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News Bits

The Bobby Pizazz Restore Health Benefit
December 13th at 7:00pm
Holder Family Fun Center
460 West Main St, Hendersonville, TN.

In April, Bobby fell and is in need of therapeutic equipment that his insurance will not pay for. Many of you know Bobby as the guy who is always first to reach out and host benefits for the sick, disabled, young and old. There has been great response from many celebrity entertainers who are going to donate their services and provide entertainment for this benefit. J.K. Coltrain, Razy Bailey, Bobby G Rice, Jimmy Payne, Boomer Castleman & Lois Hess, Don Mealer and many more! Donations appreciated.



George Strait was named CMA Entertainer of the Year at the "47th Annual CMA awards" in Nashville, TN. Making this his 3rd Entertainer of the Year Award.

Reflecting on the fact that this year marks his final tour, "The Cowboy Rides Away," Strait mused, "I'm not totally quitting. I'm just slowing down a bit. But I don't know, this gets me fired up a bit. Cowboy might be riding back in."

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Hank Williams Jr. & Merle Haggard Team Up On Classic Tune

Country Music Icons release lyric video to support collaboration



Five-time Entertainer of the Year Hank Williams Jr. and Country Music Hall of Fame member Merle Haggard spent some time in the studio recording the 1980 hit song “I Think I’ll Just Sit Here and Drink,” for Hank Williams Jr.’s latest studio album *Old School New Rules*. You can watch the video here: <http://youtu.be/hpD8aehKRtI>

“Merle is one-of-a-kind,” says Hank Williams Jr. “His music resonates with fans just like mine does. Making this song was simple, it maybe took two takes. Then we spent the rest of the time laughing and telling old road stories. Merle and I are for the everyday working man and that’s something we have in common.”

On December 31, 2013, Williams will perform at the fifth annual “Bash on Broadway” in downtown Nashville, Tennessee. Prior to the show he will receive the 2013 Operation Troop Aid “Patriot Award” for his support of those serving in the military, their families, and his continued Patriotic stance.

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Ron Crites has been in the music business for over 40 years and just finished a tour with Carnival Cruise Lines. He has been performing in a wide variety of venues, including Disney and opened for some of the Country Music Legends including George Jones & Brad Paisley to name a few. Ron said George Jones has been his inspiration since he was very young and “I’ll Share My World With You” was the first George Jones song that he learned.

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Vince Gill To Be Honored with CRB Career Achievement Award

Award to be presented by Emmylou Harris & Rodney Crowell
at the CRS Hall of Fame Ceremony in February



Vince Gill will be honored with the 2014 Country Radio Broadcasters, Inc. Career Achievement Award at the Country Radio Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 6 p.m.

Emmylou Harris and Rodney Crowell will perform a tribute to Gill as well as presenting him with the prestigious award during the event.

The CRB Career Achievement Award is presented to an individual artist or act that, through their creativity, vision, performance or leadership has made a significant contribution to the development and promotion of country music and country radio. Previous winners of this

award include Dolly Parton, Brooks & Dunn, Merle Haggard and George Strait.

"Vince Gill is unquestionably one of the greatest artists in the country genre," said Bill Mayne, Executive Director of CRS. "His body of amazing work continues to evolve, and his performances inspire us all. He is a remarkable ambassador for Country music with his talents, grace, class, leadership, humility, humanity, style and wicked sense of humor. We are very proud to present Vince with this richly deserved honor."

With more than 17 studio albums recorded and more than 26 million copies sold, Gill has had an incredible career as a singer, songwriter, producer and multi-instrumentalist. He has won 20 Grammys and 18 CMA Awards, including CMA Entertainer of the Year, Song of the Year and CMA Male Vocalist of the Year. He has already been inducted into the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame and the Country Music Hall of Fame.

The Country Radio Hall of Fame dinner and induction ceremony unofficially kicks off Country Radio Seminar each year. CRS 2014 will be held at the downtown Nashville Convention Center February 19-21, 2014.

For information about the Country Radio Hall of Fame Dinner and Ceremony tickets, contact the Country Radio Seminar offices at 615-327-4487.

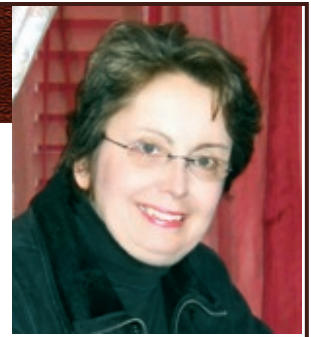
Previously announced, the 2014 Country Radio Hall of Fame inductees are Larry Wilson and Mike Brophey as the Radio category inductees and Paul Schadt and Jim Denny as the On-Air category inductees.

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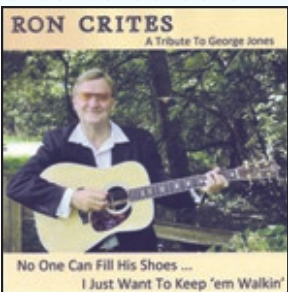
David Shelby • Rust Belt Cowboy • www.davidshelbymusic.com

Detroit native, David Shelby, delivers his own brand of country music in his album, Rust Belt Cowboy. He opens the CD with the toe tappin' "Kick A Little Dirt Around" and ends with the fun, "Cinderella With A New Tattoo." David had a hand in writing all but one of the songs as well as co-producing. A little more edgy than traditional, David is developing his own style of country.



Allen Karl • Christmas In My Heart • www.allenkarlproductionsllc.com

Allen Karl's Christmas In My Heart CD would be a welcome addition to any country music holiday collection. Allen's smooth delivery of songs like "Little Hometown At Christmas" and the familiar "I'll Be Home For Christmas" is warm and genuine. There is also the recognizable "Santa Looks A Lot Like Daddy." Allen Karl adds a touch of traditional country to this holiday season.



Ron Crites • A Tribute To George Jones • www.roncrites.com

Ron Crites' CD is a tribute to the legendary George Jones. Ron does his version of some of George's biggest hits including "I Don't Need Your Rockin' Chair," "White Lightnin'," "Choices," "Who's Gonna Fill Their Shoes," and "He Stopped Loving Her Today." Ron has kept the production and vocals close to George's originals, and while no one can out sing "The Possum," it is a nice tribute.



Texas Gray • Get Rowdy And Yell • www.texasgray.com

The group, Texas Gray (consisting of Allen Vinyard, Randy Henderson, Greg Hatley, and Tim McInroe) offers up an album, Get Rowdy And Yell, full of original material with a Texas honky-tonk style. While the production and vocals are raw and unpolished, there are some gems here like the ballads "A Smoother Blend Of Whiskey" and "Pride Is A River."



Doug Briney • Super Country Cowboy

Doug Briney's CD, Super Country Cowboy is a collection of country songs with a more traditional feel. Opening with the title-cut, "Super Country Cowboy," Doug conveys each song with a heartfelt honesty. Of particular interest is the story song, "Eugene Fuguay" and the patriotic "Unknown Soldier." All in all this production should garner some attention for Doug Briney.

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Monthly Top 40 Chart

- 1 FIGHT WORTH LOSING
Chris Tarkington - Diamond Music Group
- 2 GOD BLESS TEXAS
Robyn Young - Pretty World Records
- 3 PARTY LIKE A REDNECK
Amy Rose - Wild Rose Music
- 4 FOOTPRINTS ON THE MOON
Tracy Lawrence - LMC Records
- 5 WAKE UP LOVIN' YOU
Craig Morgan - Black River Rec.
- 6 BORROWED ANGEL
Billy Joe Burnette - MP3 / Pretty World
- 7 IS THIS THE WAY YOU SAY GOODBYE
Bobby G. Rice - Century II Records
- 8 SUNNY AND 75
Joe Nichols - Red Bow Records
- 9 OUTTA MY HEAD
Craig Campbell - Bigger Picture Records
- 10 RESIDENT REDNECK
Matt Farris - Skytone Records
- 11 THE BARTENDER
Ed Bruce - Pretty World Records
- 12 HEY GIRL
Billy Currington - Mercury Records
- 13 HIGH OCTANE CRAZY
Christine Van Hoy - Big 7 Records
- 14 LOVESICK COWGIRLS
Bobbi Lynn - Canadian American
- 15 SOMEWHERE BETWEEN
Taylor Made - LGR / CDX Vol. 579,Cut # 8
- 16 AMONG MY SOUVENIRS
David Wayne - Sugarfoot Records
- 17 OUT OF THE PICTURE
Todd Stanford - Main Street Records
- 18 GONE FOR GOOD
Donna Cunningham - Century II Records
- 19 TEXAS HONKY TONK
Jerry Croston - Pretty World Records
- 20 BEING LONELY WITH YOU
The Haskins - MP3

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Rocky Scott - Pretty World Records
- 22 TROPHY WIFE
Kristi Stafford - Colt Records
- 23 JUST ONE GLANCE
Bill Barnes - MP3/James Allen Promotions
- 24 AUCTIONEER
Brett Rigby - Pretty World Records
- 25 THANK YOU FOR LEAVIN'
Brooke Byam - Twang Thang Music
- 26 TWO CIGARETTES OUT OF MEMPHIS
J.K. Coltrain - Colt Records
- 27 FADED BLUES
Michael Martin Murphey - Red River Records
- 28 HOLD THAT THOUGHT
Myra Rolan - Pretty World Records
- 29 HEART OF DREAMS
Kathy Joy Daugherty - JoyTown Rec/NRP
- 30 LONG ROAD BACK TO YOU
Grady Yates - Prosper Bay Records
- 31 OUTLAW YOU
Shooter Jennings - E1 Records
- 32 I BELIEVE
John Long - CBR/Pretty World Records
- 33 HARDENED HEART
Rick Street - Tate Music Group
- 34 ANY DAY IS A GOOD DAY
Amber Hayes - FUNL Records
- 35 NASHVILLE'S IN ME
Earl Parker - Door Knob Records
- 36 MEMORY LANE
Clay Alston - Alston Entertainment /CE USA Media
- 37 THROUGH THE BOTTOM OF THIS GLASS
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- 38 WASTING ALL THESE TEARS
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Stella Parton

AMG's Author of the Year



On November 9th, Stella Parton received the prestigious “Author of the Year” award from the Artists Music Guild. This distinction comes as no surprise to those that have read her inspirational memoir, *Tell It Sister, Tell It*.

From the miracles and childhood stories to the spine-chilling and terrifying real-life nightmares, *Tell It Sister, Tell It* is written with Stella’s trademark style - heartfelt and honest. “While this was not the easiest book for me to write, it was self-healing and I hope that it has given inspiration to others who may be struggling,” Stella comments.

This has been a jam-packed year for Stella with appearances, book signings, and recordings to her credit plus a variety of project releases including the *Live In Nashville* DVD, the *Live At Dollywood* CD/DVD (both part of Attic Entertainment’s Vintage Concert Series), the *State Fairs & Church Bazaars* cookbook, the *Tell It Sister, Tell It* audiobook, and the *Virtue* fragrance line. Being honored as AMG’s 2013 “Author of the Year” acknowledges not only her writing abilities, but her creativity and passion - traits that can be found in each of her artistic achievements.

Obviously, Stella’s creative spirit is flourishing and since she’s not one to rest on past accomplishments, we can be assured there’s even more on the horizon for Stella Parton in 2014!

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