABY**

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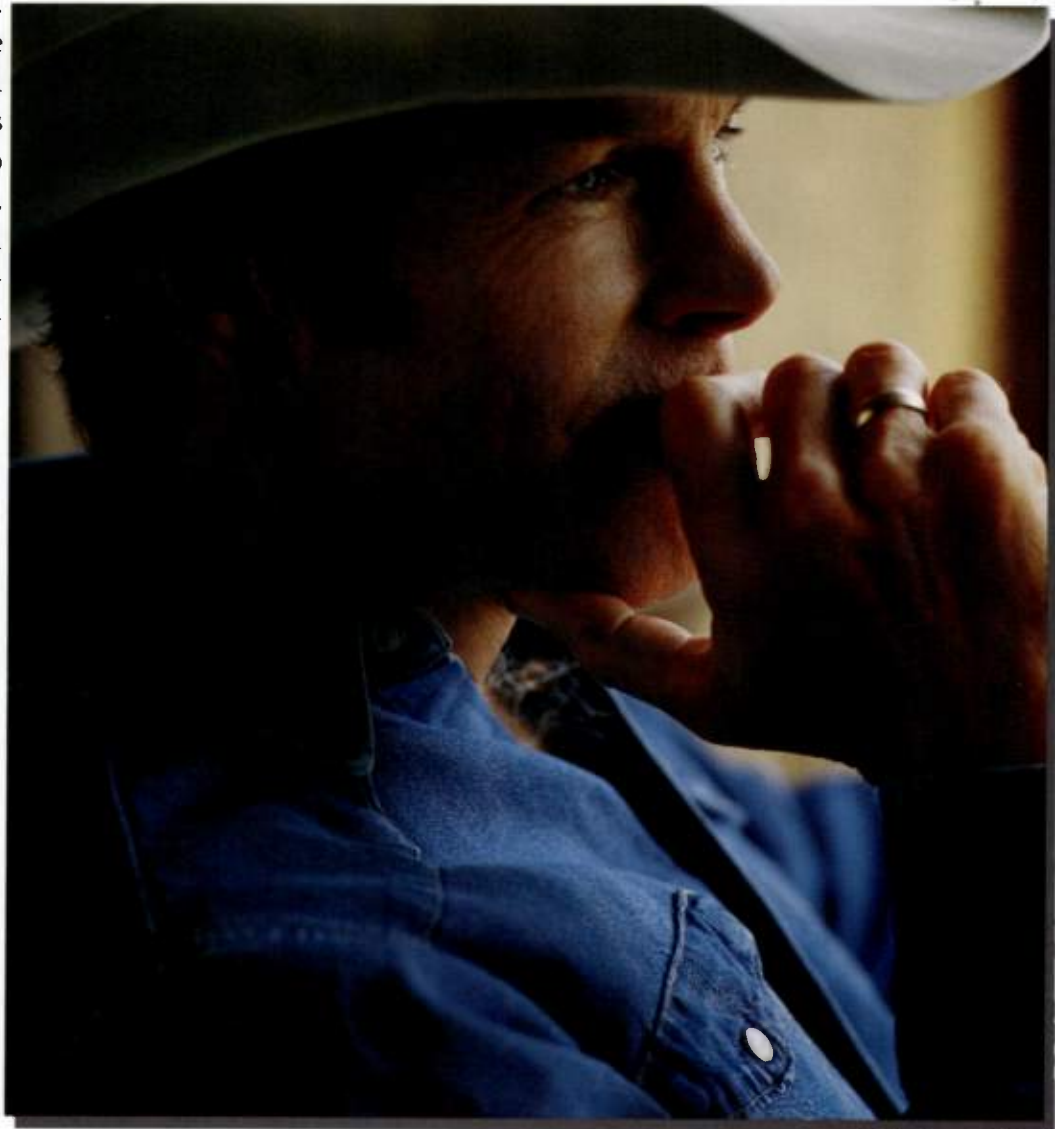
ALAN JACKSON



# Pioneer Award - Chris LeDoux

Chris LeDoux entered his first rodeo and got his first guitar at the tender age of fourteen. By now it's a well-known story that LeDoux combined his love of music with his love of riding. He wrote songs about the rodeo life he was leading as he traveled the circuit. While on the rodeo circuit and before he was signed to Capitol Records, LeDoux had recorded twenty-two independent albums.

Through his music and legendary rip-roaring live shows, LeDoux has given millions of fans a look into a true country pioneer's life. In all, LeDoux has recorded thirty-six albums and has sold nearly six million records. Chris once said, "If you love the music you won't be able to lay it down for long." For this, we are all blessed.



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## Charlie Nagatani

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In 1961, Nagatani returned to his hometown of Kumamoto to form his own band, “The Western Cannon Balls”. Charlie Nagatani and The Western Cannon Balls have performed for almost 50 years and over 60 musicians have changed in the configuration of the group. Charlie’s band has the longest history of any band in existence in Japan.

Not only has Nagatani been successful as an artist, he also successfully held the first country music festival in Japan in 1989 titled “Country Gold”. This

annual concert, held in the fall, has hosted over 75 of America’s top country music artists and draws 30,000 fans each year.

Nagatani made his fourteenth appearance on the Grand Ole Opry in June 2004, he has been honored by thirty-two states as an honorary citizen and also as a Kentucky Colonel, and tonight we honor him for his outstanding contributions to the acceptance of country music throughout the world.





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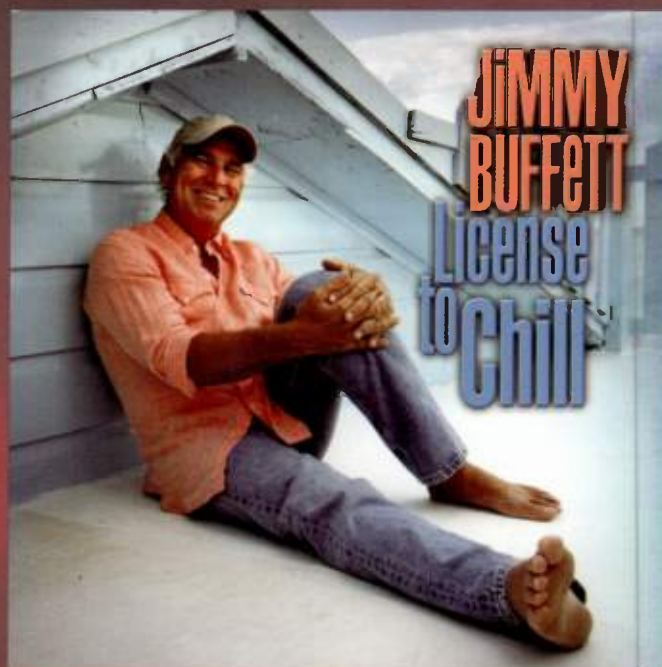


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NORAH JONES AND DOLLY PARTON  
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## **HEY GOOD LOOKIN'**

JIMMY BUFFETT WITH CLINT BLACK, KENNY CHESNEY,  
ALAN JACKSON, TOBY KEITH AND GEORGE STRAIT  
PRODUCED BY: MICHAEL UTLEY & MAC MCANALLY  
THE RCA RECORDS LABEL NASHVILLE

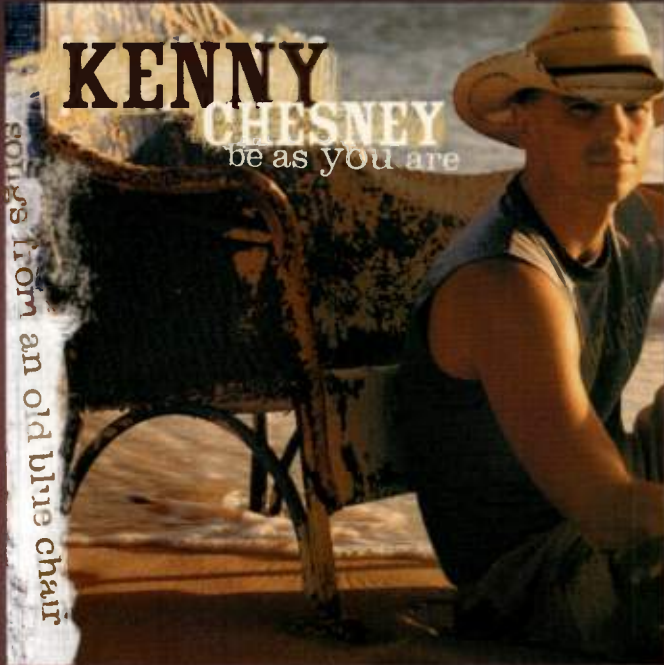


## **PARTY FOR TWO**

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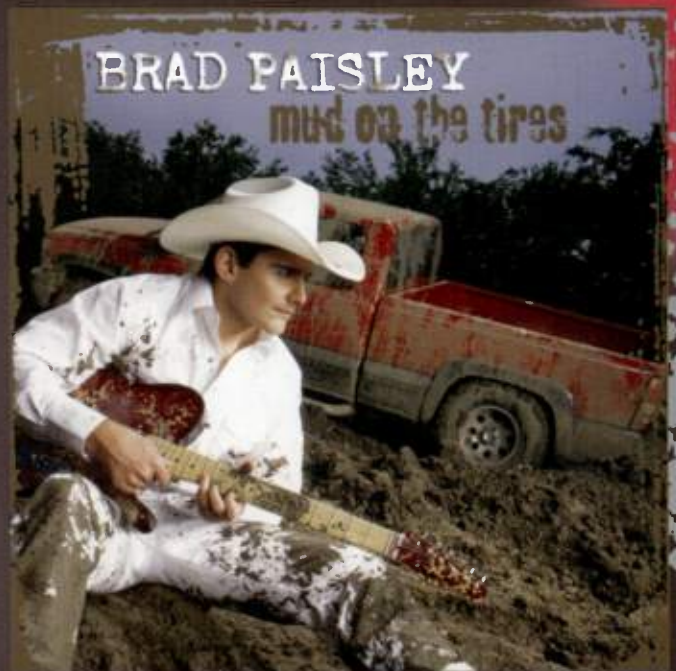


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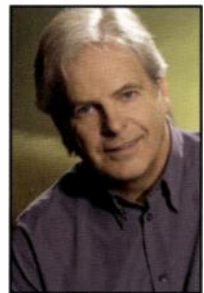


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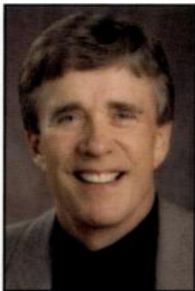


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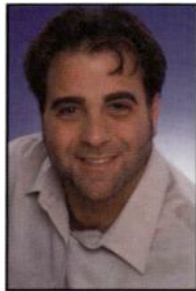


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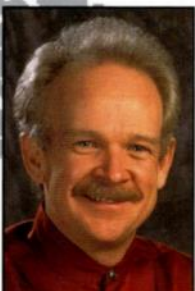


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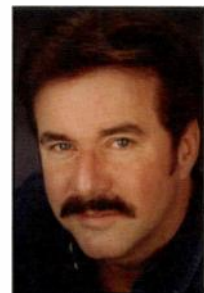


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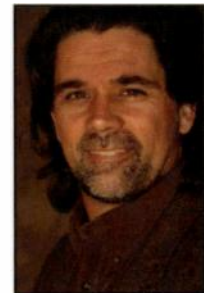


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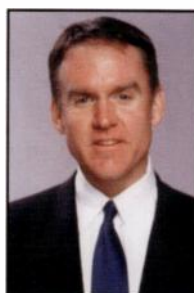
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## 40<sup>th</sup> ACADEMY of COUNTRY MUSIC® *awards*

# Press Conference



**Toby Keith greets the media.**

**T**he 40th Annual Academy of Country Music Award Nominees were announced on March 3, 2005 at the Renaissance Hotel located in Nashville, TN, by country super star Toby Keith, executive producer R.A. Clark, along with Bob Romeo, Executive Director for the Academy of Country Music.

It had been many years since the Academy announced its nominees in Nashville but with such a momentous occasion as our 40th anniversary....we could think of no better place to make the big announcement!



**David Corlew, Barry Adelman, Rac Clark, Toby Keith, Gayle Holcomb, Bob Romeo and Rod Essig**

One of the highlights of the day was when Toby Keith announced that he would be performing on this year's Awards *live* from Iraq. He also unveiled a white gold, diamond ring specially designed by Johnathon Arndt Gallery of Jewels, that was donated to the Academy's Charitable Foundation. This beautiful one-of-kind masterpiece will be auctioned off on eBay starting May 30, 2005.

It was also announced that Diamond Rio, Neal McCoy and Brad Paisley were nominated for the Academy of Country Music /The Home Depot Humanitarian Award. Known as the first "Fan-Voted" award in the Academy's history, this honor salutes an artist or group in the country music industry who is committed to serving others, has a generosity of spirit and a dedication to helping build the dreams of those in need.

For more information on how to bid on the ring and to pre-qualify for the auction, please visit [www.ebay.com/acmcountry](http://www.ebay.com/acmcountry).



**Toby Keith shows off the diamond ring specially designed by Johnathon Arndt**



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## The Academy of Country Music embraces country fans by welcoming them as Associate Members of the Academy...

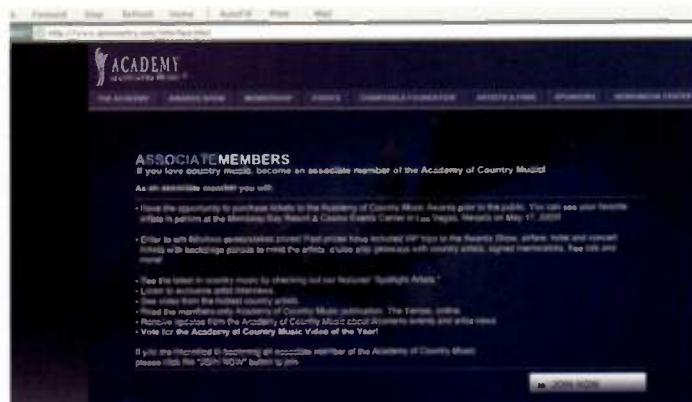
The Academy of Country Music is excited about embracing country music fans across the globe! For the second year, the Academy has offered country music fans the opportunity to become a member of the Academy. Associate members can join through our web-site,

[www.acmcountry.com](http://www.acmcountry.com), for no fee. The Academy feels strongly that fans are what make country music what it is, and without their support, the format would not grow.

Associate members have the opportunity to purchase tickets to the Academy of Country Music

Awards and other Academy events prior to the public sale. They also have the chance to be directly involved in the Awards Show by voting for the Video of the Year. Members will be able to enter sweepstakes throughout the year for various prizes. Past prizes have included; fly-away trips to the awards show and artist concerts across the country, cruise ship vacations with country music stars, signed memorabilia, CD sets and more! Members who visit the Academy website will

be introduced to the latest songs from the hottest acts in country music on our Spotlight Artist page. The Spotlight Artist page features music, videos and photos that every fan will want to see. The artists change frequently, so visit the site weekly so you don't miss anyone!



**Register today to be an associate member of the Academy of Country Music on the ACM website.**

Associate members are in-the-know because they are able to view the Academy's quarterly publication, *The Tempo*, to find out the latest going on behind-the-scenes in the industry. Members are always the first to know about what the Academy is doing through e-blasts, so they don't

miss an opportunity to be close to their favorite country stars!

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## Broadjam built the online voting system for the Academy of Country Music

"It's secure, simple, and our members love it."  
 – Bob Romeo, Executive Director, ACM



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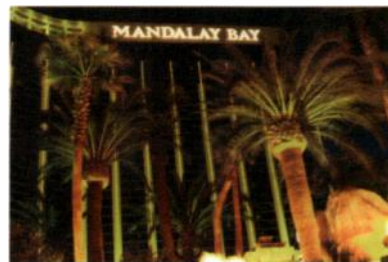
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On behalf of the Staff of the Academy of Country Music we would like to extend a special thanks to H.C. Rowe and Glenn Medas for everything they have done in helping us grow this into a multi-day event here in Las Vegas. In addition, we would like to express our thanks to all of the people who have worked on this project.

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On behalf of the Academy and the Country community, thank you. Without all of your help, the last three days would not have been possible.

Sincerely,

Robert Romeo

Executive Director

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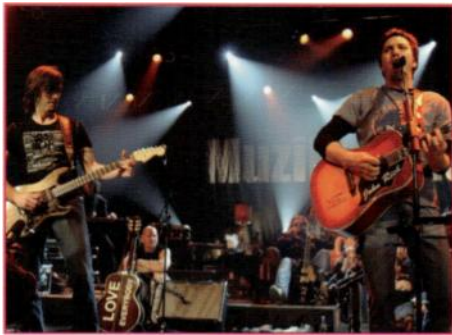
# Music City Jam



**Big & Rich and the Muzik Mafia perform.**



**Gretchen Wilson**



**The Warren Brothers**



**L to R: David Corlew, Rod Essig, The Muzik Mafia and Bob Romeo**



**Cowboy Troy**

For the 17<sup>th</sup> year, the Academy of Country Music co-sponsored the opening evening event for the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Country Radio Seminar held in Nashville, Tennessee at the Nashville Convention Center, on Wednesday March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

In place of the standard stage show, the Academy of Country Music and Country Radio Broadcasters changed the format and turned the show into one big party. The challenge then became what to re-name what was formerly called, the Super Faces Show. After much thought and discussion, the Music City Jam was born as an extension of the Academy's own All-Star Jam, which follows the annual awards show held in May. Re-vamping the show helped to set the mood for the Muzik Mafia to present their show in a unique way.

The Academy would like to extend a very special thank you to Gretchen Wilson, Big & Rich and the entire Muzik Mafia for their participation. Additionally, we would like to thank Marc Oswald, David Haskell, Sean Pennington and Corie Gearman for their dedication, support and patience pulling this show together.



**Bob Romeo & R.J. Curtis from KZLA**

# Golf Classic

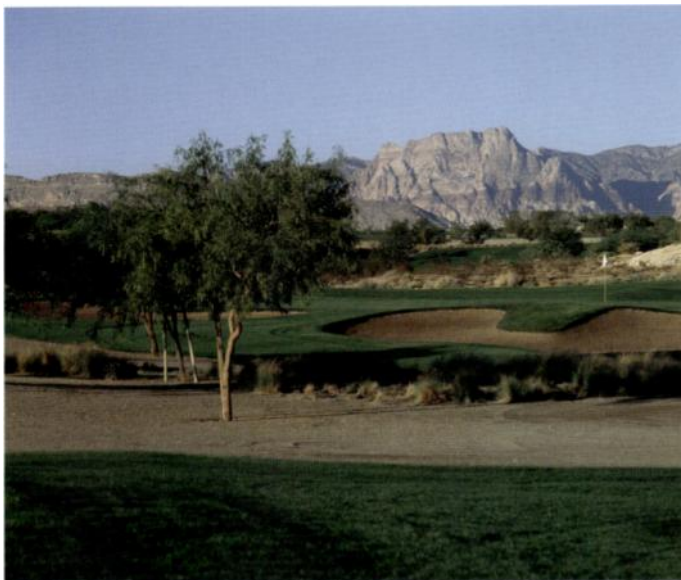


**M**ay 24, 2004 proved to be a beautiful day at Canyon Gate Country Club, Las Vegas, which was the location of our 1st Annual Celebrity Golf

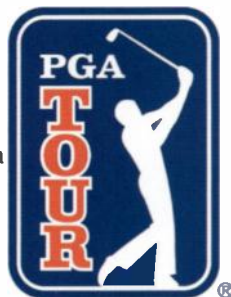
Classic. It was one of the inaugural events that benefited the Academy of Country Music Charitable Foundation, an in-house foundation that supports and embraces programs dedicated to the awareness, growth and education of music. With one year under our belt, David Young, David Corlew and Gayle Holcomb started working on our second Classic and vowed to make it bigger and better.

Through a relationship of Gayle Holcomb's, she was able to make introductions for the Academy with the PGA. This proved to be the beginning of a wonderful partnership. With help of the PGA, David Young and David Corlew were able to secure TPC at The Canyons, voted the Best Upscale Resort in Las Vegas in 2004 by Vegas Golfer and also a Four Star rating by Golf Digest Magazine. With the course secured, the golf committee set out to find the perfect host for the event. The committee agreed unanimously that there was only one true fit for this event.....

Vince Gill. An avid golfer himself and true humanitarian, the Academy felt honored that he would accept our invitation to host. Once the date was finalized, we had only one thing left to do, announce the 2nd Annual Academy of Country Music Celebrity Golf Classic presented by Chevrolet, taking place on May 15, 2005 at TPC at The Canyons. Along with a hole-in-one competition on the 16th Hole for a chance to win a Chevy vehicle, the Academy also announced that players had a once-in-a life-time opportunity to take part in a Pro Clinic hosted by one of PGA's best, Bob May.



TPC at The Canyons - Las Vegas, NV



On behalf of all of us at the Academy, we would like to thank our sponsors, committee members, and volunteers that helped make this year's Golf Classic our best!

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# 2004 Golf Classic Highlights



**L to R: Gayle Holcomb, Kevin Carter & David Corlew**



**Dr Pepper foursome**



**L to R: Jon Oleksyk, Teresa George & Rick Oleksyk**



**L to R: John Briggs, John Solheim,  
JoAnn Rossi & Mike Rossi**

# Celebrity Motorcycle Ride

Camaraderie, breathtaking scenery and motorcycles. Words that perfectly describe the 2004 Academy of Country Music Celebrity Motorcycle Ride. For the first time, country music stars, industry people and Academy members gathered for an exhilarating half-day ride through the Nevada desert. Hosted by Keith Urban and Montgomery Gentry, the ride benefited the Academy's Charitable Foundation.

With this year's hosts, Eddie Montgomery and Troy Gentry of Montgomery Gentry, along with Dierks Bentley, Shelly Fairchild, Keech Rainwater and Dean Sams of Lonestar, James Otto, Ray Scott, Ira Dean and Heidi Newfield of Trick Pony, The Warren Brothers, Mark Wills, and Chely Wright, the 2005 2nd Annual Motorcycle Ride proved to be a star-studded event much larger than the last.

This beautiful half-day excursion began at the world's largest Harley-Davidson dealership, Las Vegas Harley-Davidson. For the second year, Ricky Kelley of Harley-Davidson of Cool Springs, TN donated an autographed Harley-Davidson V-Rod for auction. All proceeds will benefit the Academy's Charitable Foundation.



Troy Gentry, Eddie Montgomery, Bob Romeo, Deana Carter & Keith Urban pose before the Ride.



Ricky Kelley, owner of Harley-Davidson of Cool Spring snaps a shot with his wife Vicki along for the ride.



Eddie Montgomery (left) and Troy Gentry (right) assuage the long arm of the law.



Deana Carter & Rod Essig



# Charitable Foundation

## Awareness, Community, Music

*With heartfelt commitment to the welfare of music and its community, the Academy of Country Music Charitable Foundation will endeavor to support and embrace programs dedicated to the awareness, growth and education of music.*

The Academy of Country Music was founded in 1964 with a mission to support, promote and enhance the advancement of the country music industry world-wide. Since its inception, the Academy has raised more than \$1.5 million for worthy charities and organizations around the world. The Academy of Country Music Charitable Foundation was established in 2004 as an in-house foundation that supports and embraces programs dedicated to the awareness, growth and education of music.

This year, to help benefit the Foundation, we have four items that you can bid on at eBay starting Monday, May 30th and ending Thursday, June 9th. The items include an autographed 2005 Harley-Davidson V-Rod, autographed Custom Olhausen Pro Player's Pool Table, autographed Yamaha Grizzly 4x4 ATV and a customized Diamond Ring designed by Johnathon Arndt Gallery of Jewels in Beverly Hills, CA which was worn by Toby Keith at this year's press conference. If you are interested in bidding on any of these items, please visit [www.ebay.com/acmcountry](http://www.ebay.com/acmcountry) to pre-qualify.



In addition to these wonderful auction items from Harley-Davidson of Cool Springs, Olhausen Billiards, Yamaha Motor Corporation and Johnathon Arndt, we would like to thank the following for their support of the Foundation:

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# Producers' Corner

**W**ell, it's hard to believe that we've reached the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Academy of Country Music Awards and there's no mid-life crisis in sight! In fact, tonight's show is one of the biggest and best ever, with wall to wall performances and Garth Brooks presenting a very special Pioneer Award in honor of the late Chris LeDoux.

We'll have a big 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary special on CBS later in the year... so we won't spend too long on nostalgia tonight, but we are grateful to all the stars and people behind the scenes who have made this show "Country's Party of the Year" for four decades. So what's in store for the ACM's in the future? That's anyone's guess... but since moving to Las Vegas, the show has definitely taken on a new stature and energy that guarantees we'll be celebrating future anniversaries for many, many years to come.

And now, as we've been saying for the last forty years, on with the show!



**Toby Keith and R.A. "Rac" Clark at the nomination press conference in Nashville, TN, March 2005**

R.A. Clark  
Executive Producer

Barry Adelman  
Producer



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# Rehearsals



**Clockwise from top left: Kenny Chesney; Reba McEntire; Toby Keith;  
George Strait; Vince Gill & Loretta Lynn; Terri Clark**







**Clockwise from above: Keith Urban & Tim McGraw; Charlie Daniels; Deana Carter, Bob Romeo & Gretchen Wilson; Ira Dean, Big Kenny, Keith Burns & John Rich; Kevin Carter, The Rock & Eddie George.**





# Performances



**Clockwise from top:**  
Reba McEntire greets  
the audience; Eddie  
Montgomery; Alan  
Jackson; Rascal  
Flatts.





# Performances



**Clockwise from top left: Toby Keith, Willie Nelson & Kenny Chesney; The Warren Brothers with Julie Roberts; Tim McGraw; Brooks & Dunn; Brad Paisley & Alison Krauss.**





# All-Star Jam



**Clockwise from top left: Tracy Lawrence & Mark Wills;  
Big & Rich with Gretchen Wilson;  
Michael Britt & Richie McDonald from Lonestar.**





# All-Star Jam



**Clockwise from top left: Shawn Parr from KZLA & Sara Evans;  
Joe Nichols & Dierks Bentley; Montgomery Gentry.**





# Orange Carpet



**Clockwise from top left: Ray Price signs autographs; LeAnn Rimes; Elizabeth and Randy Travis with Robin and Dr. Phil McGraw; A Kenny Chesney fan; Anastasia and Tony Brown.**





# Star Arrivals



**Clockwise from top: Big & Rich ride onto the carpet; Sara Evans; Tim McGraw; Keith Urban; The Rock and Martina McBride.**



# Academy Story

Anyone who currently makes a living, or in the past has made a living from country music is eligible to become a Professional member of the Academy of Country Music. In addition, country fans may become Associates members of the Academy. Anyone who joins its ranks joins an organization that is proud of its heritage and proud of its contributions to country music on an international basis.

Eddie Miller, Tommy Wiggins and Mickey and Chris Christensen are credited with having the vision to establish the Academy in 1964. In the beginning, the organization focused on the western 13 states, with support coming in from artists who were based in that geographic area. Buck Owens, Merle Haggard, Glen Campbell, Roger Miller, Tex Williams, Jimmy Wakely, Wynn Stewart and Johnny Bond were all active in the early years of what was then known as the Country and Western Academy.

In the early 1970s, the name was changed to the Academy of Country and Western Music. There was some confusion in whether or not the Academy was a music school. With a lack of western movies, western singers and western songs, the Academy changed its name once more to become, Academy of Country Music.

Although the first office of the Academy has been described as being "just a little bigger than a closet," folks who believed in the work of the organization dedicated themselves to introducing country music and its artists not only to new fans, but also to the business community. They held seminars and made presentations to demonstrate to business leaders how country could help sell their products and draw attention to their businesses.







Vocalist and Merle Haggard was the first New Male Vocalist. Bonnie Owens was Top Female Vocalist and Buck Owens was Top Male Vocalist. Entertainer of the Year was introduced in 1970, with Merle Haggard receiving the award that year.

ABC Television picked up the show in 1972 until 1979, when the Academy became associated with Dick Clark Productions, Inc. and moved to NBC Television. In 1998 it was moved to CBS where it remains today.



One of the interesting things about the Academy of Country Music Awards is that it continues to acknowledge its West Coast heritage by inviting some of Hollywood's well-known personalities to be on the show. It's not unusual to see one of country music's top entertainers presenting an award alongside one of Hollywood's top actors or actresses.

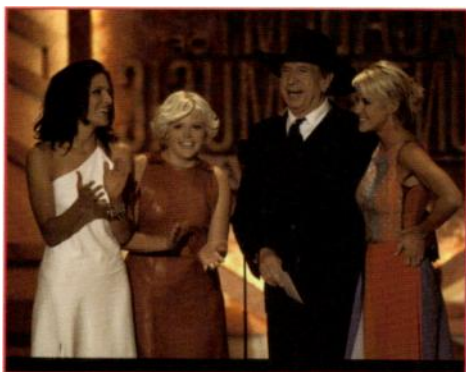


Over the years the Academy has sponsored country music shows, picnics, seminars and any other activity, which they thought, might help mix the communities of music and business. In 1983 the Academy started the Celebrity Golf Classic, which was changed to the Bill Boyd Celebrity Golf Classic after the passing of ACM Executive Director, Bill Boyd, in 1995. The purpose of the golf classic was to give back something to the community that had been so supportive of country music. The tournament has raised well over one million dollars to date for various charities.



In 1987 the Academy became involved in the Country Radio Seminar in Nashville, and the following year held its first Super Faces show featuring Hank William Jr. Involvement with CRS has continued through the Super Faces show, talent showcases, hospitality suites and other activities. Past performers of Super Faces are Alan Jackson, Brooks & Dunn, Alabama,

# Academy Story



The Judd's, George Strait, Garth Brooks, Reba McEntire, Bryan White, Patty Loveless, John Michael Montgomery, Tim McGraw, Travis Tritt, Toby Keith, Martina McBride, Rascal Flatts, Big & Rich and Gretchen Wilson.

Further solidifying its commitment to good works, the Academy of Country Music announced in April 2004, the creation of the Academy of Country Music Charitable Foundation, an in-house organization designed to raise support, and embrace programs dedicated to the awareness, growth, and education of music. The first fund-raising initiatives for the Foundation were the Celebrity Golf Classic and 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Celebrity Motorcycle Ride. Both of these events took place in Las Vegas, NV on May 24, 2004.

2004 also marked the first year the Academy presented the New Artists Show, which showcased the nominees in the Top New Artist category. The nominees that year were Dierks Bentley, Pat Green, Buddy Jewel, Josh Turner and Jimmy Wayne. With over 4,000 fans in attendance, the Top New Artists drew huge applause and showed everyone that they truly were the new artists on the rise.

With the success of last year's week of events, this year the Academy will not only bring back the New Artists Show, Celebrity Golf Classic and Celebrity Motorcycle Ride, it will also hold a silent auction to benefit the Academy of Country Music Charitable Foundation. There were over 50 pieces available to bid on along with four premiere packages that will be available on eBay starting May 30<sup>th</sup> and will run until June 9<sup>th</sup>. They include a 2005 Harley-Davidson V-Rod, a custom Olhausen Pro Player's Pool Table, a Yamaha Grizzly 660 4X4 ATV and a specially designed white gold and diamond masterpiece ring by Johnathon Arndt,



which was worn by Toby Keith at this year's press conference.

The Academy's staff and volunteers contribute time and effort to ensuring that the Academy's many activities run smoothly. The Academy salutes everyone who puts time and energy into this organization.

We urge those active in the country music community to become a member and get involved with its many programs and activities. The people who work to keep country music in the forefront are the people who will shape its future and keep the music alive for generations to come.



# Past Presidents



**Tex Williams**  
1966-1968



**Johnny Bond**  
1968-1970



**Bill Ward**  
1970-1971



**Bill Boyd**  
1971-1973, 1975-1977  
1979-1981



**Cliffie Stone**  
1973-1975, 1977-1978



**Ron Martin**  
1978-1979



**Johnny Mosby**  
1981-1983



**Charlie Cook**  
1983-1985



**Gene Weed**  
1985-1988



**Fred Reiser**  
1989-1993



**Ken Kragen**  
1994-1995



**Scott Siman**  
1996-1999



**Jack Lameier**  
2002-2003



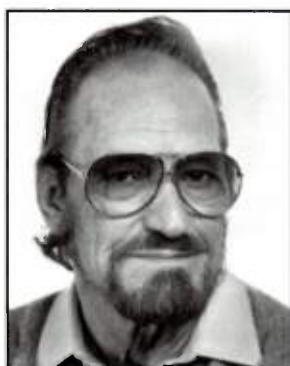
**David Corlew**  
2000-2001, 2004-Present



# Jim Reeves Recipients



**Joe Allison**  
1966-1968



**Bill Boyd**  
1970



**Roy Rogers**  
1971



**Thurston Moore**  
1972



**Sam Louvello**  
1973



**Merv Griffin**  
1974



**Dinah Shore**  
1975



**Roy Clark**  
1976



**Jim Halsey**  
1977



**Joe Cates**  
1978



**Bill Ward**  
1979



**Ken Kragen**  
1980



**Al Gallico**  
1981



**Jo Walker-Meador**  
1982



**Garth Brooks**  
1992



**Bob Saporiti**  
1996

# Pioneer Award Winners



**Art Satherly**  
1968



**Bob Willis**  
1969



**Patsy Montana**  
1970



**Tex Ritter**  
1970



**Tex Williams**  
1971



**Bob Nolan**  
1971



**Stuart Hamblen**  
1971



**Cliffie Stone**  
1972



**Gene Autry**  
1972



**Hank Williams, Sr.**  
1973



**Merle Travis**  
1974



**Tennessee Ernie Ford**  
1974



**Johnny Bond**  
1974



**Roy Rogers**  
1975



**Owen Bradley**  
1976



**Sons of the Pioneers**  
1977



**Eddie Dean**  
1978



**Patti Page**  
1979



**Ernest Tubb**  
1980



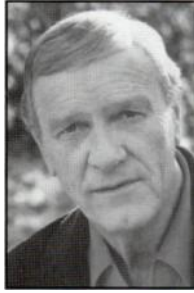
**Leo Fender**  
1981



# Pioneer Award Winners



**Chet Atkins**  
1982



**Eddy Arnold**  
1983



**Roy Acuff**  
1984



**Kitty Wells**  
1985



**Minnie Pearl**  
1986



**Roger Miller**  
1987



**Buck Owens**  
1988



**Johnny Cash**  
1990



**Willie Nelson**  
1991



**George Jones**  
1992



**Charley Pride**  
1993



**Loretta Lynn**  
1994



**Merle Haggard**  
1995



**Roy Clark**  
1996



**Charlie Daniels**  
1997



**Glen Campbell**  
1998



**Tammy Wynette**  
1999



**Barbara Mandrell**  
2000



**Ronnie Milsap**  
2001



**Alabama**  
2002



**Ray Price**  
2003

# Voting Procedure & Criteria

## AWARD SHOW VOTING PROCEDURE

(Revised by Board of Directors 10/13/2004: Effective for Show 2005)

The following are the official criteria and voting procedures used by the Academy of Country Music (ACM) to determine its annual award winners. The criteria and voting procedures are set forth by the Board of Directors of the ACM ("the Board") in accordance with the by-laws, and may be amended from time to time as the Board deems appropriate in the best interest of country music. Any disputes shall be resolved by the Chairman of the Board in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order.

### VOTING PROCEDURE

The voting procedure shall comply with all legal requirements and any requirements of any network airing the awards show. Disputes as to voting procedure shall be resolved by a majority of the Board. Ballots will be tabulated by an independent accounting firm. Effective for the 2005 show, ACM members will vote via the Internet for all award categories.

#### Nomination Round:

- The membership will submit one nomination in each of the following categories: Entertainer of the Year, Top Male Vocalist, Top Female Vocalist, Top New Male Vocalist, Top New Female Vocalist, Top New Duo or Vocal Group, Top Vocal Group, Top Vocal Duo, Single Record of the Year, Vocal Event of the Year, Album of the Year, Song of the Year and Video of the Year.

- Any entry receiving fifteen (15) or more nomination votes will go before a review committee to ensure they meet all eligibility criteria (see "criteria" below). The independent accounting firm has permission to provide the names of all nominees reaching fifteen (15) or more votes as they are returned to the review committee so they may begin to research information pertaining to the nominees. (i.e. composer, publisher, etc.) This will allow the second ballot to be released in a timelier manner.

#### Second Round:

- In the second round, five (5) votes must be cast in each category for the category to be counted. The five (5) nominees receiving the most votes in each category will be placed on the third ballot. In the case of a tie, the additional nominees will be included on the third ballot.

#### Final Round:

- In the final round, only one (1) vote will be cast in each category. The nominee receiving the most votes in each category will be deemed the winner. In the case of a tie, both winners will receive an award.

### ADDITIONAL CATEGORIES VOTED ON THE THIRD BALLOT

- A Blue Ribbon Committee will submit five (5) nominees to be approved by the Board for the third and final ballot in the following categories; Nightclub of the Year, Casino of the Year, Don Romeo Talent Buyer/Promoter of the Year, Radio Station of the Year and On-Air Personality of the Year based on the criteria for each category (see "criteria" below). The nominee receiving the most votes in each category will be deemed the winner. In the case of a tie, both winners will receive an award.

### MBI BALLOT (Musician/ Bandleader/ Instrumentalist)

The MBI ballot is voted on by only those members that are classified in either the Artist/Entertainer category or the Musician/Band Leader/Instrumentalist category.

A Blue Ribbon Committee will submit five (5) names to be approved by the Board for the MBI ballot in the following categories; Guitar, Keyboards, Bass, Drums, Steel Guitar, Fiddle, Specialty Instrument(s), Producer and Audio Engineer. The nominee receiving the most votes in each category will be deemed the winner. In the case of a tie, both winners will receive an award.

## ACADEMY OF COUNTRY MUSIC AWARDS CRITERIA

### ACM AWARDS CRITERIA

Revised by Board of Directors 10/13/2004  
Effective for Show 2005

#### ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR

This award is presented to the individual, duet or group who showed the most overall success in the country music industry during the preceding calendar year. The factors to be considered in arriving at this award include, but are not limited to, success at radio, sales of prerecorded music, success of music videos, live concert ticket sales, artistic merit, appearances on television, appearances in films, songwriting, writing and contributions to the country music industry. The nominees shall be determined by a nomination ballot(s) and are subject to the approval of the board. The winner shall be determined by a vote of the membership of the ACM.

#### TOP MALE VOCALIST

This award is presented to an outstanding individual male vocalist in the country music industry during the preceding calendar year. The factors to be considered in arriving at this award include, but are not limited to, success at radio, sales of prerecorded music, live concert ticket sales and vocal performances. The nominees shall be determined by a nomination ballot(s) and are subject to the approval of the board. The winner shall be determined by a vote of the membership of the ACM.

#### TOP FEMALE VOCALIST

This award is presented to an outstanding individual female vocalist in the country music industry during the preceding calendar year. The factors to be considered in arriving at this award include, but are not limited to, success at radio, sales of prerecorded music, live concert ticket sales and vocal performances. The nominees shall be determined by a nomination ballot(s) and are subject to the approval of the board. The winner shall be determined by a vote of the membership of the ACM.

#### TOP NEW MALE VOCALIST

This award is presented to an outstanding individual male vocalist in the country music industry who gains either initial fame or significantly greater recognition through his efforts during the preceding calendar year. The artist must have charted a single in the Top 30 on Billboard or Radio & Records Country Airplay charts; and/or sold 100,000 album units reflected in Sound Scan during the qualifying period. The nominees shall be determined by a nomination ballot(s) and are subject to the approval of the board. The winner shall be determined by a vote of the membership of the ACM.

An artist may be a nominee in this category for two consecutive years. If an artist is a winner in this category his first year on the ballot, he will not be eligible in this category for a second year.

#### TOP NEW FEMALE VOCALIST

This award is presented to an outstanding individual female vocalist in the country music industry who gains either initial fame or significantly greater recognition through her efforts during the preceding calendar year. The artist must have charted a single in the Top 30 on Billboard or Radio & Records Country Airplay charts; and/or sold 100,000 album units reflected in Sound Scan during the qualifying period. The nominees shall be determined by a nomination ballot(s) and are subject to the approval of the board. The winner shall be determined by a vote of the membership of the ACM.

An artist may be a nominee in this category for two consecutive years. If an artist is a winner in this category her first year on the ballot, she will not be eligible in this category for a second year.

#### TOP NEW DUO OR VOCAL GROUP

This award is presented to an outstanding duo featuring a vocalist or group featuring a vocalist (herein called "duo or group") in the country music industry who gains either initial fame or significantly greater recognition through their efforts during the preceding calendar year. The duo or



group must have charted a single in the Top 30 on Billboard or Radio & Records Country Airplay charts; and/or sold 100,000 album units reflected in Sound Scan during the qualifying period. The nominees shall be determined by a nomination ballot(s) and are subject to the approval of the board. The winner shall be determined by a vote of the membership of the ACM.

A duo or group may be a nominee in this category for two consecutive years. If they are a winner in this category their first year on the ballot, they will not be eligible in this category for a second year.

#### TOP NEW ARTIST

\*The Board of Directors may elect to give out this award from time to time in lieu of the Top New Male Artist, Top New Female Artist, and Top New Duo or Vocal Group by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

This award is presented to an outstanding individual male vocalist (herein called artist), female vocalist (herein called artist), duo or group featuring a vocalist (herein called "duo or group") in the country music industry who gains either initial fame or significantly greater recognition through their efforts during the preceding calendar year. The artist, duo or group must have charted a single in the top 30 on Billboard or Radio & Records Country Airplay charts; and/or sold 100,000 album units reflected in Sound Scan during the qualifying period. The nominees shall be determined by a nomination ballot(s) and are subject to the approval of the board. The winner shall be determined by a vote of the membership of the ACM. An artist, duo or group may be a nominee in this category their first year on the ballot, they will not be eligible in this category for a second year.

#### TOP VOCAL GROUP

This award is presented to an outstanding group featuring at least one vocalist in the country music industry during the preceding calendar year. The factors to be considered in arriving at this award include, but are not limited to, success at radio, sales of prerecorded music, live concert ticket sales and vocal performances. The nominees shall be determined by a nomination ballot(s) and are subject to the approval of the board. The winner shall be determined by a vote of the membership of the ACM.

#### TOP VOCAL DUO

This award is presented to an outstanding duo featuring at least one vocalist in the country music industry during the preceding calendar year. The factors to be considered in arriving at this award include, but are not limited to, success at radio, sales of records, live concert ticket sales and vocal performances. The nominees shall be determined by a nomination ballot(s) and are subject to the approval of the board. The winner shall be determined by a vote of the membership of the ACM.

In the event that the Board of Directors determines that there are not enough nominees in this category in any particular year, this category may be merged with the Top Vocal Group by the Board, and shall be called the Top Vocal Group or Duo.

#### SINGLE RECORD OF THE YEAR

This award is presented to the artist, producer and record company of an outstanding country music single record during the preceding calendar year. The factors to be considered include, but are not limited to, success at radio, sales of prerecorded music embodying the single, and the impact of the single on consumers and the country music industry. The nominees shall be determined by a nomination ballot(s) and are subject to the approval of the board. The winner shall be determined by a vote of the membership of the ACM.

Any single commercially released prior to the preceding calendar year, but achieving its highest charted position in any accepted country music industry publication chart during the preceding calendar year, is eligible unless it has appeared on a final ACM ballot in this category.

#### SONG OF THE YEAR

This award is presented to the songwriter(s), publisher(s) and artist(s) performing an outstanding country music song of the preceding calendar year. The factors to be considered include, but are not limited to, the suc-

cess of the song at radio, sales of prerecorded music embodying the song and the impact of the song on consumers and the country music industry. The nominees shall be determined by a nomination ballot(s) and are subject to the approval of the board. The winner shall be determined by a vote of the membership of the ACM.

Any song contained on an album commercially released prior to the preceding calendar year, but achieving its highest charted position in any accepted country music industry publication chart during the preceding calendar year, is eligible unless it has appeared on a final ACM ballot in this category.

#### ALBUM OF THE YEAR

This award is presented to the artist(s), producer(s) and record company of an outstanding country music album during the preceding calendar year. The Album must have attained minimum sales of 300,000 units and/or maintained an average of 20,000 unit sales per week since release as reflected by Sound Scan during the qualification period. The nominees shall be determined by a nomination ballot(s) and are subject to the approval of the board. The winner shall be determined by a vote of the membership of the ACM.

Any album commercially released prior to the preceding calendar year, but achieving its highest charted position in any accepted country music industry publication chart and greatest commercial success during the calendar year, is eligible unless it has appeared on a previously published ACM ballot in this category.

Any album, which contains more than three (3) previously released selections including, but not limited to, "best of" or "greatest hits" albums are not eligible.

#### VOCAL EVENT OF THE YEAR

This award is presented to the artist(s), producer(s) and record company of an outstanding country music event single record during the preceding calendar year. The factors to be considered include, but are not limited to, success at radio, sales of prerecorded music embodying the single and artistic merit of the single. The nominees shall be determined by a nomination ballot(s) and are subject to the approval of the board. The winner shall be determined by a vote of the membership of the ACM.

Any single commercially and/or promotionally released prior to the preceding calendar year, but achieving its highest charted position in any accepted country music industry publication chart during the preceding calendar year, is eligible unless it has appeared on a final ACM ballot in this category.

To be eligible, the single must be collaboration between two or more artists who do not normally perform together and are credited on the track listing.

#### VIDEO OF THE YEAR

This award is presented to the producer, director and artist performing an outstanding country music video during the preceding calendar year. Emphasis shall be placed on creativity, production, visual appeal and impact on consumers and the country music industry. Other factors to be considered include, but are not limited to, success of any single record for which the video was made at radio, sales of prerecorded music embodying the single record for which the video was made and success on any accepted video chart in the country music industry (sales or performances). The nominees shall be determined by a nomination ballot(s) and are subject to the approval of the board. The winner shall be determined by a combined vote of the professional and associate membership of the ACM.

Any country music video released prior to the preceding calendar year, but which achieves its highest charted position in any accepted country music industry publication chart during the preceding calendar year, is eligible unless it has appeared on a previously published ACM ballot in this category.

# Awards Criteria (continued)

## SPECIAL AWARDS - CRITERIA

### ON-AIR PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR

This award is presented to an outstanding country music "on-air" radio personality of the year, selected by a panel of Blue Ribbon Judges in a one-ballot concept. A demonstration of the Disc Jockey/personality's "on-air" presentation of a maximum length of ten (10) minutes must be uploaded to the ACM voting site along with a description of the radio station's best attributes including market share/ratings information for the calendar year of the award, community involvement, public service, charitable contributions, etc. All entries become the property of the ACM. A panel of Blue Ribbon Judges, approved by the Board of Directors, shall give consideration to ratings, public service, community involvement, entertainment and professionalism of the demo tape in determining the top (5) five nominees for the ballot. The winner from the previous year is ineligible to win the award for the current calendar year. The winner will be notified two weeks in advance of the Academy of Country Music Awards show so they may make arrangements to be in attendance for the presentation of the award.

### RADIO STATION OF THE YEAR

This award is presented to an outstanding radio station in a one-ballot concept. The radio station will upload a (15) fifteen-minute (maximum length) composite demonstration of the station's on-air presentation to the ACM voting site along with description of the radio station's best attributes including market share/ratings information for the calendar year of the award, community involvement, public service, charitable contributions, etc. All entries become the property of the ACM. A panel of Blue Ribbon Judges, approved by the Board of Directors, shall give consideration to ratings, public service, community involvement, entertainment and professionalism of the demo tape in determining the top (5) five nominees for the ballot. The winner from the previous year is ineligible to win the award for the current calendar year. The winner will be notified two weeks in advance of the Academy of Country Music Awards show so they may make arrangements to be in attendance for the presentation of the award.

### NIGHTCLUB OF THE YEAR

This award is presented to an outstanding country music nightclub of the year, selected by a panel of Blue Ribbon Judges. The panel will submit five (5) nominees, which will be placed on the ballot once approved by the Board. The nightclub must have bought or promoted at least twenty (20) country concerts/dates during the calendar year of the award, be in good standing with all agents and help promote country ticket sales. The winner from the previous year is ineligible to win the award for the current calendar year. The winner will be notified two weeks in advance of the Academy of Country Music Awards show so they may make arrangements to be in attendance for the presentation of the award.

### CASINO OF THE YEAR

This award is presented to an outstanding casino of the year, selected by a panel of Blue Ribbon Judges. The panel will submit five (5) nominees, which will be placed on the ballot once approved by the Board. The casino must have bought or promoted at least twenty (20) country concerts/dates during the calendar year of the award, be in good standing with all agents and help promote country ticket sales. The winner from the previous year is ineligible to win the award for the current calendar year. The winner will be notified two weeks in advance of the Academy of Country Music Awards show so they may make arrangements to be in attendance for the presentation of the award.

### DON ROMEO TALENT BUYER/PROMOTER OF THE YEAR

This award is presented to an outstanding talent buyer/promoter of the year, selected by a panel of Blue Ribbon Judges. The panel will submit five (5) nominees, which will be placed on the ballot once approved by the Board. The buyer/promoter must have bought or promoted at least twenty (20) country concerts/dates during the calendar year of the award, be in good standing with all agents and help promote country ticket sales.

The winner from the previous year is ineligible to win the award for the current calendar year. The winner will be notified two weeks in advance of the Academy of Country Music Awards show so they may make arrangements to be in attendance for the presentation of the award.

**MBI Ballot** – Voted by only those members in the Artist/Entertainer or Musician/Band Leader/Instrumentalist categories.

### Top Guitarist

This award is presented to an outstanding session guitar player for the preceding calendar year. The factors to be considered include, but are not limited to, success at radio (i.e. player's performance is embodied on a single which achieves "Top 20" or better as set forth in the relevant Billboard or R&R charts) and/or sales of pre-recorded music embodying the performance of player (i.e. "Top 20" or better as set forth in the Billboard "Top Country Albums" chart). Any single or album embodying the player's performance, and commercially released prior to the preceding calendar year, but achieving its highest charted position in any accepted country music industry publication or chart during the preceding calendar year is eligible unless it has appeared on a previously published ACM ballot in this category. Five (5) nominees shall be selected by the Selections Committee via the MBI as set forth herein and shall be subject to the approval of the ACM Board. Any individual that won this category for the previous year is not eligible to be nominated for the subsequent year only - no consecutive winners. The winner shall be determined by a vote of the Artist/Entertainer and Musician/Band Leader/Instrumentalist membership of the ACM.

### Top Piano/Keyboards Player

This award is presented to an outstanding session piano/keyboard player for the preceding calendar year. The factors to be considered include, but are not limited to, success at radio (i.e. player's performance is embodied on a single which achieves "Top 20" or better as set forth in the relevant Billboard or R&R charts) and/or sales of pre-recorded music embodying the performance of player (i.e. "Top 20" or better as set forth in the Billboard "Top Country Albums" chart). Any single or album embodying the player's performance, and commercially released prior to the preceding calendar year, but achieving its highest charted position in any accepted country music industry publication or chart during the preceding calendar year is eligible unless it has appeared on a previously published ACM ballot in this category. Five (5) nominees shall be selected by the Selections Committee via the MBI as set forth herein and shall be subject to the approval of the ACM Board. Any individual that won this category for the previous year is not eligible to be nominated for the subsequent year only - no consecutive winners. The winner shall be determined by a vote of the Artist/Entertainer and Musician/Band Leader/Instrumentalist membership of the ACM.

### Top Bass Player

This award is presented to an outstanding session bass player for the preceding calendar year. The factors to be considered include, but are not limited to, success at radio (i.e. player's performance is embodied on a single which achieves "Top 20" or better as set forth in the relevant Billboard or R&R charts) and/or sales of pre-recorded music embodying the performance of player (i.e. "Top 20" or better as set forth in the Billboard "Top Country Albums" chart). Any single or album embodying the player's performance, and commercially released prior to the preceding calendar year, but achieving its highest charted position in any accepted country music industry publication or chart during the preceding calendar year is eligible unless it has appeared on a previously published ACM ballot in this category. Five (5) nominees shall be selected by the Selections Committee via the MBI as set forth herein and shall be subject to the approval of the ACM Board. Any individual that won this category for the previous year is not eligible to be nominated for the subsequent year only - no consecutive winners. The winner shall be determined by a vote of the Artist/Entertainer and Musician/Band Leader/Instrumentalist membership of the ACM.

### Top Percussionist/Drums

This award is presented to an outstanding session drummer for the preceding calendar year. The factors to be considered include, but are not



limited to, success at radio (i.e. player's performance is embodied on a single which achieves "Top 20" or better as set forth in the relevant Billboard or R&R charts) and/or sales of pre-recorded music embodying the performance of player (i.e. "Top 20" or better as set forth in the Billboard "Top Country Albums" chart). Any single or album embodying the player's performance, and commercially released prior to the preceding calendar year, but achieving its highest charted position in any accepted country music industry publication or chart during the preceding calendar year is eligible unless it has appeared on a previously published ACM ballot in this category. Five (5) nominees shall be selected by the Selections Committee via the MBI as set forth herein and shall be subject to the approval of the ACM Board. Any individual that won this category for the previous year is not eligible to be nominated for the subsequent year only - no consecutive winners. The winner shall be determined by a vote of the Artist/Entertainer and Musician/Band Leader/Instrumentalist membership of the ACM.

#### Top Steel Guitar Player

This award is presented to an outstanding session steel player for the preceding calendar year. The factors to be considered include, but are not limited to, success at radio (i.e. player's performance is embodied on a single which achieves "Top 20" or better as set forth in the relevant Billboard or R&R charts) and/or sales of pre-recorded music embodying the performance of player (i.e. "Top 20" or better as set forth in the Billboard "Top Country Albums" chart). Any single or album embodying the player's performance, and commercially released prior to the preceding calendar year, but achieving its highest charted position in any accepted country music industry publication or chart during the preceding calendar year is eligible unless it has appeared on a previously published ACM ballot in this category. Five (5) nominees shall be selected by the Selections Committee via the MBI as set forth herein and shall be subject to the approval of the ACM Board. Any individual that won this category for the previous year is not eligible to be nominated for the subsequent year only - no consecutive winners. The winner shall be determined by a vote of the Artist/Entertainer and Musician/Band Leader/Instrumentalist membership of the ACM.

#### Top Fiddle Player

This award is presented to an outstanding session fiddle player for the preceding calendar year. The factors to be considered include, but are not limited to, success at radio (i.e. player's performance is embodied on a single which achieves "Top 20" or better as set forth in the relevant Billboard or R&R charts) and/or sales of pre-recorded music embodying the performance of player (i.e. "Top 20" or better as set forth in the Billboard "Top Country Albums" chart). Any single or album embodying the player's performance, and commercially released prior to the preceding calendar year, but achieving its highest charted position in any accepted country music industry publication or chart during the preceding calendar year is eligible unless it has appeared on a previously published ACM ballot in this category. Five (5) nominees shall be selected by the Selections Committee via the MBI as set forth herein and shall be subject to the approval of the ACM Board. Any individual that won this category for the previous year is not eligible to be nominated for the subsequent year only - no consecutive winners. The winner shall be determined by a vote of the Artist/Entertainer and Musician/Band Leader/Instrumentalist membership of the ACM.

#### Top Specialty Instrument(s) Player

This award is presented to an outstanding session specialty instrument(s) player for the preceding calendar year. The factors to be considered include, but are not limited to, success at radio (i.e. player's performance is embodied on a single which achieves "Top 20" or better as set forth in the relevant Billboard or R&R charts) and/or sales of pre-recorded music embodying the performance of player (i.e. "Top 20" or better as set forth in the Billboard "Top Country Albums" chart). Any single or album embodying the player's performance, and commercially released prior to the preceding calendar year, but achieving its highest charted position in any accepted country music industry publication or chart during the preceding calendar year is eligible unless it has appeared on a previously published ACM ballot in this category. Five (5) nominees shall be selected by the Selections Committee via the MBI as set forth herein and shall be subject to the approval of the ACM Board. Any individual that won this

category for the previous year is not eligible to be nominated for the subsequent year only - no consecutive winners. The winner shall be determined by a vote of the Artist/Entertainer and Musician/Band Leader/Instrumentalist membership of the ACM.

#### Audio Engineer of the Year

This award is presented to an outstanding audio engineer for the preceding calendar year. The factors to be considered include, but are not limited to, success at radio (i.e. engineered a single which achieves "Top 20" or better as set forth in the relevant Billboard or R&R charts) and/or sales of pre-recorded music (i.e. "Top 20" or better as set forth in the Billboard "Top Country Albums" chart). Any single or album crediting "engineer" for engineering same and commercially released prior to the preceding calendar year but achieving its highest charted position in any accepted country music industry publication or chart during the preceding calendar year is eligible unless it has appeared on a previously published ACM ballot in this category. Five (5) nominees shall be selected by the Selections Committee via the MBI as set forth herein and shall be subject to the approval of the ACM Board. Any individual that won this category for the previous year is not eligible to be nominated for the subsequent year only - no consecutive winners. The winner shall be determined by a vote of the Artist/Entertainer and Musician/Band Leader/Instrumentalist membership of the ACM.

#### Producer of the Year

This award is presented to an outstanding producer for the preceding calendar year. The factors to be considered include, but are not limited to, success at radio (i.e. produced a single which achieves "Top 20" or better as set forth in the relevant Billboard or R&R charts) and/or sales of pre-recorded music embodying the performance of player (i.e. "Top 20" or better as set forth in the Billboard "Top Country Albums" chart). Any single or album which credits "producer" for producing same and commercially released prior to the preceding calendar year but achieving its highest charted position in any accepted country music industry publication or chart during the preceding calendar year is eligible unless it has appeared on a previously published ACM ballot in this category. Five (5) nominees shall be selected by the Selections Committee via the MBI as set forth herein and shall be subject to the approval of the ACM Board. Any individual that won this category for the previous year is not eligible to be nominated for the subsequent year only - no consecutive winners. The winner shall be determined by a vote of the Artist/Entertainer and Musician/Band Leader/Instrumentalist membership of the ACM.

# Previous Winners

## Entertainer

2003 Toby Keith  
2002 Toby Keith  
2001 Brooks & Dunn  
2000 Dixie Chicks  
1999 Shania Twain  
1998 Garth Brooks  
1997 Garth Brooks  
1996 Brooks & Dunn  
1995 Brooks & Dunn  
1994 Reba McEntire  
1993 Garth Brooks  
1992 Garth Brooks  
1991 Garth Brooks  
1990 Garth Brooks  
1989 George Strait  
1988 Highway 101  
1987 Hank Williams Jr.  
1986 Hank Williams Jr.  
1985 Alabama  
1984 Alabama  
1983 Alabama  
1982 Alabama  
1981 Alabama  
1980 Barbara Mandrell  
1979 Willie Nelson  
1978 Kenny Rogers  
1977 Dolly Parton  
1976 Mickey Gilley  
1975 Loretta Lynn  
1974 Mac Davis  
1973 Roy Clark  
1972 Roy Clark  
1971 Freddie Hart  
1970 Merle Haggard

## Album

(Awarded to Artist/Record Label/Producers)

2003 Toby Keith  
Shock 'N' Y' All  
Dream Works  
Records  
Toby Keith/  
James Stroud  
2002 Alan Jackson  
Drive  
Arista Nashville  
Keith Stegall  
2001 O Brother,  
Where Art Thou?  
Soundtrack  
Mercury  
2000 Toby Keith  
How Do You Like  
Me Now?  
Dream Works  
Records  
Toby Keith/  
James Stroud  
1999 Dixie Chicks  
Fly  
Monument  
Records  
Blake Chancey/  
Paul Worley  
1998 Dixie Chicks  
Wide Open Spaces

Monument  
Records  
Blake Chancey/  
Paul Worley  
1997 George Strait  
Carrying Your Love  
With Me  
MCA Nashville  
George Strait/  
Tony Brown  
1996 George Strait  
Blue Clear Sky  
MCA Nashville  
George Strait/  
Tony Brown  
1995 Shania Twain  
The Woman In Me  
Mercury  
Robert John "Mutt"  
Lange  
1994 Tim McGraw  
Not A Moment Too  
Soon  
Curb  
James Stroud/Byron  
Gallimore  
1993 Alan Jackson  
A Lot About Livin'  
(And a Little 'Bout  
Love)  
Arista Nashville  
Keith Stegall  
1992 Brooks & Dunn  
Brand New Man  
Arista  
Don Cook/Scott  
Hendricks  
1991 Alan Jackson  
Don't Rock The  
Jukebox  
Arista Nashville  
Keith Stegall/Scott  
Hendricks  
1990 Garth Brooks  
No Fences  
Capitol  
Garth Brooks/Allen  
Reynolds  
1989 Clint Black  
Killin' Time  
RCA  
James Stroud/Mark  
Wright  
1988 K.T. Oslin  
This Woman  
RCA  
Mark Wright  
1987 Dolly Parton/  
Emmylou Harris/  
Linda Ronstadt  
Trio  
Warner Bros.  
George Massenburg  
1986 Randy Travis  
Storms of Life  
Warner Bros.  
Kyle Lehning

1985 George Strait  
Does Ft. Worth Ever  
Cross Your Mind  
MCA  
Jimmy Bowen/  
George Strait  
1984 Alabama  
Roll On  
RCA  
Harold Shedd/  
Alabama  
1983 Alabama  
The Closer You Get  
RCA  
Harold Shedd/  
Alabama  
1982 Willie Nelson  
Always On My Mind  
Columbia  
Chips Moman  
1981 Alabama  
Feels So Right  
RCA  
Harold Shedd/  
Alabama/Larry  
McBride  
1980 Urban Cowboy  
Soundtrack  
Asylum  
Various Producers  
1979 Larry Gatlin & The  
Gatlin Brothers  
Straight Ahead  
Columbia  
Larry, Steve, and  
Rudy Gatlin  
1978 Oak Ridge Boys  
Y'all Come Back  
Saloon  
MCA  
Ron Chancey  
1977 Kenny Rodgers  
Kenny Rodgers  
United Artists  
Larry Butler  
1976 Mickey Gilley  
Gilley's Smoking  
Playboy  
Eddie Kilroy  
1975 Loretta Lynn/  
Conway Twitty  
Feelings  
MCA  
Owen Bradley  
1974 John Denver  
Back Home Again  
RCA  
Milton Akun  
1973 Charlie Rich  
Behind Closed Doors  
Epic  
Billy Sherrill  
1972 Donna Fargo  
Happiest Girl  
Dot  
Stan Silver

1971 Freddie Hart  
Easy Lovin'  
Capitol  
George Richey  
1970 Ray Price  
For The Good Times  
Columbia  
Ken Nelson  
1969 Merle Haggard  
Okie from Muskogee  
Capitol  
Ken Nelson/Fuzzy  
Owen  
1968 Glen Campbell/  
Bobbie Gentry  
Glen Campbell &  
Bobby Gentry  
Capitol  
Kelly Gordon/Al  
Delory  
1967 Glen Campbell  
Gentle on My Mind  
Capitol  
Al Delory

## Song

(Awarded to Composers/Artists/Publishers)

2003 "Three Wooden Crosses"  
Songwriters: Doug Johnson/  
Kim Williams  
Artist: Randy Travis  
Publishers: Kim Williams  
Music (ASCAP)  
Mike Curb Music (BMI)  
Sony/ATV Tunes (ASCAP)  
Sweet Radical Music (BMI)  
2002 "I'm Movin' On"  
Songwriters: Phillip White/  
D. Vincent Williams  
Artist: Rascal Flatts  
Publishers: Murrah Music  
Corp. BMI/Las Vegas/  
Songs of Megalex/WB Music  
Corp. ASCAP2001  
2001 "Where Were You (When  
the World Stopped Turning)"  
Songwriter: Alan Jackson  
Artist: Alan Jackson  
Publishers: EMI April/Tri-  
angles (ASCAP)  
2000 "I Hope You Dance"  
Songwriters: Mark D.  
Sanders/Tia Sillers  
Artist: Lee Ann Womack  
with Sons of The Desert  
Publishers: MCA Music  
Publishing, A division of  
Universal Studios/Soda  
Creek Songs (ASCAP/

Choice is Tragic/  
Ensign Music Corp. (BMI)  
1999 "Amazed"  
Songwriters: Marv Green/  
Aimee Mayo  
Artist: Lonestar  
Publishers: Chris Lindsey/  
Warner-Tamerlane  
Publishing Corp./  
Golden Wheat Music/  
Careers-BMG Music  
Publishing Inc./  
Silverkiss Music/  
Songs of Nashville  
DreamWorks (BMI)  
1998 "Holes In The Floor Of  
Heaven"  
Songwriters: Steve  
Warner/  
Billy Kirsch  
Artist: Steve Warner  
Publishers: Hamstein  
Cumberland/KidJulie  
(BMI)/ Steve Warner  
Music  
1997 "It's Your Love"  
Songwriter: Stephony  
Smith  
Artist: Tim McGraw &  
Faith Hill  
Publishers: EMI  
Blackwood Music Inc.  
(BMI)/Singles Only Music  
1996 "Blue"  
Songwriter: Bill Mack  
Artist: LeAnn Rimes  
Publishers: Trio Music/  
Fort Knox Music BMI  
1995 "The Keeper Of The  
Stars"  
Songwriters: Dickey Lee/  
Danny Mayo/Karen Staley  
Artist: Tracy Byrd  
Publishers: New Haven  
Music/ Murrah Music  
Corp./ Songs of Poly  
Gram Int'l/ Sixteen Stars  
Music/ Pal Time Music  
Inc. BMI  
1994 "I Swear"  
Songwriters: Frank J.  
Myers/Gary Baker  
Artist: John Michael  
Montgomery  
Publishers: Morgan Active  
Music/ Rick Hall Music



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## Previous Winners

|      |                                                 |
|------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 1986 | Randy Travis                                    |
|      | "On The Other Hand"                             |
|      | Warner Bros.                                    |
|      | Kyle Leaning/Keith Stegall                      |
| 1985 | Willie Nelson/                                  |
|      | Waylon Jennings/Johnny Cash/ Kris Kristofferson |
|      | "Highwayman"                                    |
|      | Columbia                                        |
|      | Chips Moman                                     |
| 1984 | Willie Nelson/ Julio Iglesias                   |
|      | "To All The Girls I've Loved Before"            |
|      | Columbia                                        |
|      | Richard Perry                                   |
| 1983 | Kenny Rogers/ Dolly Parton                      |
|      | "Islands in the Stream"                         |
|      | ROA                                             |
|      | Barry Gibb/ Alby Galutin/ Karl Richardson       |
| 1982 | Willie Nelson                                   |
|      | "Always on My Mind"                             |
|      | Columbia                                        |
|      | Chips Moman                                     |
| 1981 | Oak Ridge Boys                                  |
|      | "Elvira"                                        |
|      | MCA                                             |
|      | Ron Chancey                                     |
| 1980 | George Jones                                    |
|      | "He Stopped Loving Her Today"                   |
|      | Epic                                            |
|      | Billy Sherrill                                  |
| 1979 | Larry Gatlin                                    |
|      | "All the Gold in California"                    |
|      | Columbia                                        |
|      | Larry, Steve and Rudy Gatlin                    |
| 1978 | Don Williams                                    |
|      | "Tulsa Time"                                    |
|      | MCA                                             |
|      | Don Williams/ Garth Fundis                      |
| 1977 | Kenny Rogers                                    |
|      | "Lucille"                                       |
|      | United Artists                                  |
|      | Larry Butler                                    |
| 1976 | Mickey Gilley                                   |
|      | "Bring It On Home To Me"                        |
|      | Playboy                                         |
|      | Eddie Kilroy                                    |
| 1975 | Glen Campbell                                   |
|      | "Rhinestone Cowboy"                             |
|      | Capitol                                         |
|      | Dennis Lambert/ Brian Potter                    |
| 1974 | Cal Smith                                       |
|      | "Country Bumpkin"                               |
|      | MCA                                             |

|      |                            |
|------|----------------------------|
| 1973 | Walter Haynes              |
|      | Charlie Rich               |
|      | "Behind Closed Doors"      |
|      | Epic                       |
|      | Billy Sherrill             |
| 1972 | Donna Fargo                |
|      | "Happiest Girl In The USA" |
|      | Dot                        |
|      | Stan Silver                |
| 1971 | Freddie Hart               |
|      | "Easy Lovin"               |
|      | Capitol                    |
|      | George Richey              |
| 1970 | Ray Price                  |
|      | "For The Good Times"       |
|      | Columbia                   |
|      | Don Law                    |
| 1969 | Merle Haggard              |
|      | "Okie From Muskogee"       |
|      | Capitol                    |
|      | Fuzzy Owen/ Ken Nelson     |
| 1968 | Roger Miller               |
|      | "Little Green Apples"      |
|      | Smash                      |
|      | Jerry Kennedy              |

### Top Female Vocalist

|      |                       |
|------|-----------------------|
| 2003 | Martina McBride       |
| 2002 | Martina McBride       |
| 2001 | Martina McBride       |
| 2000 | Faith Hill            |
| 1999 | Faith Hill            |
| 1998 | Faith Hill            |
| 1997 | Trisha Yearwood       |
| 1996 | Patty Loveless        |
| 1995 | Patty Loveless        |
| 1994 | Reba McEntire         |
| 1993 | Wynonna               |
| 1992 | Mary-Chapin Carpenter |
| 1991 | Reba McEntire         |
| 1990 | Reba McEntire         |
| 1989 | Kathy Mattea          |
| 1988 | K.T. Oslin            |
| 1987 | Reba McEntire         |
| 1986 | Reba McEntire         |
| 1985 | Reba McEntire         |
| 1984 | Reba McEntire         |
| 1983 | Janie Fricke          |
| 1982 | Sylvia                |
| 1981 | Barbara Mandrell      |
| 1980 | Dolly Parton          |
| 1979 | Crystal Gayle         |
| 1978 | Barbara Mandrell      |
| 1977 | Crystal Gayle         |
| 1976 | Crystal Gayle         |
| 1975 | Loretta Lynn          |
| 1974 | Loretta Lynn          |
| 1973 | Loretta Lynn          |
| 1972 | Donna Fargo           |
| 1971 | Loretta Lynn          |
| 1970 | Lynn Anderson         |
| 1969 | Tammy Wynette         |
| 1968 | Cathie Taylor         |
| 1967 | Lynn Anderson         |
| 1966 | Bonnie Guitar         |
| 1965 | Bonnie Owens          |

### Top Male Vocalist

|      |               |
|------|---------------|
| 2003 | Toby Keith    |
| 2002 | Kenny Chesney |
| 2001 | Alan Jackson  |
| 2000 | Toby Keith    |
| 1999 | Tim McGraw    |
| 1998 | Tim McGraw    |
| 1997 | George Strait |
| 1996 | George Strait |
| 1995 | Alan Jackson  |
| 1994 | Alan Jackson  |
| 1994 | George Strait |
| 1993 | Vince Gill    |
| 1992 | Vince Gill    |
| 1991 | Garth Brooks  |
| 1990 | Garth Brooks  |
| 1989 | Clint Black   |
| 1988 | George Strait |
| 1987 | Randy Travis  |
| 1986 | Randy Travis  |
| 1985 | George Strait |
| 1984 | George Strait |
| 1983 | Lee Greenwood |
| 1982 | Ronnie Milsap |
| 1981 | Merle Haggard |
| 1980 | George Jones  |
| 1979 | Larry Gatlin  |
| 1978 | Kenny Rogers  |
| 1977 | Kenny Rogers  |
| 1976 | Mickey Gilley |
| 1975 | Conway Twitty |
| 1974 | Merle Haggard |
| 1973 | Charlie Rich  |
| 1972 | Merle Haggard |
| 1971 | Freddie Hart  |
| 1970 | Merle Haggard |
| 1969 | Merle Haggard |
| 1968 | Glen Campbell |
| 1967 | Glen Campbell |
| 1966 | Merle Haggard |
| 1965 | Roger Miller  |

### Top Vocal Duo/Group

|      |               |
|------|---------------|
| 1999 | Dixie Chicks  |
| 1998 | Dixie Chicks  |
| 1997 | Brooks & Dunn |

### Top Vocal Duet

|      |                             |
|------|-----------------------------|
| 1996 | Brooks & Dunn               |
| 1995 | Brooks & Dunn               |
| 1994 | Brooks & Dunn               |
| 1993 | Brooks & Dunn               |
| 1992 | Brooks & Dunn               |
| 1991 | Brooks & Dunn               |
| 1990 | The Judds                   |
| 1989 | The Judds                   |
| 1988 | The Judds                   |
| 1987 | The Judds                   |
| 1986 | The Judds                   |
| 1985 | The Judds                   |
| 1984 | The Judds                   |
| 1983 | Dolly Parton/ Kenny Rodgers |
| 1982 | Shelly West/ David Frizzell |
| 1981 | Shelly West/ David Frizzell |
| 1980 | Moe Bandy/ Joe Stampley     |
| 1979 | Moe Bandy/ Joe Stampley     |
| 1978 | Moe Bandy/ Joe Stampley     |
| 1977 | Conway Twitty/ Joe Stampley |

|      |                             |
|------|-----------------------------|
| 1975 | Loretta Lynn                |
|      | Conway Twitty/ Loretta Lynn |
| 1974 | Conway Twitty/ Loretta Lynn |
| 1971 | Conway Twitty/ Loretta Lynn |
| 1968 | Merle Haggard/ Bonnie Owens |
|      | Johnny Mosby/ Jonie Mosby   |
| 1967 | Merle Haggard/ Bonnie Owens |
| 1966 | Merle Haggard/ Bonnie Owens |
|      | Faye Hardin/ Bob Morris     |
| 1965 | Merle Haggard/ Bonnie Owens |

### Top Vocal Group

|      |                      |
|------|----------------------|
| 2003 | Rascal Flatts        |
| 2002 | Rascal Flatts        |
| 2001 | Lonestar             |
| 2000 | Dixie Chicks         |
| 1996 | Sawyer Brown         |
| 1995 | The Mavericks        |
| 1994 | The Mavericks        |
| 1993 | Little Texas         |
| 1992 | Diamond Rio          |
| 1991 | Diamond Rio          |
| 1990 | Shenandoah           |
| 1989 | Restless Heart       |
| 1988 | Alabama              |
| 1987 | Highway 101          |
| 1986 | The Forester Sisters |
| 1985 | Alabama              |
| 1984 | Alabama              |
| 1983 | Alabama              |
| 1982 | Alabama              |
| 1981 | Alabama              |
| 1980 | Alabama              |
| 1979 | Moe Bandy            |
| 1979 | Joe Stampley         |
| 1978 | Oak Ridge Boys       |
| 1977 | Statler Brothers     |
| 1976 | Conway Twitty        |
| 1976 | Loretta Lynn         |
| 1975 | Conway Twitty        |
| 1975 | Loretta Lynn         |
| 1974 | Conway Twitty        |
| 1974 | Loretta Lynn         |
| 1972 | Statler Bros.        |
| 1971 | Conway Twitty        |
| 1971 | Loretta Lynn         |
| 1970 | Kimberly's           |
| 1969 | Kimberly's           |
| 1968 | Johnny Mosby         |
| 1968 | Jonie Mosby          |
| 1967 | Sons of Pioneers     |
| 1966 | Bonnie Owens         |
| 1966 | Merle Haggard        |

### Top New Artist

|      |                |
|------|----------------|
| 2003 | Dierks Bentley |
|------|----------------|

### Top New Female Vocalist

|      |                      |
|------|----------------------|
| 2002 | Kellie Coffey        |
| 2001 | Carolyn Dawn Johnson |
| 2000 | Jamie O'Neal         |
| 1999 | Jessica Andrews      |

## Listed By Category

|      |                       |
|------|-----------------------|
| 1998 | Jo Dee Messina        |
| 1997 | Lee Ann Womack        |
| 1996 | LeAnn Rimes           |
| 1995 | Shania Twain          |
| 1994 | Chely Wright          |
| 1993 | Faith Hill            |
| 1992 | Michele Wright        |
| 1991 | Trisha Yearwood       |
| 1990 | Shelby Lynne          |
| 1989 | Mary-Chapin Carpenter |
| 1988 | Suzy Bogguss          |
| 1987 | K.T. Oslin            |
| 1986 | Holly Dunn            |
| 1985 | Judy Rodman           |
| 1984 | Nicolette Larson      |
| 1983 | Gus Hardin            |
| 1982 | Karen Brooks          |
| 1981 | Terri Newton          |
| 1980 | Julie Gibbs           |
| 1979 | Lacy J. Dalton        |
| 1978 | Christy Lane          |
| 1977 | Debby Boone           |
| 1976 | Billie Jo Spears      |
| 1975 | Crystal Gayle         |
| 1974 | Linda Ronstadt        |
| 1973 | Olivia Newton John    |
| 1972 | Tanya Tucker          |
| 1971 | Barbara Mandrell      |
| 1970 | Sammi Smith           |
| 1969 | Donna Fargo           |
| 1968 | Cheryl Poole          |
| 1967 | bobbie Gentry         |
| 1966 | Cathie Taylor         |
| 1965 | Kaye Adams            |

### Top New Male Vocalist

|      |                         |
|------|-------------------------|
| 2002 | Joe Nichols             |
| 2001 | Phil Vassar             |
| 2000 | Keith Urban             |
| 1999 | Brad Paisley            |
| 1998 | Mark Wills              |
| 1997 | Kenny Chesney           |
| 1996 | Trace Adkins            |
| 1995 | Bryan White             |
| 1994 | Tim McGraw              |
| 1993 | John Michael Montgomery |
| 1992 | Tracy Lawrence          |
| 1991 | Billy Dean              |
| 1990 | Doug Stone              |
| 1989 | Clint Black             |
| 1988 | Rodney Crowell          |
| 1987 | Ricky Van Shelton       |
| 1986 | Dwight Yoakam           |
| 1985 | Randy Travis            |
| 1984 | Vince Gill              |
| 1983 | Jim Glaser              |
| 1982 | Michael Murphy          |
| 1981 | Ricky Skaggs            |
| 1980 | Johnny Lee              |
| 1979 | R.C. Bannon             |
| 1978 | John Conlee             |
| 1977 | Eddie Rabbitt           |
| 1976 | Moe Bandy               |
| 1975 | Freddy Fender           |
| 1974 | Mickey Gilley           |
| 1973 | Dorsey Burnette         |
| 1972 | Johnny Rodriguez        |
| 1971 | Tony Booth              |
| 1970 | Buddy Alan              |
| 1969 | Freddy Weller           |



## Previous Winners

1968 Ray Sanders  
1967 Jerry Inman  
1966 Billy Mize  
1965 Merle Haggard

### Top New Vocal Group/Duet

2002 Emerson Drive  
2001 Trick Pony  
2000 Rascal Flatts  
1999 Montgomery Gentry  
1998 Dixie Chicks  
1997 The Kinleys  
1996 Ricochet  
1995 Lonestar  
1994 The Mavericks  
1993 Gibson Miller Band  
1992 Confederate Railroad  
1991 Brooks & Dunn  
1990 Pirates of the Mississippi  
1989 Kentucky Headhunters

### Top Vocal Duo

2003 Brooks & Dunn  
2002 Brooks & Dunn  
2001 Brooks & Dunn  
2000 Brooks & Dunn

### Video of the Year

(Awarded to Artist/ Producer/ Director)

2003 Toby Keith/Willie Nelson  
"Beer For My Horses"  
Mark Kalbfeld  
Michael Salomon  
2002 Alan Jackson  
"Drive (For Daddy Gene)"  
Robin Rucker  
Steven Goldmann  
2001 Brooks & Dunn  
"Only in America"  
Stephanie Reeves  
Michael Merriman  
2000 Dixie Chicks  
"Goodbye Earl"  
Kelly Gould  
Evan Bernard  
1999 Faith Hill  
"Breathe"  
Anastasia Simone  
Lili Zanut  
1998 Faith Hill  
"This Kiss"  
Susan Bowman  
Steven Goldmann  
1997 Tim McGraw & Faith Hill  
"It's Your Love"  
Sherman Halsey  
1996 Collin Raye  
"I Think About You"  
Susan Bowman  
Steven Goldmann  
1995 Jeff Carson  
"The Car"

1994 Maureen Ryan  
Michael Salomon  
Garth Brooks  
"The Red Strokes"  
Jon Small/ Steven Carter  
Jon Small  
1993 Garth Brooks  
"We Shall Be Free"  
Tim Miller  
Garth Brooks  
1992 Tanya Tucker  
"Two Sparrows in a Hurricane"  
Brent Hedgcock  
Joanne Gardner  
1991 Reba McEntire  
"Is There Life Out There?"  
Robin Baird  
Beresford  
Jack Cole  
1990 Garth Brooks  
"The Dance"  
John Lloyd Miller  
Marc Ball  
1989 Hank Williams, Jr.  
"There's a Tear in My Beer"  
Joanne Gardner  
Ethan Russell  
1988 Hank Williams, Jr.  
"Young Country"  
Preacher Ewing/  
Bill Fishman  
Brent Bowman  
1987 K.T. Oslin  
"80's Ladies"  
Marc Ball  
Jack Cole  
1986 Reba McEntire  
"Whoever's in New England"  
Jeff Schock  
Jon Small  
1985 George Jones  
"Who's Gonna fill Their Shoes"  
Kitty Moon  
Marc Ball  
1984 Hank Williams Jr.  
"All My Rowdy Friends Are Coming Over Tonight"  
John Goodhugh

### Vocal Event

(Awarded to Artists/ Producers/ Record Label)

2003 Alan Jackson/Jimmy Buffett  
"It's Five O'Clock Somewhere"  
Keith Stegall  
Arista Records  
Nashville  
2002 Willie Nelson and Lee Ann Womack  
"Mendocino County Line"  
Matthew Serlectiv

2001 Lost Highway  
Soggy Bottom Boys (Dan Tyminski, Pat Enright, Harley Allen)  
"I Am A Man Of Constant Sorrow"  
T-Bone Burnett  
Mercury Records  
2000 Lee Ann Womack  
with Sons Of The Desert  
"I Hope You Dance"  
Mark Wright  
MCA Records  
1999 Clint Black with Lisa Hartman Black  
"When I Said I Do"  
Clint Black  
RCA Records  
1998 Tim McGraw and Faith Hill  
"Just to Hear You Say That You Love Me"  
Dann Huff/ Faith Hill  
Warner Bros.  
1997 Tim McGraw and Faith Hill  
"It's Your Love"  
Byron Gallimore/  
James Stroud/ Tim McGraw  
Curb Records

### Don Romeo Talent Buyer/Promoter

2002 Louis Messina,  
The Messina Group  
Houston, TX  
2001 Brian O'Connell  
Clear Channel Entertainment  
Nashville, TN  
2000 Bob Romeo  
Romeo Entertainment  
Crescent, IA  
1999 Randy Wright  
Integrity Events  
Nashville, TN  
1998 Jimmy Jay  
Jayson Promotions Inc.  
Nashville, TN  
1997 Gil Cunningham  
Don Romeo Agency  
Omaha, NE  
1996 Bob Romeo  
Don Romeo Agency  
Omaha, NE  
1995 George Moffett  
Variety Attractions  
Zanesville, OH  
1994 George Moffett  
Variety Attractions  
Zanesville, OH  
1993 Bill Bachand  
Mr. Bill Presents

Phoenix, AZ  
**Casino of the Year**  
2003 Boulder Station  
Las Vegas, NV  
2002 Mandalay Bay Resort & Casino  
Las Vegas, NV  
2001 Boulder Station  
Las Vegas, NV  
2000 Sam's Town  
Las Vegas, NV  
1999 Boulder Station  
Las Vegas, NV  
1998 Las Vegas Hilton  
Las Vegas, NV

### Radio Station of the Year

2003 WSIX  
Nashville, TN  
2002 WIVK  
Knoxville, TN  
2001 KPLX  
Dallas, TX  
2000 WIVK  
Knoxville, TN  
1999 KUZZ  
Bakersfield, CA  
1998 WSIX  
Nashville, TN  
1997 US 99/WUSN  
Chicago, IL  
1996 WSIX  
Nashville, TN  
1995 WSIX  
Nashville, TN  
1994 WSIX  
Nashville, TN  
1993 KNIX  
Phoenix, AZ  
1992 KNIX  
Phoenix, AZ  
1991 WAMZ  
Louisville, KY  
1990 WSIX  
Nashville, TN  
1989 WSIX  
Nashville, TN  
1988 WSIX  
Nashville, TN  
1987 KNIX  
Tempe, AZ  
1986 KNIX  
Phoenix, AZ  
1985 WAMZ  
Louisville, Kentucky  
1984 WMC(Large Market)  
Memphis, TN  
KVOO (Medium Market)  
Tulsa, OK  
WLWI (Small Market)  
Montgomery, AL  
1983 KRMD  
Shreveport, LA  
1982 KIKK  
Houston, TX  
1981 WPLO  
Atlanta, GA  
1980 KLAC  
Los Angeles, CA  
1979 KFDI  
Wichita, KS  
1978 KVOO

## Listed By Category

Tulsa, OK  
1977 KGBS  
Los Angeles, CA  
1976 KLAC  
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Los Angeles, CA

### On-Air Personality of the Year

2003 Blair Garner  
2002 Tony & Kris  
2001 Stu Evans  
2000 Carl P. Mayfield  
1999 Dusty Chandler  
1998 Moby  
1997 Tom Rivers  
1996 Gerry House  
1995 Gerry House  
1994 Gerry House  
1993 Tim Hatrick  
1993 Willy Loon  
1992 John Conlon  
1991 Gerry House  
1990 Gerry House  
1989 Jon Conlon  
1988 Jon Conlon  
1988 Dandalion  
1987 Jim Tabor  
1986 Chris Taylor  
1985 Eddie Edwards  
1984 Coyote Calhoun/  
Dan Hollander/  
Billy Parker  
1983 Rhubarb Jones  
1982 Lee Arnold  
1981 Arch Yancey  
1980 Sammy Jackson  
1979 King Edward IV  
1978 Billy Parker  
1977 Billy Parker  
1976 Charlie Douglas  
1975 Billy Parker  
1974 Larry Scott  
1973 Craig Scott  
1972 Larry Scott  
1971 Larry Scott  
1970 Corky Mayberry  
1969 Dick Haynes  
1968 Larry Scott/ Tex Williams  
1966 Bob Kingsley/ Biff Colie  
1965 Bibb Colie

### Nightclub of the Year

2003 The Trap  
Nashville, TN  
2002 Wildhorse Saloon,  
Nashville, TN  
2000 Billy Bob's  
Fort Worth, TX

## Previous Winners

|      |                                                   |
|------|---------------------------------------------------|
| 1999 | Gibson's Caffee Milano<br>Nashville, TN           |
| 1998 | Wildhorse Saloon<br>Nashville, TN                 |
| 1997 | The Crystal Palace<br>Bakersfield, CA             |
| 1996 | Crazy Horse Steak House & Saloon<br>Santa Ana, CA |
| 1995 | Crazy Horse Steak House & Saloon<br>Santa Ana, CA |
| 1994 | Billy Bob's Texas, Fort Worth, TX                 |
| 1993 | Toolies Country, Phoenix, Arizona                 |
| 1992 | Billy Bob's Texas, Fort Worth, Texas              |
| 1991 | Crazy Horse Steak House & Saloon<br>Santa Ana, CA |
| 1990 | Crazy Horse Steak House & Saloon<br>Santa Ana, CA |
| 1989 | Crazy Horse Steak House & Saloon<br>Santa Ana, CA |
| 1988 | Crazy Horse Steak House & Saloon<br>Santa Ana, CA |
| 1987 | Crazy Horse Steak House & Saloon<br>Santa Ana, CA |
| 1986 | Crazy Horse Steak House & Saloon<br>Santa Ana, CA |
| 1985 | Billy Bob's Fort Worth, TX                        |
| 1984 | Gilley's                                          |
| 1983 | Gilley's                                          |
| 1982 | Gilley's                                          |
| 1981 | Billy Bob's Fort Worth, TX                        |
| 1980 | Palomino/Gilley's                                 |
| 1979 | Palomino                                          |
| 1978 | Palomino                                          |
| 1977 | Palomino                                          |
| 1976 | Palomino                                          |
| 1975 | Palomino                                          |
| 1974 | Palomino                                          |
| 1973 | Palomino                                          |
| 1972 | Palomino                                          |
| 1971 | Palomino                                          |
| 1970 | Palomino                                          |
| 1969 | Palomino                                          |
| 1968 | Palomino/ Golden Nugget                           |
| 1967 | Palomino                                          |
| 1966 | Palomino                                          |
| 1965 | Palomino                                          |

### Touring Band

|      |                                 |
|------|---------------------------------|
| 1990 | Desert Rose                     |
| 1989 | Desert Rose Band                |
| 1988 | Desert Rose Band                |
| 1987 | The Strangers/<br>Merle Haggard |
| 1986 | Ricky Skaggs<br>Band            |
| 1985 | Ricky Skaggs<br>Band            |
| 1984 | Ricky Skaggs<br>Band            |

|      |                                                 |
|------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 1983 | Ricky Skaggs<br>Band                            |
| 1982 | Ricky Skaggs<br>Band                            |
| 1981 | The Strangers/<br>Merle Haggard                 |
| 1980 | Charlie Daniels<br>Band (Charlie Daniels)       |
| 1979 | Charlie Daniels<br>Band                         |
| 1978 | Original Texas<br>Playboys (Leon McAuliffe)     |
| 1977 | Asleep at the<br>Wheel/ Sons of the<br>Pioneers |
| 1976 | Red Rose Express<br>(Mickey Gilley)             |
| 1975 | The Strangers/<br>Merle Haggard                 |
| 1974 | Strangers                                       |
| 1973 | Brush Arbor                                     |
| 1972 | Tony Booth Band                                 |
| 1971 | The Strangers/<br>Merle Haggard                 |
| 1970 | The Strangers/<br>Merle Haggard                 |
| 1969 | The Strangers/<br>Merle Haggard                 |
| 1968 | Buckaroos/ Buck<br>Owens                        |
| 1967 | Buckaroos/ Buck<br>Owens                        |
| 1966 | Buckaroos/ Buck<br>Owens                        |
| 1965 | Buckaroos/ Buck<br>Owens                        |

### Non-Touring Band

|      |                    |
|------|--------------------|
| 1990 | Boy Howdy Band     |
| 1989 | Nashville Now      |
| 1988 | Nashville Now      |
| 1987 | Nashville Now      |
| 1986 | Nashville Now      |
| 1985 | Nashville Now      |
| 1984 | The Tennesseans    |
| 1983 | The Tennesseans    |
| 1982 | Desperado's        |
| 1981 | Desperado's        |
| 1980 | Palomino Riders    |
| 1979 | Midnight Riders    |
| 1978 | Rebel Playboys     |
| 1977 | Palomino Riders    |
| 1976 | Possum Hollers     |
| 1975 | Palomino Riders    |
| 1974 | Palomino Riders    |
| 1973 | Sound Company      |
| 1971 | Tony Booth<br>Band |
| 1970 | Tony Booth<br>Band |

### Specialty Instrument

|      |                                                    |
|------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 2003 | Kirk "Jelly Roll"<br>Johnson                       |
| 2002 | Mark<br>Casstevens<br>Banjo/Mandolin/<br>Harmonica |
| 2001 | Jerry Douglas<br>Dobro                             |
| 2000 | Jerry Douglas<br>Dobro                             |

|      |                                                           |
|------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| 1999 | Jerry Douglas<br>Dobro                                    |
| 1998 | Jerry Douglas<br>Dobro                                    |
| 1997 | Jerry Douglas<br>Dobro                                    |
| 1996 | Terry McMillian<br>Harmonica/<br>Percussion/<br>Cow Bells |
| 1995 | Terry McMillian<br>Harmonica                              |
| 1994 | Terry McMillian<br>Harmonica                              |
| 1993 | Terry McMillian<br>Percussion/<br>Harmonica               |
| 1992 | Jerry Douglas<br>Dobro                                    |
| 1991 | Jerry Douglas<br>Dobro                                    |
| 1990 | Jerry Douglas<br>Dobro                                    |
| 1989 | Jerry Douglas<br>Dobro                                    |
| 1988 | Charlie McCoy<br>Harmonica                                |
| 1987 | Jerry Douglas/<br>Ricky Skaggs                            |
| 1986 | James Burton<br>Dobro                                     |
| 1985 | James Burton<br>Dobro                                     |
| 1984 | Ricky Skaggs<br>Mandolin                                  |
| 1983 | Charlie McCoy                                             |
| 1982 | James Burton<br>Dobro                                     |
| 1981 | Charlie McCoy<br>Harmonica                                |
| 1980 | Charlie McCoy<br>Harmonica                                |
| 1979 | Charlie McCoy<br>Harmonica                                |
| 1978 | Charlie McCoy<br>Harmonica                                |
| 1977 | Charlie McCoy<br>Harmonica                                |
| 1969 | John Hartford<br>Banjo                                    |

### Guitar

|      |                |
|------|----------------|
| 2003 | Brent Rowan    |
| 2002 | John Willis    |
| 2001 | Jimmy Olander  |
| 2000 | Brent Mason    |
| 1999 | Brent Mason    |
| 1998 | Brent Mason    |
| 1997 | Brent Mason    |
| 1996 | Brent Mason    |
| 1995 | Brent Mason    |
| 1994 | Brent Mason    |
| 1993 | Brent Mason    |
| 1992 | John Jorgenson |
| 1991 | John Jorgenson |
| 1990 | John Jorgenson |
| 1989 | Brent Rowan    |
| 1988 | Al Bruno       |
| 1987 | Chet Atkins    |
| 1986 | Chet Atkins    |
| 1985 | James Burton   |
| 1984 | James Burton   |
| 1983 | Reggie Young   |

|      |                             |
|------|-----------------------------|
| 1982 | Al Bruno                    |
| 1981 | James Burton                |
| 1980 | Al Bruno                    |
| 1979 | Al Bruno                    |
| 1978 | James Burton                |
| 1977 | Roy Clark                   |
| 1976 | Danny Michaels              |
| 1975 | Jerry Inman/ Russ<br>Hanson |
| 1974 | Al Bruno                    |
| 1973 | Al Bruno                    |
| 1972 | Al Bruno                    |
| 1971 | Al Bruno                    |
| 1970 | Al Bruno                    |
| 1969 | Al Bruno/ Jerry Inman       |
| 1968 | Jimmy Bryant                |
| 1967 | Jimmy Bryant                |
| 1966 | Jimmy Bryant                |
| 1965 | Phil Baugh                  |

### Fiddle

|      |                 |
|------|-----------------|
| 2003 | Aubrey Haynie   |
| 2002 | Larry Franklin  |
| 2001 | Stuart Duncan   |
| 2000 | Mark O'Connor   |
| 1999 | Stuart Duncan   |
| 1998 | Stuart Duncan   |
| 1997 | Larry Franklin  |
| 1996 | Stuart Duncan   |
| 1995 | Rob Hajacos     |
| 1994 | Mark O'Connor   |
| 1993 | Mark O'Connor   |
| 1992 | Mark O'Connor   |
| 1991 | Mark O'Connor   |
| 1990 | Mark O'Connor   |
| 1989 | Mark O'Connor   |
| 1988 | Mark O'Connor   |
| 1987 | Johnny Gimble   |
| 1986 | Mark O'Connor   |
| 1985 | Johnny Gimble   |
| 1984 | Johnny Gimble   |
| 1983 | Johnny Gimble   |
| 1982 | Johnny Gimble   |
| 1981 | Johnny Gimble   |
| 1980 | Johnny Gimble   |
| 1979 | Johnny Gimble   |
| 1978 | Johnny Gimble   |
| 1977 | Billy Armstrong |
| 1976 | Billy Armstrong |
| 1975 | Billy Armstrong |
| 1974 | Billy Armstrong |
| 1973 | Billy Armstrong |
| 1972 | Billy Armstrong |
| 1971 | Billy Armstrong |
| 1970 | Billy Armstrong |
| 1969 | Billy Armstrong |
| 1968 | Billy Armstrong |
| 1967 | Billy Armstrong |
| 1966 | Billy Armstrong |
| 1965 | Billy Armstrong |

### Steel Guitar

|      |                                  |
|------|----------------------------------|
| 2003 | Paul Franklin                    |
| 2002 | Jay Dee Maness                   |
| 2001 | Paul Franklin                    |
| 2000 | Paul Franklin                    |
| 1999 | Jay Dee Maness                   |
| 1998 | Paul Franklin                    |
| 1997 | Paul Franklin/ Jay<br>Dee Maness |
| 1996 | Paul Franklin                    |
| 1995 | Paul Franklin                    |
| 1994 | Paul Franklin                    |

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|      |                              |
|------|------------------------------|
| 1993 | Jay Dee Maness               |
| 1992 | Jay Dee Maness               |
| 1991 | Paul Franklin                |
| 1990 | J.D. Maness                  |
| 1989 | Jay Dee Maness               |
| 1988 | Jay Dee Maness               |
| 1987 | J.D. Maness                  |
| 1986 | J.D. Maness                  |
| 1985 | Buddy Emmons                 |
| 1984 | Buddy Emmons                 |
| 1983 | J.D. Maness                  |
| 1982 | J.D. Maness                  |
| 1981 | Buddy Emmons                 |
| 1980 | Buddy Emmons/<br>J.D. Maness |
| 1979 | Buddy Emmons                 |
| 1978 | Buddy Emmons                 |
| 1977 | Buddy Emmons                 |
| 1976 | J.D. Maness                  |
| 1975 | J.D. Maness                  |
| 1974 | J.D. Maness                  |
| 1973 | Red Rhodes                   |
| 1972 | Buddy Emmons                 |
| 1971 | J.D. Maness                  |
| 1970 | J.D. Maness                  |
| 1969 | Buddy Emmons                 |
| 1968 | Red Rhodes                   |
| 1967 | Red Rhodes                   |
| 1966 | Tom Brumley                  |
| 1966 | Ralph Mooney                 |
| 1965 | Red Rhodes                   |

### Drums

|      |                                |
|------|--------------------------------|
| 2003 | Eddie Bayers                   |
| 2002 | Lonnie Wilson                  |
| 2001 | Eddie Bayers                   |
| 2000 | Eddie Bayers                   |
| 1999 | Eddie Bayers                   |
| 1998 | Eddie Bayers                   |
| 1997 | Eddie Bayers                   |
| 1996 | Eddie Bayers                   |
| 1995 | Eddie Bayers                   |
| 1994 | Eddie Bayers                   |
| 1993 | Eddie Bayers                   |
| 1992 | Eddie Bayers                   |
| 1991 | Eddie Bayers                   |
| 1990 | Steve Duncan                   |
| 1989 | Steve Duncan                   |
| 1988 | Steve Duncan                   |
| 1987 | Archie Francis                 |
| 1986 | Larrie Londin                  |
| 1985 | Archie Francis                 |
| 1984 | Larrie Londin                  |
| 1983 | Archie Francis                 |
| 1982 | Archie Francis                 |
| 1981 | Buddy Harmon                   |
| 1980 | Archie Francis                 |
| 1979 | Archie Francis                 |
| 1978 | Archie Francis                 |
| 1977 | Archie Francis/<br>George Manz |
| 1976 | Archie Francis                 |
| 1975 | Archie Francis                 |
| 1974 | Jerry Wiggins                  |
| 1973 | Jerry Wiggins                  |
| 1972 | Jerry Wiggins                  |
| 1971 | Jerry Wiggins                  |
| 1970 | Archie Francis                 |
| 1969 | Jerry Wiggins                  |
| 1968 | Jerry Wiggins                  |
| 1967 | Pee Wee Adams                  |
| 1966 | Jerry Wiggins                  |
| 1965 | Muddy Berry                    |



**Bass**

2003 Michael Rhodes  
 2002 Glenn Worf  
 2001 Michael Rhodes  
 2000 Michael Rhodes  
 1999 Glenn Worf  
 1998 Glen Worf  
 1997 Glenn Worf  
 1996 Glenn Worf  
 1995 Glenn Worf  
 1994 Glenn Worf  
 1993 Glenn Worf  
 1992 Glenn Worf  
 1991 Roy Huskey Jr.  
 1990 Bill Bryson  
 1989 Michael Rhodes  
 1988 Curtis Stone  
 1987 Emory Gordy Jr./  
 David Hungate  
 1986 Emory Gordy Jr.  
 1985 Joe Osborne  
 1984 Joe Osborne  
 1983 Joe Osborne  
 1982 Red Wooten  
 1981 Joe Osborne/  
 Curtis Stone  
 1980 Curtis Stone  
 1979 Billy Graham  
 1978 Rod Culpepper  
 1977 Larry Booth/  
 Curtis Stone  
 1976 Curtis Stone  
 1975 Billy Graham  
 1974 Billy Graham  
 1973 Larry Booth  
 1972 Larry Garner  
 (Booth)  
 1971 Larry Booth  
 1970 Billy Graham/  
 Doyle Holly  
 1969 Billy Graham  
 1968 Red Wooten  
 1967 Red Wooten  
 1966 Bob Morris  
 1965 Bob Morris

**Keyboard**

2003 John Hobbs  
 2002 Matt Rollings  
 2001 John Hobbs  
 2000 John Hobbs  
 1999 John Hobbs/  
 Hargus "Pig"  
 Robbins  
 1998 Matt Rollings  
 1997 Matt Rollings  
 1996 Matt Rollings  
 1995 Matt Rollings  
 1994 Matt Rollings  
 1993 Matt Rollings  
 1992 Matt Rollings  
 1991 Matt Rollings  
 1990 John Hobbs  
 1989 Skip Edwards  
 1988 John Hobbs  
 1987 John Hobbs/  
 Ronnie Milsap  
 1986 John Hobbs  
 1985 Glen Hardin  
 1984 John Hobbs/  
 Hargus "Pig"  
 Robbins  
 1983 Floyd Cramer  
 1982 Hargus "Pig"

**Robbins**

1981 Hargus "Pig" Robbins  
 1980 Hargus "Pig" Robbins  
 1979 Hargus "Pig" Robbins  
 1978 Jimmy Pruett  
 1977 Hargus "Pig" Robbins  
 1976 Hargus "Pig" Robbins  
 1975 Jerry Lee Lewis  
 1974 Floyd Cramer  
 1973 Floyd Cramer  
 1972 Floyd Cramer  
 1971 Floyd Cramer  
 1970 Floyd Cramer  
 1969 Floyd Cramer  
 1968 Earl Ball  
 1967 Earl Ball  
 1966 Billy Liebert  
 1965 Billy Liebert

**TV Personality**

1972 Roy Clark  
 1971 Glen Campbell  
 1970 Johnny Cash  
 1969 Johnny Cash  
 1968 Glenn Campbell  
 1967 Billy Mize  
 1966 Billy Mize  
 1965 Billy Mize

**Tex Ritter Award**

2000 *O' Brother, Where Art Thou?*  
 1992 *Pure Country*  
 1985 *Sweet Dreams*  
 1984 *Songwriter*  
 1983 *Tender Mercies*  
 1982 *The Best Little Whorehouse In Texas*  
 1981 *Any Which Way You Can*  
 1980 *Coal Miner's Daughter*  
 1979 *Electric Horseman*

**Artist of the Decade**

1990s Garth Brooks  
 1980s Alabama  
 1970s Loretta Lynn  
 1960s Marty Robbins

**Individual Awards**

(The following awards do not have to be given every year)

**Career Achievement**

2000 Kenny Rodgers  
 1993 John Anderson  
 1986 Carl Perkins  
 1977 Johnny Paycheck

**Comedy Act**

1971 Roy Clark  
 1970 Roy Clark  
 1969 Roy Clark

**Director's**

1968 Nudie

**Double Diamond**

1998 Shania Twain

**Jim Reeves Memorial**

1996 Bob Saporiti

1994 Garth Brooks  
 1982 Jo Walker-Meador  
 1981 Al Gallico  
 1980 Ken Kragen  
 1979 Bill Ward  
 1978 Joe Cates  
 1977 Jim Hasley  
 1976 Roy Clark  
 1975 Dinah Shore  
 1974 Merv Griffin  
 1972 Thurston Moore  
 1971 Roy Rogers  
 1970 Bill Boyd  
 1969 Joe Allison

**Home Depot Humanitarian**

2003 Martina McBride  
 2002 Lonestar  
 2001 Reba McEntire

**Mae Boren Axton**

2001 Marge Meoli  
 2000 Ray Pilzak  
 1999 Gene Week  
 1998 Gaynelle Pitts

**Man of the Year**

1972 Lawrence Welk  
 1971 Walter Knott  
 1970 Hugh Cherry  
 1969 John Aylesworth/  
 Frank Peppiatt  
 1968 Tom Smothers  
 1967 Joey Bishop  
 1966 Dean Martin  
 1965 Roger Miller

**New s Publication**

1970 Billboard

**Pioneer "The Cliffie"**

2003 Ray Price  
 2002 Alabama  
 2001 Ronnie Milsap  
 2000 Barbara Mandrell  
 1999 Tammy Wynette  
 1998 Glen Campbell  
 1997 Charlie Daniels  
 1996 Roy Clark  
 1995 Merle Haggard  
 1994 Loretta Lynn  
 1993 Charley Pride  
 1992 George Jones  
 1991 Willie Nelson  
 1990 Johnny Cash  
 1989 Buck Owens  
 1988 Roger Miller  
 1987 Minnie Pearl  
 1986 Kitty Wells  
 1985 Roy Acuff  
 1984 Eddy Arnold  
 1983 Chet Atkins  
 1982 Leo Fender  
 1981 Ernest Tubb  
 1980 Patti Page  
 1979 Eddie Dean  
 1978 Sons of the Pioneers  
 1977 Owen Bradley  
 1976 Roy Rogers  
 1975 Merle Travis/  
 Tennessee Ernie  
 Ford/Johnny Bond

1974 Hank Williams  
 1973 Cliffe Stone/  
 Gene Autry  
 1972 Tex Williams/ Bob  
 Nolan/ Stuart Hamlin  
 1971 Tex Ritter/ Patsy  
 Montana  
 1970 Bob Wills  
 1969 Uncle Art Satherly

**Producer/ A&R Man**

1967 Al Delory  
 1966 Ken Nelson  
 1965 Ken Nelson

**Publication**

1965 Billboard

**Publisher**

1967 Freeway Music  
 1966 Central Songs  
 1965 Central Songs

**Special Achievement "Gene Weed"**

2003 Willie Nelson  
 1997 Garth Brooks  
 1995 Jeff Foxworthy  
 1980 George Burns

**Songwriter**

1965 Roger Miller

**Talent Manager**

1966 Jack McFadden  
 1965 Jack McFadden

# Previous Winners

**Roy Acuff**  
Pioneer Award 1984

**Pee Wee Adams**  
Drums 1967

**Kay Adams**  
Top New Female Vocalist 1965

**Trace Adkins**  
Top New Male Vocalist 1996

**Alabama**  
Album of the Year 1981, *Feel's So Right*, Artist; Producer; Album of the Year 1983, *The Closer You Get*, Artist; Producer; Album of the Year 1984, *Roll On*, Artist; Producer; Artist of the Decade 1988; Entertainer of the Year 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985; Pioneer Award 2002; Top Vocal Group 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985

**Buddy Alan**  
Top New Male Vocalist 1970

**Joe Allison**  
Jim Reeves Memorial Award 1969

**John Anderson**  
Career Achievement Award 1993

**Lynn Anderson**  
Top Female Vocalist 1967, 1970

**Jessica Andrews**  
Top New Female Vocalist 1995

**Any Which Way You Can**  
Tex Ritter Award 1981

**Tony Arata**  
Song of the Year 1990, *"The Dance,"* Composer

**Brush Arbor**  
Band of the Year (Touring) 1973; Top Vocal Duet or Group 1973

**Arista Records Nashville**  
Album of the Year 1991, *Don't Rock the Jukebox*, Record Company; 1992, *Brand New Man*, Record Company; 1993, *A Lot*

*About Livin'*, Record; 2002, *Drive*, Record Company; Single Record of the Year 1991, *"Don't Rock the Jukebox,"* Record Company; 1992, *"Boot Scootin' Boogie,"* Record Company; 1993, *"Chattahoochee,"* Record; 2001, *"Where Were You (When the World Stopped Turning),"* Record Company; 2003, *"It's Five O'Clock Somewhere,"* Record Company; Vocal Event of the Year 2003, *"It's Five O'Clock Somewhere,"* Record Company

**Billy Armstrong**  
Fiddle 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977

**Lee Arnold**  
On-Air Personality of the Year 1982

**Eddy Arnold**  
Pioneer Award 1983

**Asleep At The Wheel**  
Band of the Year (Touring) 1977

**Chet Atkins**  
Guitar 1986, 1987; Pioneer Award 1982

**Atlantic Records**  
Single Record of the Year 1994, *"I Swear,"* Record

**Bobby Austin**  
Song of the Year 1966, *"Apartment #9"*

**Gene Autry**  
Pioneer Award 1972

**John Aylesworth**  
Man of the Year 1969

**Irving Azoff**  
Album of the Year 1980, *Urban Cowboy*, Producer

**Bill Bachand**  
Don Romeo Talent Buyer/Promoter of the Year 1993

**Gary Baker**  
Song of the Year 1994, *"I Swear,"* Composer

**Earl Ball**  
Piano 1967, 1968

**Marc Ball**  
Video of the Year 1987, *"80's Ladies,"* Producer; 1990, *"The Dance,"* Producer; 1985, *"Who's Gonna Fill Their Shoes,"* Director

**Moe Bandy**  
Song of the Year 1979, *"It's A Cheatin' Situation,"* Artist; Top New Male Vocalist 1976; Top Vocal Duet 1980; Top Vocal Group 1979

**R.C. Bannon**  
Top New Male Vocalist 1979

**Phil Baugh**  
Lead Guitar 1965

**Eddie Bayers**  
Drums 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2000, 2001, 1999; Percussionist/Drums 2003

**Believus Or Not Music**  
Song of the Year 1988, *"Eighteen Wheels And A Dozen Roses,"* Publisher

**Benefit Music**  
Song of the Year 1992, *"I Still Believe in You,"* Publisher

**Dierks Bentley**  
Top New Artist of the Year 2003

**Robin Beresford**  
Video of the Year 1991, *"Is There Life Out There?"* Producer

**Evan Bernard**  
Video of the Year 2000, *"Goodbye Earl,"* Director

**Muddy Berry**  
Drums 1965

**Billboard Magazine**  
News Publication 1970; Trade Publications 1965

**Joey Bishop**  
Man of the Year 1967

**Clint Black**  
Album of the Year 1989, *Killin' Time*, Artist; Single Record of the Year 1989, *"Better Man,"* Artist; Top Male Vocalist 1989; Top New Male Vocalist 1989; Vocal Event of the Year 1999, *"When I Said I Do,"*

Artist; Producer  
**Lisa Hartman Black**  
Vocal Event of the Year 1999, *"When I Said I Do,"* Artist

**Blue Quill Music**  
Song of the Year 1984, *"Why Not Me,"* Publisher

**Bluebird Café**  
Nashville, Tennessee, Nightclub of the Year 2001

**BMG Songs Inc.**  
Song of the Year 1993, *"I Love The Way You Love Me,"* Publisher

**BNA Records**  
Single Record of the Year 1999, *"Amazed,"* Record Company; Single Record of the Year 2002, *"The Good Stuff,"* Record Company

**Billy Bob's**  
Fort Worth, Texas, Nightclub of the Year 1981, 1985, 1992, 1994, 2000

**Suzy Bogguss**  
Top New Female Vocalist 1988

**Johnny Bond**  
Pioneer Award 1974

**Debby Boone**  
Top New Female Vocalist 1977

**Larry Booth**  
Bass 1971, 1973, 1977

**Tony Booth**  
Top New Male Vocalist 1971

**Tony Booth Band**  
Band of the Year (Non-Touring) 1970, 1971, 1972

**Boulder Station**  
Las Vegas, Nevada, Casino of the Year 1999, 2001, 2003

**Jimmy Bowen**  
Album of the Year 1985, *Does Ft. Worth Ever Cross Your Mind*, Producer

**Brent Bowman**  
Video of the Year 1988, *"Young Country,"* Producer

**Susan Bowman**  
Video of the Year 1996, *"I Think About You,"* Producer; 1998, *"This Kiss,"* Producer

**Boy Howdy Band**  
Band of the Year (Non-Touring) 1990

**Bill Boyd**  
Jim Reeves Memorial Award 1970

**Bobby Braddock**  
Song of the Year 1980, *"He Stopped Loving Her Today,"* Composer

**Owen Bradley**  
Pioneer Award 1976

**Garth Brooks**  
Album of the Year 1990, *No Fences*, Artist; Artist of the Decade 1998; Entertainer of the Year 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1997, 1998; Gene Weed Special Achievement Award 1997; Jim Reeves Memorial Award 1994; Single Record of the Year 1990, *"Friends In Low Places,"* Artist; Song of the Year 1990, *"The Dance,"* Artist; Top Male Vocalist 1990, 1991; Video of the Year 1990, *"The Dance,"* Artist; 1993, *"We Shall Be Free,"* Artist; 1993, *"We Shall Be Free,"* Director; 1994, *"The Red Strokes,"* Artist

**Brooks & Dunn**  
Album of the Year 1992, *Brand New Man*, Artist; Entertainer of the Year 1995, 1996, 2001; Single Record of the Year 1992, *"Boot Scootin' Boogie,"* Artist; Top New Vocal Duet or Group 1991; Top Vocal Duet 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1991; Top Vocal Duo 2000, 2001, 2002; Top Vocal Duo of the Year 2003; Top Vocal Duo/Group 1997; Video of the Year 2001, *"Only in America,"* Artist

**Tony Brown**  
Album of the Year 1996, *Blue Clear Sky*, Producer; 1997, *Carrying Your Love With Me*, Producer; Producer of the Year 2003; Single Record of the Year 1995, *"Check Yes Or No,"* Producer



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## Sawyer Brown

Top Vocal Group 1996

## Tom Brumley

Steel Guitar 1966

## Al Bruno

Guitar 1979, 1980, 1982, 1988; Lead Guitar 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974

## Jimmy Bryant

Lead Guitar 1966, 1967, 1968

## Bill Bryson

Bass 1990

## Buck Owens Crystal Palace

Bakersfield, California, Nightclub of the Year 1997

## Buckaroos

Band Leader/ Band 1965, 1966, 1967; Band of the Year (Touring) 1968

## Jimmy Buffett

Single Record of the Year 2003, "It's Five O' Clock Somewhere," Artist; Vocal Event of the Year 2003, "It's Five O' Clock Somewhere," Artist

## T-Bone Burnett

Album of the Year 2001, O Brother, Where Art Thou? Producer; Vocal Event of the Year 2001, "I Am a Man of Constant Sorrow," Producer

## Dorsey Burnette

Top New Male Vocalist 1973

## George Burns

Gene Weed Special Achievement Award 1980

## James Burton

Guitar 1978, 1981, 1984, 1985; Specialty Instrument 1982, 1985, 1986

## Tracy Byrd

Song of the Year 1995, "The Keeper Of The Stars," Artist

## Coyote Calhoun

On-Air Personality of the Year (Large Market) 1984

## Glen Campbell

Album of the Year 1967, Gentle On My Mind, Artist; 1968, Glen Campbell & Bobbie Gentry, Artist; Pioneer Award 1998; Single Record of the Year 1967, "Gentle On My Mind," Artist; 1975, "Rhinestone Cowboy," Artist; Song of the Year 1975, "Rhinestone Cowboy," Artist; Television Personality 1968, 1971; Top Male Vocalist 1967, 1968

## Buddy Cannon

Single Record of the Year 2002, "The Good Stuff," Producer

## Chuck Cannon

Song of the Year 1993, "I Love The Way You Love Me," Composer

## Capitol Records

Album of the Year 1990, No Fences, Record Company; Single Record of the Year 1990, "Friends In Low Places," Record Company

## Careers-BMG Music

Publishing Inc. Song of the Year 1999, "Amazed," Publisher

## Mary-Chapin Carpenter

Top Female Vocalist 1992; Top New Female Vocalist 1989

## Jeff Carson

Video of the Year 1995, "The Car," Artist

## Steven Carter

Video of the Year 1994, "The Red Strokes," Producer

## Johnny Cash

Pioneer Award 1990; Single Record of the Year 1985, "Highwayman," Artist; Television Personality 1969, 1970

## Mark Casstevens

Specialty Instrument 2002

## Joe Cates

Jim Reeves Memorial Award 1978

## Central Songs

Music Publisher 1965, 1966

## Blake Chancey

Album of the Year 1998, Wide Open Spaces, Producer; 1999, Fly, Producer

## Ron Chancey

Single Record of the Year 1981, "Elvira," Producer

## Dusty Chandler

On-Air Personality of the Year 1999

## Charlie Daniels Band

Band of the Year (Touring) 1979, 1980

## Hugh Cherry

Man of the Year 1970

## Kenny Chesney

Single Record of the Year 2002, "The Good Stuff," Artist; Producer; Top Male Vocalist 2002, Top New Male Vocalist 1997

## Dixie Chicks

Album of the Year 1998, Wide Open Spaces, Artist; 1999, "Fly," Artist; Entertainer of the Year 2000; Top New Vocal Duet or Group 1998; Top Vocal Duo/Group 1998, 1999; Top Vocal Group 2000; Video of the Year 2000, "Goodbye Earl," Artist

## Choice Is Tragic Music

Song of the Year 2000, "I Hope You Dance," Publisher

## Cibie Music Companies

Song of the Year 1981, "You're The Reason God Made Oklahoma," Publisher

## Roy Clark

Country Comedy Act 1969, 1970, 1971; Entertainer of the Year 1972, 1973; Guitar 1977, Jim Reeves Memorial Award 1976, Pioneer Award 1996; Television Personality 1972

## Kellie Coffey

Top New Female Vocalist 2002

## Jack Cole

Video of the Year 1987, "80's Ladies," Director; 1991, "Is There Life Out There?" Director

## Biff Collie

On-Air Personality of the Year 1965, 1966

## Larry Collins

Song of the Year 1981, "You're The Reason God Made Oklahoma," Composer

## Columbia Records

Album of the Year 1982, Always On My Mind, Record Company; Single Record of the Year 1982, "Always On My Mind," Record Company; 1984, "To All The Girls I've Loved Before," Record Company; 1985, "Highwayman," Record Company

## Confederate Railroad

Top New Vocal Duet or Group 1992

## John Conlee

Top New Male Vocalist 1978

## Jon Conlon

On-Air Personality of the Year 1988, 1989, 1992

## Don Cook

Album of the Year 1992, Brand New Man, Producer; Single Record of the Year 1992, "Boot Scootin' Boogie," Producer

## Floyd Cramer

Keyboard 1983; Piano 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974

## Crazy Horse Steak House & Saloon

Santa Ana, California, Nightclub of the Year 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1995, 1996

## Cross Keys Music

Song of the Year 1984, "Why Not Me," Publisher; 1989, "Where've You Been," Publisher

## Rodney Crowell

Top New Male Vocalist 1988

## Rod Culpepper

Bass 1978

## Hamstein Cumberland

Song of the Year 1998,

"Holes In The Floor Of Heaven," Publisher

## Gil Cunningham

Don Romeo Talent Buyer/Promoter of the Year 1997

## Curb Records

Album of the Year 1994, Not A Moment Too Soon, Record; Single Record of the Year 1990, "Blue," Record Company; 1997, "It's Your Love," Record Company;

## Lacy J. Dalton

Top New Female Vocalist 1979

## Dandalion

On-Air Personality of the Year 1988

## Charlie Daniels

Pioneer Award 1997

## Mac Davis

Entertainer of the Year 1974

## Eddie Dean

Pioneer Award 1978

## Billy Dean

Song of the Year 1991, "Somewhere in My Broken Heart," Artist; Composer; Top New Male Vocalist 1991

## Al Delroy

Album of the Year 1967, "Gentle On My Mind," A&R; Single Record of the Year 1967, "Gentle On My Mind," A&R

## John Denver

Album of the Year 1974, Back Home Again, Artist

## Desert Rose Band

Band of the Year (Touring) 1988, 1989, 1990

## Desperados

Band of the Year (Non-Touring) 1981, 1982

## Diamond Rio

Top Vocal Group 1991, 1992

## Don Moon Music

Song of the Year 1987, "Forever And Ever Amen," Publisher

## Previous Winners

**Don Schlitz Music**  
Song of the Year 1986,  
"On The Other Hand,"  
Publisher

**Charlie Douglas**  
On-Air Personality of the  
Year 1976

**Jerry Douglas**  
Specialty Instrument  
1987, 1989, 1990, 1991,  
1992, 1997, 1998, 1999,  
2000, 2001

**DreamWorks Records**  
Album of the Year 2000,  
How Do You Like Me  
Now? Record Company;  
2003, Shock 'N Y'all,  
Record Company

**Steve Duncan**  
Drums 1988, 1989, 1990;  
Fiddle 1999, 2001, 1996,  
1998

**Holly Dunn**  
Top New Female Vocalist  
1986

**Skip Edwards**  
Keyboard 1989

**Eddie Edwards**  
On-Air Personality of the  
Year 1985

**Electric Horseman**  
Tex Ritter Award 1979

**Emerson Drive**  
Top New Vocal Duo or  
Group 2002

**EMI April Music Inc.**  
Song of the Year 1991,  
"Somewhere in My  
Broken Heart," Publisher;  
2001, "Where Were You  
(When the World Stopped  
Turning)," Publisher

**EMI Blackwood Music Inc.**  
Song of the Year 1991,  
"Somewhere in My  
Broken Heart," Publisher;  
1997, "It's Your Love,"  
Publisher

**Buddy Emmons**  
Steel Guitar 1969, 1972,  
1977, 1978, 1979, 1980,  
1981, 1984, 1985

**Ensign Music Corp. (BMI)**  
Song of the Year 2000, "I  
Hope You Dance,"  
Publisher

**Epic Records**  
Single Record of the Year

1980, "He Stopped Loving  
Her Today," Record  
Company

**Stu Evans**  
On-Air Personality of the  
Year 2001

**Preacher Ewing**  
Video of the Year 1988,  
"Young Country," Director

**Donna Fargo**  
Album of the Year 1972,  
Happiest Girl/USA, Artist;  
Single Record of the Year  
1972, "Happiest Girl/USA,"  
Artist; Song of the Year  
1972, "Happiest Girl/USA,"  
Artist; Top Female Vocalist  
1972; Top New Female  
Vocalist 1969

**Leo Fender**  
Pioneer Award 1981

**Freddie Fender**  
Top New Male Vocalist 1975

**Bill Fishman**  
Video of the Year 1988,  
"Young Country," Director

**Rascal Flatts**  
Song of the Year 2002, "I'm  
Movin' On," Artist; Top New  
Vocal Duet or Group 2000;  
Top Vocal Group 2002,  
2003

**Forester Sister**  
Top Vocal Group 1986

**Fort Knox Music (BMI)**  
Song of the Year 1996,  
"Blue," Publisher

**Jeff Foxworthy**  
Gene Weed Special  
Achievement Award 1995

**Archie Francis**  
Drums 1970, 1975, 1976,  
1977, 1978, 1979, 1980,  
1982, 1983, 1985, 1987

**Paul Franklin**  
Steel Guitar Player 2003

**Larry Franklin**  
Fiddle 1997, 2002

**Paul Franklin**  
Steel Guitar 1991, 1994,  
1995, 1996, 1997, 1998,  
2000, 2001

**Freeway Music**  
Song of the Year 1967, "It's  
Such A Pretty World Today,"  
Publisher

**Janie Fricke**

Top Female Vocalist 1983

**David Frizzell**  
Song of the Year 1981,  
"You're The Reason God  
Made Oklahoma," Top  
Vocal Duet 1981, 1982

**Full Moon / Asylum**  
Album of the Year 1980,  
Urban Cowboy, Record  
Company;

**Al Gallico**  
Jim Reeves Memorial Award  
1981

**Byron Gallimore**  
Album of the Year 1994, Not  
A Moment Too Soon,  
Producer;  
Single Record of the Year  
1997, "It's Your Love,"  
Producer; Single Record of  
the Year 1998, "This Kiss,"  
Producer

**Albhy Galuten**  
Single Record of the Year  
1983, "Islands In The  
Stream," Producer

**Joanne Gardner**  
Video of the Year 1989,  
"There's A Tear In My Beer,"  
Producer; 1992, "Two  
Sparrows in a Hurricane,"  
Director

**Blair Garner**  
On-Air Personality of the  
Year 2003

**Larry Garner (Booth)**  
Bass 1972

**Gary Morris Music**  
Song of the Year 1993, "I  
Love The Way You Love  
Me," Publisher

**Larry Gatlin**  
Album of the Year 1979,  
Straight Ahead, Artist; Top  
Male  
Vocalist 1979

**Larry Gatlin & Gatlin Bros.**  
Single Record of the Year  
1979, "All The Gold in  
California," Artist

**Crystal Gayle**  
Top Female Vocalist 1979,  
1976, 1977; Top New  
Female Vocalist 1975

**Bobbie Gentry**  
Album of the Year 1968,  
Glen Campbell & Bobbie  
Gentry, Artist; Top New  
Female Vocalist 1967

**Barry Gibb**  
Single Record of the Year  
1983, "Islands In The  
Stream," Producer

**Terri Gibbs**  
Top New Female Vocalist  
1980

**Gibson Miller Band**  
Top New Vocal Duet or  
Group 1993

**Gibson's Caffè Milano**  
Nashville, Tennessee,  
Nightclub of the Year 1999

**Vince Gill**  
Song of the Year 1992, "I  
Still Believe in You," Artist;  
Composer; Top Male  
Vocalist 1992, 1993; Top  
New Male Vocalist 1984

**Mickey Gilley**  
Album of the Year 1976,  
Gilley's Smoking, Artist;  
Entertainer of the Year  
1976; Single Record of the  
Year 1976, "Bring It On  
Home," Artist; Song of the  
Year 1976, "Don't the Girls  
Get Prettier at Closing  
Time," Artist; Top Male  
Vocalist 1976, 1976; Top  
New Male Vocalist 1974

**Gilley's**  
Pasadena, Texas, Nightclub  
of the Year 1980, 1982,  
1983, 1984, 1980

**Johnny Gimble**  
Fiddle 1978, 1979, 1980,  
1981, 1982, 1983, 1984,  
1985, 1987

**Jim Glaser**  
Top New Male Vocalist 1983

**Golden Nugget**  
Las Vegas, Nevada  
Nightclub of the Year  
(Regional) 1968

**Golden Wheat Music**  
Song of the Year 1999,  
"Amazed," Publisher

**Steven Goldmann**  
Video of the Year 1996, "I  
Think About You," Director;  
1998, "This Kiss," Director;  
2002, "Drive (For Daddy  
Gene)," Director

**John Goodhugh**  
Video of the Year 1984, "All  
My Rowdy Friends Are  
Comin' Over Tonight,"  
Director

**Emory Gordy Jr.**

Bass 1986, 1987  
**Keeley Gould**  
Video of the Year 2000,  
"Goodbye Earl," Producer

**Billy Graham**  
Bass 1969, 1970, 1974,  
1975, 1979

**Marv Green**  
Song of the Year 1999,  
"Amazed," Composer

**Lee Greenwood**  
Top Male Vocalist 1983

**Merv Griffin**  
Jim Reeves Memorial  
Award 1974

**Bonnie Guitar**  
Top Female Vocalist 1966

**Merle Haggard**  
Album of the Year 1969,  
Okie From Muskogee,  
Artist; Entertainer of the  
Year 1970; Pioneer  
Award 1995; Single  
Record of the Year 1969,  
"Okie From Muskogee,"  
Artist; Song of the Year  
1969, "Okie From  
Muskogee," Artist; 1982,  
"Are The Good Times  
Really Over," Artist;  
Composer; Top Duo  
1967; Top Male Vocalist  
1966, 1969, 1970, 1972,  
1974, 1981; Top New  
Male Vocalist 1965; Top  
Vocal Group 1965, 1966

**Rob Hajacos**  
Fiddle 1995

**Lodge Hall**  
Song of the Year 1985,  
"Lost in the Fifties (In The  
Still Of The Night),"  
Publisher

**Jim Halsey**  
Jim Reeves Memorial  
Award 1977

**Sherman Halsey**  
Video of the Year 1997,  
"It's Your Love," Director;  
Producer

**Stuart Hamblen**  
Pioneer Award 1971

**Russ Hansen**  
Lead Guitar 1975

**Glen Hardin**  
Keyboard 1985

**Gus Hardin**  
Top New Female Vocalist  
1983

## Listed By name



## Previous Winners

### Faye Hardin

Top New Vocal Group  
1966

### Buddy Harman

Drums 1981

### Emmylou Harris

Album of the Year 1987,  
Trio, Artist

### Freddie Hart

Album of the Year 1971,  
Easy Lovin', Artist;  
Entertainer of the Year  
1971; Single Record of  
the Year 1971, "Easy  
Lovin," Artist; Song of the  
Year 1971, "Easy Lovin,"  
Artist; Top Male Vocalist  
1971

### John Hartford

Specialty Instrument 1969

### Tim Hatrick

On-Air Personality of the  
Year 1993

### Dick Haynes

On-Air Personality of the  
Year 1969

### Aubrey Haynie

Fiddle 2003

### Brent Hedgcock

Video of the Year 1992,  
"Two Sparrows in a  
Hurricane," Producer

### Scott Hendricks

Album of the Year 1991,  
Don't Rock the Jukebox,  
Producer; 1992, Brand  
New Man, Producer;  
Single Record of the Year  
1991, "Don't Rock the  
Jukebox," Producer; 1992,  
"Boot Scootin' Boogie,"  
Producer; 1994, "I Swear,"  
Producer

### Larry Henley

Song of the Year 1983,  
"The Wind Beneath My  
Wings," Composer

### Don Henry

Song of the Year 1989,  
"Where've You Been,"  
Composer;

### Highway 101

Top Vocal Group 1987,  
1988

### Faith Hill

Single Record of the Year  
1997, "It's Your Love,"  
Artist; 1998, "This Kiss,"  
Artist; Producer; Song of  
the Year 1997, "It's Your  
Love," Artist; Top Female

Vocalist 1998, 1999, 2000;  
Top New Female Vocalist  
1993; Video of the Year  
1997, "It's Your Love," Artist;  
1998, "This Kiss," Artist;  
1999, "Breathe," Artist;  
Vocal Event of the Year  
1997, "It's Your Love," Artist;  
1998, "Just To Hear You  
Say That You Love Me,"  
Artist; Producer

### John Hobbs

Keyboard 1984, 1986, 1987,  
1988, 1990, 1999, 2000,  
2001; Piano/Keyboards  
2003

### Dan Hollander

On-Air Personality of the  
Year (Small Market) 1984

### Possum Hollers

Band of the Year (Non-  
Touring) 1976

### Doyle Holly

Bass 1970

### Gerry House

On-Air Personality of the  
Year 1990, 1991, 1994,  
1995, 1996

### Harlan Howard

Song of the Year 1984,  
"Why Not Me," Composer

### Dann Huff

Single Record of the Year  
1999, "Amazed," Producer;  
Vocal Event of the Year  
1998, "Just To Hear You  
Say That You Love Me,"  
Producer

### David Hungate

Bass 1987

### Roy Huskey Jr.

Bass 1991

### Julio Iglesias

Single Record of the Year  
1984, "To All The Girls I've  
Loved Before," Artist

### Jerry Inman

Rhythm Guitar 1969, 1975,  
1976; Top New Male  
Vocalist 1967

### Inspector Barlow Music

Song of the Year 1992, "I  
Still Believe in You,"  
Publisher

### Alan Jackson

Album of the Year 1991,  
Don't Rock the Jukebox,  
Artist; 1993, A Lot About  
Livin', Artist; 2002, Drive,  
Artist; Single Record of the  
Year 1991, "Don't Rock the

Jukebox," Artist; 1993,  
"Chattahoochee," Artist;  
2001, "Where Were You  
(When the World Stopped  
Turning)," Artist; 2003, "It's  
Five O'Clock Somewhere,"  
Artist; Song of the Year  
2001, "Where Were You  
(When the World Stopped  
Turning)," Artist; Composer;  
Top Male Vocalist 1994,  
1995, 2001; Top New Male  
Vocalist 1990; Video of  
the Year 2002, "Drive (For  
Daddy Gene)," Artist; Vocal  
Event of the Year 2003, "It's  
Five O'Clock Somewhere,"  
Artist

### Sammy Jackson

On-Air Personality of the  
Year 1980

### John Jarvis

Song of the Year 1992, "I  
Still Believe in You,"  
Composer;

### Jimmy Jay

Don Romeo Talent  
Buyer/Promoter of the Year  
1998

### Waylon Jennings

Single Record of the Year  
1985, "Highwayman," Artist

### Douglas Johnson

Song of the Year 2003,  
"Three Wooden Crosses,"  
Composer

### Kirk "Jelly Roll" Johnson

Specialty Instrument 2003

### Carolyn Dawn Johnson

Top New Female Vocalist  
2001

### Rhubarb Jones

On-Air Personality of the  
Year 1983

### George Jones

Pioneer Award 1992; Single  
Record of the Year 1980,  
"He Stopped Loving Her  
Today," Artist; Song of the  
Year 1980, "He Stopped  
Loving Her Today," Artist;  
Top Male Vocalist 1980;  
Video of the Year 1985,  
"Who's Gonna Fill Their  
Shoes," Artist

### John Jorgensen

Guitar 1992, 1990, 1991

### The Judds

Song of the Year 1984,  
"Why Not Me," Artist; Top  
Vocal Duet 1984, 1985,  
1986, 1987, 1988, 1989,  
1990

### Mark Kalbfeld

Video of the Year 2003,  
"Beer For My Horses,"  
Producer

### Toby Keith

Album of the Year 2000,  
How Do You Like Me  
Now?!, Artist; Producer;  
2003, Shock 'N Y'all, Artist;  
Producer; Entertainer of the  
Year 2002, 2003; Top Male  
Vocalist 2000, 2003; Video  
of the Year 2003, "Beer For  
My Horses," Artist

### Kentucky Headhunters

Top New Vocal Duet or  
Group 1989

### KFDI

Wichita, Kansas, Radio  
Station of the Year 1979

### KGBS

Los Angeles, California,  
Radio Station of the Year  
1977

### KidJulie

Song of the Year 1998,  
"Holes In The Floor Of  
Heaven," Publisher

### KIKK

Houston, Texas, Radio  
Station of the Year 1982

### Kim Williams Music

Song of the Year 2003,  
"Three Wooden Crosses,"  
Publisher; Kimberleys; Top  
Vocal Group 1969,  
1970

### King Edward IV

On-Air Personality of the  
Year 1979

### Bob Kingsley

On-Air Personality of the  
Year 1966, 1967

### The Kinleys

Top New Vocal Duet or  
Group 1997

### Billy Kirsch

Song of the Year 1998,  
"Holes In The Floor Of  
Heaven," Composer

### KLAC

Los Angeles, California,  
Radio Station of the Year  
1970, 1971, 1972, 1974,  
1973, 1975, 1976, 1980

### KNIX

Phoenix, Arizona, Radio  
Station of the Year 1987,  
1986, 1992, 1993

## Listed By name

### Walter Knott

Man of the Year 1971

### KPLX

Dallas, Texas, Radio  
Station of the Year 2001

### Ken Kragen

Jim Reeves Memorial  
Award 1980

### Kris Kristofferson

Single Record of the Year  
1985, "Highwayman,"  
Artist

### KRMD

Shreveport, Louisiana,  
Radio Station of the Year  
1983

### KUZZ

Bakersfield, California,  
Radio Station of the Year  
1999

### KVOO

Tulsa, Oklahoma, Radio  
Station of the Year 1978

### KVOO

Tulsa, Oklahoma, Radio  
Station of the Year (Med.  
Market) 1984

### Christy Lane

Top New Female Vocalist  
1978

### Robert John Lange

Album of the Year 1995,  
The Woman In Me,  
Producer

### Nicolette Larson

Top New Female Vocalist  
1984

### Las Vegas Hilton

Las Vegas, Nevada,  
Casino of the Year 1998

### Las Wagas

Song of the Year 2002,  
"I'm Movin' On," Publisher

### Tracy Lawrence

Top New Male Vocalist  
1992

### Dickey Lee

Song of the Year 1995,  
"The Keeper Of The  
Stars," Composer

### Johnny Lee

Top New Male Vocalist  
1980

## Previous Winners

### Kyle Lehning

Album of the Year 1986, Storms Of Life, Producer; Single Record of the Year 1986, "On The Other Hand," Producer; 1987, "Forever And Ever Amen," Producer

### Richard Leigh

Song of the Year 1991, "Somewhere in My Broken Heart," Composer

### Jerry Lee Lewis

Piano 1975

### Billy Liebert

Piano 1985, 1986

### Chris Lindsey

Song of the Year 1999, "Amazed," Composer

**Lion-Hearted Music** Song of the Year 1991, "Somewhere in My Broken Heart," Publisher

### Lee Music

Song of the Year 1985, "Lost in the Fifties (In The Still Of The Night)," Publisher

### Larrie Londin

Drums 1984, 1986

### Lonestar

Home Depot Humanitarian Award 2002; Single Record of the Year 1999, "Amazed," Artist; Song of the Year 1999, "Amazed," Artist; Top New Duet/Group 1995, Top Vocal Group 2001

### Willy Loon

On-Air Personality of the Year 1993

### Sam Louvello

Jim Reeves Memorial Award 1973

### Patty Loveless

Top Female Vocalist 1995, 1996

### Loretta Lynn

Album of the Year 1975, Feelings, Artist; Artist of the Decade 1979; Entertainer of the Year 1975; Pioneer Award 1994; Top Female Vocalist 1971, 1973, 1974, 1975; Top Vocal Group 1971, 1974, 1975, 1976

Shelby Lynne

Top New Female Vocalist 1990

### Bill Mack

Song of the Year 1996, "Blue," Composer

### Brent Maher

Song of the Year 1984, "Why Not Me," Composer

### Mandalay Bay Resort & Casino

Las Vegas, Nevada, Casino of the Year 2002

### Barbara Mandrell

Entertainer of the Year 1980; Pioneer Award 2000; Top Female Vocalist 1978, 1981; Top New Female Vocalist 1971

### J.D. Maness

Steel Guitar 1970, 1971, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1980, 1982, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1992, 1993, 1997, 1999, 2002, 1983

### George Manz

Drums 1977

### Dean Martin

Man of the Year 1966

### Brent Mason

Guitar 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000

### George Massenburg

Album of the Year 1987, Trio, Producer

### Kathy Mattea

Single Record of the Year 1988, "Eighteen Wheels And A Dozen Roses," Artist; Song of the Year 1988, "Eighteen Wheels And A Dozen Roses," Artist; 1989, "Where've You Been," Artist; Top Female Vocalist 1989

### The Mavericks

Top New Vocal Duet or Group 1994; Top Vocal Group 1994, 1995

### Corky Mayberry

On-Air Personality of the Year 1970

### Carl P. Mayfield & The P-Team

On-Air Personality of the Year 2000

### Danny Mayo

Song of the Year 1995, "The Keeper Of The Stars," Composer

Aimee Mayo

Song of the Year 1999, "Amazed," Composer  
**MCA Music Publishing**  
Song of the Year 1986, "On The Other Hand," Publisher; 1987, "Forever And Ever Amen," Publisher; 2000, "I Hope You Dance," Publisher

### MCA Records

Album of the Year 1985, Does Ft. Worth Ever Cross Your Mind, Record Company; 1996, Blue Clear Sky, Record Company; 1997, Carrying Your Love With Me, Record Company; Single Record of the Year 1981, "Elvira," Record Company; 1995, "Check Yes Or No," Record Company; 2000, "I Hope You Dance," Record Company; Vocal Event of the Year 2000, "I Hope You Dance," Record Company

### Larry McBride

Album of the Year 1981, Feel's So Right, Producer

### Martina McBride

Home Depot Humanitarian Award 2003; Top Female vocalist 2001, 2002, 2003

### Charlie McCoy

Specialty Instrument 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1983, 1988

### Reba McEntire

Entertainer of the Year 1994; Home Depot Humanitarian Award 2001; Top Female Vocalist 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1990, 1991, 1994; Video of the Year 1986, "Whoever's In New England," Artist; 1991, "Is There Life Out There?" Artist

### Jackie McFadden

Talent Management/Booking Agent 1965, 1966

### Tim McGraw

Album of the Year 1994, Not A Moment Too Soon, Artist; Single Record of the Year 1997, "It's Your Love," Artist; Producer; Song of the Year 1997, "It's Your Love," Artist; Top Male Vocalist 1998, 1999; Top New Male Vocalist 1994; Video of the Year 1997, "It's Your Love," Artist; Vocal Event of the Year 1997, "It's Your Love," Artist; 1998, "Just To Hear You Say That You Love Me," Artist

### Terry McMillan

Specialty Instrument 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996

### Mercury Records

Album of the Year 1995, The Woman In Me, Record Company; 2001, O Brother, Where Art Thou? Record Company; Single Record of the Year 1988, "Eighteen Wheels And A Dozen Roses," Record Company

### Michael Merriman

Video of the Year 2001, "Only in America," Director

### Louis Messina

Don Romeo Talent Buyer/Promoter of the Year 2002

### Jo Dee Messina

Top New Female Vocalist 1998

### Danny Michaels

Lead Guitar 1976

### Midnight Riders

Band of the Year (Non-Touring) 1979

### Mike Curb Music

Song of the Year 2003, "Three Wooden Crosses," Publisher

### Roger Miller

Man of the Year 1965; Pioneer Award 1987; Single Record of the Year 1968, "Little Green Apples," Artist; Songwriter 1965

### John Lloyd Miller

Video of the Year 1990, "The Dance," Director

### Tim Miller

Video of the Year 1993, "We Shall Be Free," Director; Producer

### Ronnie Milsap

Keyboard 1987; Pioneer Award 2001; Song of the Year 1985, "Lost in the Fifties (In The Still Of The Night)," Artist; Top Male Vocalist 1982

### Billy Mize

Television Personality 1965, 1966, 1967; Top New Male Vocalist 1966

### Moby

On-Air Personality of the Year 1998

George Moffett

## Listed By name

Don Romeo Talent Buyer/Promoter of the Year 1994, 1995

### Chips Moman

Album of the Year 1982, Always On My Mind, Producer; Single Record of the Year 1982, "Always On My Mind," Producer; 1985, "Highwayman," Producer

### Patsy Montana

Pioneer Award 1970

### John Michael Montgomery

Single Record of the Year 1994, "I Swear," Artist; Song of the Year 1993, "Love the Way You Love Me," Artist; 1994, "I Swear," Artist; Top New Male Vocalist 1993

### Montgomery Gentry

Top New Vocal Duet or Group 1999

### Monument Records

Album of the Year 1998, Wide Open Spaces, Record Company; 1999, Fly, Record Company

### Kitty Moon

Video of the Year 1985, "Who's Gonna Fill Their Shoes," Producer

### Ralph Mooney

Steel Guitar 1966

### Thurston Moore

Jim Reeves Memorial Award 1972

### Morganactive Music

Song of the Year 1990, "The Dance," Publisher; Song of the Year 1994, "I Swear," Publisher

### Bob Morris

Bass 1965, 1966; Top New Vocal Group 1966

### Gary Morris

Song of the Year 1983, "The Wind Beneath My Wings," Artist

### Johnny Mosby

Top Vocal Group 1968

### Michael Murphey

Top New Male Vocalist 1982

### Murrah Music Corp.

Song of the Year 1995, "The Keeper Of The Stars," Publisher; 2002, "I'm Movin' On," Publisher



## Previous Winners

### Anne Murray

Song of the Year 1978, "You Needed Me," Artist  
**Frank J. Myers**  
 Song of the Year 1994, "I Swear," Composer

### Nashville Now Band

Band of the Year (Non-Touring) 1988, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1989

### Gene Nelson

Song of the Year 1988, "Eighteen Wheels And A Dozen Roses," Composer

### Ken Nelson

Producer/A&R 1965

### Ken Nelson

Producer/A&R 1966

### Paul Nelson

Song of the Year 1988, "Eighteen Wheels And A Dozen Roses," Composer

### Willie Nelson

Album of the Year 1982, Always On My Mind, Artist; Entertainer of the Year 1979; Gene Weed Special Achievement Award 2003; Pioneer Award 1991; Single Record of the Year 1982, "Always On My Mind," Artist; 1984, "To All The Girls I've Loved Before," Artist; 1985, "Highwayman," Artist; Video of the Year 2003, "Beer For My Horses," Artist; Vocal Event of the Year 2002, "Mendocino County Line," Artist

### Tennessee Ernie Nevada

Pioneer Award 1974

### New Haven Music

Song of the Year 1995, "The Keeper Of The Stars," Publisher

### Juice Newton

Top New Female Vocalist 1981

### Olivia Newton-John

Top New Female Vocalist 1973

### Joe Nichols

Top New Male Vocalist 2002

### Dale Noe

Song of the Year 1967, "It's Such A Pretty World Today," Writer

### Bob Nolan

Pioneer Award 1971

### O Brother, Where Art Thou?

Album of the Year 2001

### Oak Ridge Boys

Album of the Year 1978, Ya'll Come Back Saloon, Artist; Single Record of the Year 1981, "Elvira," Artist; Top Vocal Group 1978

### Brian O'Connell

Don Romeo Talent Buyer/Promoter of the Year 2001

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Fiddle 1986, 2000, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994

### Kenny O'Dell

Song of the Year 1973, "Behind Closed Doors," Artist

### Jimmy Olander

Guitar 2001

### Jamie O'Neal

Top New Female Vocalist 2000

### Original Texas Playboys

Band of the Year (Touring) 1978

### Joe Osborn

Bass 1981, 1983, 1984, 1985

### K.T. Oslin

Album of the Year 1988, This Woman, Artist; Top Female Vocalist 1988; Top New Female Vocalist 1987; Video of the Year 1987, "80's Ladies," Artist

### Paul Overstreet

Song of the Year 1986, "On The Other Hand," Composer; 1987, "Forever And Ever Amen," Composer

### Fuzzy Owen

Song of the Year 1966, "Apartment #9"

### Bonnie Owens

Top Duo 1967; Top Female Vocalist 1965; Top Vocal Group 1965, 1966

### Buck Owens

Pioneer Award 1988; Top Male Vocalist 1965

### Patti Page

Pioneer Award 1979

### Brad Paisley

Top New Male Vocalist 1999

### Pal Time Music Inc.

Song of the Year 1995, "The Keeper Of The Stars," Publisher

### Palomino

North Hollywood, California, Nightclub of the Year 1966, 1967, 1969, 1970, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1971, 1980, 1965, 1968

### Palomino Riders

Band of the Year (Non-Touring) 1974, 1975, 1977, 1980

### Billy Parker

On-Air Personality of the Year 1975, 1977, 1978, 1984

### Fred Parris

Song of the Year 1985, "Lost in the Fifties (In The Still Of The Night)," Composer

### Dolly Parton

Album of the Year 1987, Trio, Artist; Entertainer of the Year 1977, Single Record of the Year 1983, "Islands In The Stream," Artist; Top Female Vocalist 1980; Top Vocal Duet 1983

### Johnny Paycheck

Career Achievement Award 1977; Song of the Year 1966, "Apartment #9"

### Minnie Pearl

Pioneer Award 1986

### Frank Peppiatt

Man of the Year 1969

### Carl Perkins

Career Achievement Award 1986

### Richard Perry

Single Record of the Year 1984, "To All The Girls I've Loved Before," Producer

### Peso Music

Song of the Year 1981, "You're The Reason God Made Oklahoma," Publisher

### Sandy Pinkard

Song of the Year 1981, "You're The Reason God Made Oklahoma," Composer

### Pirates of the Mississippi

Top New Vocal Duet or Group 1990

### Pookie Bear Music

Song of the Year 1990, "The Dance," Publisher

### Cheryl Poole

Top New Female Vocalist 1968

### Ray Price

Album of the Year 1970, For the Good Times, Artist; Single Record of the Year 1970, "For the Good Times," Artist; Song of the Year 1970, "For the Good Times," Artist

### Charley Pride

Pioneer Award 1993

### Jimmy Pruett

Keyboard 1978

### Pure Country

Tex Ritter Award 1992

### Curly Putman

Song of the Year 1980, "He Stopped Loving Her Today," Composer

### Eddie Rabbitt

Top New Male Vocalist 1977

### Collin Raye

Video of the Year 1996, "I Think About You," Artist

### RCA Records

Album of the Year 1981, Feel's So Right, Record Company; 1983, The Closer You Get, Record Company; 1984, Roll On, Record Company; 1988, This Woman, Record Company; 1989, Killin' Time, Record Company; Single Record of the Year 1983, "Islands In The Stream," Record Company; 1989, "Better Man," Record Company

### Rebel Playboys

Band of the Year (Non-Touring) 1978

### Red Rose Express

Band of the Year (Touring) 1976

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Video of the Year 2001, "Only in America," Producer

### Mike Reid

Song of the Year 1985, "Lost in the Fifties (In The Still Of The Night)," Composer

## Listed By name

### Restless Heart

Top Vocal Group 1989

### Allen Reynolds

Album of the Year 1990, No Fences, Producer; Single Record of the Year 1988, "Eighteen Wheels And A Dozen Roses," Producer; 1990, "Friends In Low Places," Producer

### Michael Rhodes

Bass 1989, 2000, 2001, 2003

### Red Rhodes

Steel Guitar 1965, 1967, 1968, 1973

### Charlie Rich

Album of the Year 1973, Behind Closed Doors, Artist; Single Record of the Year 1973, "Behind Closed Doors," Artist; Top Male Vocalist 1973

### Karl Richardson

Single Record of the Year 1983, "Islands In The Stream," Producer

### Rick Hall Music

Song of the Year 1994, "I Swear," Publisher

### Ricky Skaggs Band

Band of the Year (Touring) 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986

### Ricochet

Top New Duet/Group 1996

### Wilbur C. Rimes

Single Record of the Year 1996, "Blue," Producer

### LeAnn Rimes

Single Record of the Year 1996, "Blue," Artist; Song of the Year 1996, "Blue," Artist; Top New Female Vocalist 1996

### Tex Ritter

Pioneer Award 1970

### Tom Rivers

On-Air Personality of the Year 1997

### Marty Robbins

Artist of the Decade 1969

### Hargus "Pig" Robbins

Keyboard 1977, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1984, 1999; Piano 1976

## Previous Winners

### Judy Rodman

Top New Female Vocalist 1985

### Johnny Rodriguez

Top New Male Vocalist 1972

### Kenny Rogers

Album of the Year 1977, Kenny Rogers, Artist; Career Achievement Award 2000; Entertainer of the Year 1978; Single Record of the Year 1977, "Lucille," Artist; 1983, "Islands In The Stream," Artist; Song of the Year 1977, "Lucille," Artist; Top Male Vocalist 1977, 1978, Top Vocal Duet 1983

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Jim Reeves Memorial Award 1971; Pioneer Award 1975

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Keyboard, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2002

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Album of the Year 1987, Trio, Artist; Top New Female Vocalist 1974

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Guitar 1989, 2003

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Video of the Year 2002, "Drive (For Daddy Gene)," Producer

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Video of the Year 1989, "There's A Tear In My Beer," Director

### Maureen Ryan

Video of the Year 1995, "The Car," Producer

### Michael Salomon

Video of the Year 2003, "Beer For My Horses," Director; 1995, "The Car," Director

### Sam's Town

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Song of the Year 2000, "I Hope You Dance," Composer

### Ray Sanders

Top New Male Vocalist 1968

### Bob Saportti

Jim Reeves Memorial Award 1996

### Art Satherly

Pioneer Award 1968

### Scarlet Moon Music

Song of the Year 1986, "On The Other Hand," Publisher; 1987, "Forever And Ever Amen," Publisher

### Don Schlitz

Song of the Year 1986, "On The Other Hand," Composer; 1987, "Forever And Ever Amen," Composer

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Video of the Year 1986, "Whoever's In New England," Director

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Tex Ritter Award 1980, Coal Miner's Daughter

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On-Air Personality of the Year 1973

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On-Air Personality of the Year 1971, 1972, 1974, 1968

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Song of the Year 1988, "Eighteen Wheels And A Dozen Roses," Publisher

### Troy Seals

Song of the Year 1985, "Lost in the Fifties (In The Still Of The Night)," Composer

### Senor

Song of the Year 1981, "You're The Reason God Made Oklahoma," Publisher

### Matthew Serletic

Vocal Event of the Year 2002, "Mendocino County Line," Producer

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Song of the Year 1982, "Are The Good Times Really Over," Publisher

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Song of the Year 1993, "I Love The Way You Love Me," Composer

### Harold Shedd

Album of the Year 1981, Feel's So Right, Producer; 1983, The Closer You Get, Producer; 1984, Roll On, Producer; 1988,

This Woman, Producer

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Top Vocal Group 1990

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Audio Engineer of the Year 2003

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Single Record of the Year 1980, "He Stopped Loving Her Today," Producer

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Song of the Year 1999, "Amazed," Publisher

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Video of the Year 1999, "Breathe," Producer

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Song of the Year 1995, "The Keeper Of The Stars," Publisher

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Specialty Instrument 1984, 1987; Top New Male Vocalist 1981

### Jon Small

Video of the Year 1986, "Whoever's In New England," Director; Producer; 1994, "The Red Strokes," Director; Producer

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Single Record of the Year 1974, "Country Bumpkin," Artist; Song of the Year 1974, "Country Bumpkin," Artist

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Top New Female Vocalist 1970

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Song of the Year 1997, "It's Your Love," Composer

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Man of the Year 1968

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Song of the Year 2000, "I Hope You Dance," Publisher

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Vocal Event of the Year 2001,

"I Am a Man of Constant Sorrow," Artist

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Song of the Year 2002, "I'm Movin' On," Publisher

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Single Record of the Year 2000, "I Hope You Dance," Artist; Song of the Year 2000, "I Hope You Dance," Artist; Vocal Event of the Year 2000, "I Hope You Dance," Artist

### Sons of the Pioneers

Band of the Year (Touring) 1977; Pioneer Award 1977; Top Vocal Group 1967

### Sony/ATV

Song of the Year 2003, "Three Wooden Crosses," Publisher

### Sound Company

Band of the Year (Non-Touring) 1973

### Billie Jo Spears

Top New Female Vocalist 1976

### Karen Staley

Song of the Year 1995, "The Keeper Of The Stars," Composer

### Joe Stampley

Top Vocal Duet 1980; Top Vocal Group 1979

### Statler Brothers

Top Vocal Group 1972, 1977

### Keith Stegall

Album of the Year 1991, Don't Rock the Jukebox, Producer; 1993, A Lot About Livin', Producer; 2002, Drive, Producer; Single Record of the Year 1986, "On The Other Hand," Producer; 1991, "Don't Rock the Jukebox," Producer; 1993, "Chattahoochee," Producer; 2001, "Where Were You (When the World Stopped Turning)," Producer; 2003, "It's Five O'Clock Somewhere," Producer

### Curtis Stone

Bass 1976, 1980, 1981, 1988; Pioneer Award 1972

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Album of the Year 1985, Does Ft. Worth Ever Cross Your Mind, Artist; Producer; Album of the Year 1996, Blue Clear Sky, Artist; Producer; Album of the Year 1997, Carrying Your Love With Me, Artist; Producer; Entertainer of the Year 1989; Gene Weed Special Achievement Award 2002; Single Record of the Year 1995, "Check Yes Or No," Artist; Single Record of the Year 1995, "Check Yes Or No," Producer; Top Male Vocalist 1984, 1985, 1988, 1996, 1997

### Strangers

Band of the Year 1969; Band of the Year (Touring) 1970, 1971, 1972, 1972, 1974, 1975, 1981, 1987

### James Stroud

Album of the Year 1989, Killin' Time, Producer; 1994, Not A Moment Too Soon, Producer; 2000, How Do You Like Me Now?!, Producer; 2003, Shock 'N Y'all, Producer; Single Record of the Year 1989, "Better Man," Producer; 1997, "It's Your Love," Producer

### Sweet Dreams

Tex Ritter Award 1985, Sweet Dreams

### Sweet Radical Music

Song of the Year 2003, "Three Wooden Crosses," Publisher

### Sylvia

Top Female Vocalist 1982

### Jim Tabor

On-Air Personality of the Year 1987

### Taste Auction

Song of the Year 1993, "I Love The Way You Love Me," Publisher

### Cathie Taylor

Top Female Vocalist 1968; Top New Female Vocalist 1966

### Chris Taylor

On-Air Personality of the Year 1986

### Tender Mercies

Tex Ritter Award 1983

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## Previous Winners

**Band of the Year (Club)**  
1968; **Band of the Year (Non-Touring)** 1983, 1984

**Little Texas**  
Top Vocal Group 1993

**The Best Little Whorehouse In Texas**  
Tex Ritter Award 1982

**Tony & Kris**  
On-Air Personality of the Year 2002

**Toolies Country**  
Phoenix, Arizona, Nightclub of the Year 1993

**The Trap**  
Nashville, Tennessee, Nightclub of the Year 2003

**Merle Travis**  
Pioneer Award 1974

**Randy Travis**  
Album of the Year 1986, Storms Of Life, Artist; Single Record of the Year 1986, "On The Other Hand," Artist; 1987, "Forever And Ever Amen," Artist; Song of the Year 1986, "On The Other Hand," Artist; 1987, "Forever And Ever Amen," Artist; 2003, "Three Wooden Crosses," Artist; Top Male Vocalist 1986, 1987; Top New Male Vocalist 1985

**Tree Publishing**  
Song of the Year 1980, "He Stopped Loving Her Today," Publisher; 1984, "Why Not Me," Publisher

**Tri-Angels Music**  
Song of the Year 2001, "Where Were You (When the World Stopped Turning)," Publisher

**Trick Pony**  
Top New Vocal Duet or Group 2001

**Trio Music**  
Song of the Year 1996, "Blue," Publisher

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Song of the Year 1984, "Why Not Me," Composer

**Ernest Tubb**  
Pioneer Award 1980

**Tanya Tucker**  
Top New Female Vocalist 1972; Video of the Year 1992, "Two Sparrows in a Hurricane," Artist

**Shania Twain**  
Album of the Year 1995, The Woman In Me, Artist; Entertainer of the Year 1999; Top New Female Vocalist 1995

**Conway Twitty**  
Album of the Year 1975, Feelings, Artist; Top Male Vocalist 1975; Top Vocal Group 1971, 1974, 1975, 1976

**Two Sons Music**  
Song of the Year 1985, "Lost in the Fifties (In The Still Of The Night)," Publisher

**Keith Urban**  
Top New Male Vocalist 2000

**Ricky Van Shelton**  
Top New Male Vocalist 1987

**Phil Vassar**  
Top New Male Vocalist 2001

**Jon Vezner**  
Song of the Year 1989, "Where've You Been," Composer;

**Jo Walker-Meador**  
Jim Reeves Memorial Award 1982

**Wallet Music**  
Song of the Year 1981, "You're The Reason God Made Oklahoma," Publisher

**WAMZ**  
Louisville, Kentucky, Radio Station of the Year 1985, 1991  
**Bill Ward**  
Jim Reeves Memorial Award 1979

**Steve Wariner**  
Song of the Year 1998, "Holes In The Floor Of Heaven," Artist; Composer; Publisher

**Warner Bros. Records**  
Album of the Year 1986, Storms Of Life, Record Company; 1987, Trio, Record Company; Single Record of the Year 1986, "On The Other Hand," Record Company; 1987, "Forever And Ever Amen," Record Company; 1998, "This Kiss," Record Company

**Warner House of Music**  
Song of the Year 1983, "The Wind Beneath My Wings," Publisher

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Song of the Year 1988, "Eighteen Wheels And A Dozen Roses," Publisher; 1999, "Amazed," Publisher

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Song of the Year 1983, "The Wind Beneath My Wings," Publisher

**WB Music Corp.**  
Song of the Year 1985, "Lost in the Fifties (In The Still Of The Night)," Publisher; 2002, "I'm Movin' On," Publisher

**Jim Webb**  
Song of the Year 1968, "Wichita Lineman," Composer;

**Welbeck Music**  
Song of the Year 1984, "Why Not Me," Publisher

**Lawrence Welk**  
Man of the Year 1972

**Freddy Weller**  
Top New Male Vocalist 1969

**Kitty Wells**  
Pioneer Award 1985

**Shelly West**  
Song of the Year 1981, "You're The Reason God Made Oklahoma," Artist; Top Vocal Duet 1981, 1982

**Phillip White**  
Song of the Year 2002, "I'm Movin' On," Composer

**Bryan White**  
Top New Male Vocalist 1995

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Drums 1966, 1968, 1969, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974

**Wild Horse Saloon**  
Nashville, Tennessee, Nightclub of the Year 1998, 2002

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On-Air Personality of the Year (Regional) 1968; Pioneer Award 1971

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Single Record of the Year 1978, "Tulsa Time," Artist

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Song of the Year 2002, "I'm Movin' On," Composer

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Song of the Year 2003, "Three Wooden Crosses," Composer

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Entertainer of the Year 1986, 1987, 1988; Video of the Year 1984, "All My Rowdy Friends Are Comin' Over Tonight," Artist; 1988, "Young Country,"

Artist; 1989, "There's A Tear In My Beer," Artist

**Hank Williams Sr.**  
Pioneer Award 1973

**John Willis**  
Guitar 2002

**Bob Wills**  
Pioneer Award 1969

**Mark Wills**  
Top New Male Vocalist 1998

**Lonnie Wilson**  
Drums 2002

**Norro Wilson**  
Single Record of the Year 2002, "The Good Stuff," Producer

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Knoxville, Tennessee, Radio Station of the Year 2000, 2002

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Album of the Year 1998, Wide Open Spaces, Producer; 1999, Fly, Producer

**WPLO**  
Atlanta, Georgia, Radio Station of the Year 1981

**Wrensong**  
Song of the Year 1989, "Where've You Been," Publisher

**Chely Wright**  
Top New Female Vocalist 1994

**Mark Wright**

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Album of the Year 1989, Killin' Time, Producer; Single Record of the Year 1989, "Better Man," Producer; 2000, "I Hope You Dance," Producer; Vocal Event of the Year 2000, "I Hope You Dance," Producer

**Michelle Wright**  
Top New Female Vocalist 1992

**Randy Wright**  
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Song of the Year 1986, "On The Other Hand," Publisher; 1987, "Forever And Ever Amen," Publisher  
**WSIX**  
Nashville, Tennessee, Radio Station of the Year 1988, 1989, 1990, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1998, 2003

**WUSN**  
Chicago, Illinois, Radio Station of the Year 1997

**Tammy Wynette**  
Pioneer Award 1999; Top Female Vocalist 1969

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Top Female Vocalist 1993

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Top Female Vocalist 1997; Top New Female Vocalist 1991

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Top New Male Vocalist 1989

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Guitar 1983

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Video of the Year 1999, "Breathe," Director

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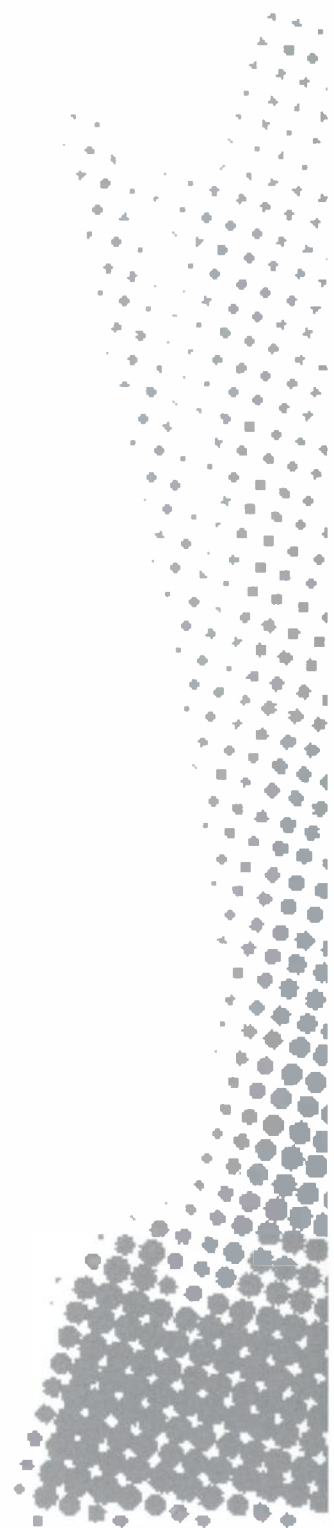
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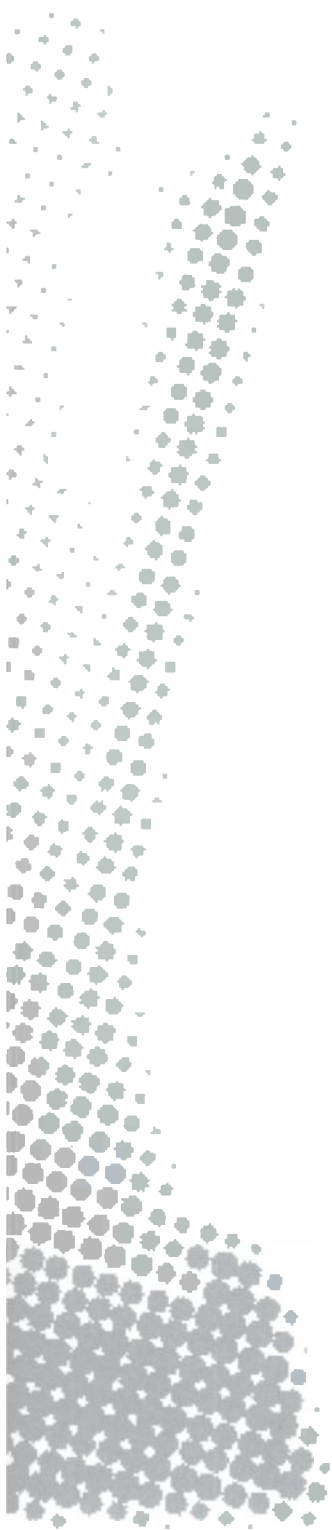
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