

**OFF-CAMERA NOMINATIONS ANNOUNCED
FOR THE 42nd ANNUAL ACADEMY OF COUNTRY MUSIC
AWARDS**

NASHVILLE, TN (March 27, 2007) – The Academy of Country Music is announcing nominations for the following categories, which, due to time constraints, will not be televised during the 42nd ANNUAL ACADEMY OF COUNTRY MUSIC AWARDS:

ON-AIR PERSONALITY – NATIONAL

Kix Brooks- American Country Countdown (ABC Radio Network)
Bill Cody- Classic Country Weekend (Jones Radio Network)
Bob Kingsley- Bob Kingsley’s Country Top 40 (Jones Radio Network)
Lia Knight- (Jones Radio Network)
Danny Wright - All Night (Jones Radio Network)

ON-AIR PERSONALITY - MAJOR MARKET

Cornbread with Pat James- WIL, St. Louis, MO
Edwards & Lee - WYCD, Detroit, MI
Tim Hattrick & Willy D. Loon- KNIX, Phoenix- AZ
Jim, Deb and Kevin- WFMS, Indianapolis, IN
Randy & Dave- WQYK, St. Petersburg, FL

ON-AIR PERSONALITY - MEDIUM MARKET

Ron Bee and Becky Palmer- WBBS, Syracuse, NY
Broadway- WBCT, Grand Rapid, MI
Dawson, Kristina & Levi- The Get Up Gang- KRST, Albuquerque, NM
Brian Gary & Todd Harding- KUAD, Ft. Collins, CO
Charlie James & Pam Wilder- WCOS, Columbia, SC

ON-AIR PERSONALITY - SMALL MARKET

Paul Dupuis and J.R. Mitchell (The Breakfast Flakes)- WQCB, Bangor, ME
Gator & The Styckman- WGSQ, Cookeville, TN
Barry Kent, Bobbie Ashley and Frank Rush (The WakingCrew)- WTHI, Terre Haut, IN
Mike Lawrence and Dana Carole- KHKX, Midland, TX
McFly and the Ride Home with Marty McFly and Stewart James- WGSQ, Cookeville, TN

RADIO STATION - MAJOR MARKET

KEEY- Minneapolis, MN
KSON- San Diego, CA
WQYK- St. Petersburg, FL
WSIX- Nashville, TN
WXTU- Philadelphia, PA

RADIO STATION - MEDIUM MARKET

KIIM- Tucson, AZ
KUAD- Ft. Collins, CO
KUZZ- Bakersfield, CA
KXKT- Omaha, NE

WIVK-Knoxville, TN

RADIO STATION - SMALL MARKET

WFRY- Watertown, NY

WJCL- Savannah, GA

WPAP- Panama City, FL

WTCR-Huntington, WV

WYZB- Ft. Walton, FL

PRODUCER OF THE YEAR

Richard Bennett

Mark Bright

Dann Huff

Keith Stegall

Mark Wright

AUDIO ENGINEER OF THE YEAR

Jeff Balding

Neal Cappelino

Tom Castle

Jason Lehning

Steve Marcantonio

BASS

Mike Brignardello

Kevin Grant

Larry Paxton

Alison Prestwood

Glenn Worf

DRUMS

Eddie Bayers

Chad Cromwell

Chris McHugh

Greg Morrow

Lonnie Wilson

FIDDLE

Stuart Duncan

Glen Duncan

Larry Franklin

Aubrey Haynie

Joe Spivey

GUITAR

Tom Bukovac

J.T. Corenflos

Kenny Greenberg

Brent Mason

John Willis

PIANO / KEYBOARDS

**Tony Harrell
John Hobbs
John Jarvis
Gordon Mote
Steve Nathan**

SPECIALTY INSTRUMENT(S)

**Richard Bennett
Stuart Duncan
Rob Ickes
Kristen Wilkinson
John Willis**

STEEL GUITAR

**Dan Dugmore
Buddy Emmon
Michael Johnson
Russ Pahl
Scotty Sanders**

VENUE OF THE YEAR

**Grand Ole Opry House- Nashville, TN
Harrah's North Kansas City- Kansas City, MO
John Ascuaga's Nugget Casino Resort- Sparks, NV
Meadowbrook Musical Arts Center- Gilford, NH
Turning Stone Resort and Casino- Verona, NY**

NIGHTCLUB OF THE YEAR

**Buck Owens Crystal Palace - Bakersfield, CA
Floore's Country Store - San Antonio, TX
Grizzly Rose - Denver, CO
Joe's - Chicago, IL
Pepsi Roadhouse - Bugettstown, PA**

DON ROMEO TALENT BUYER OF THE YEAR

**Brad Coombs- Meridian Entertainment
R.J. Kaltenbach- Klein's Attractions
Bill Magann- Variety Attractions
Gary Osier- Gary Osier Presents
Terrye Seigel- Terrye Seigel Productions**

PROMOTER OF THE YEAR

**Ben Farrell – Varnell Enterprises
Brad Garrett – Police Productions
Brian Martin - Brian Martin Productions
Ron Sakamoto - Gold and Gold Productions
Mike Smardak – Outback Concerts of TN, Inc.**

ACADEMY OF COUNTRY MUSIC

The **ACADEMY OF COUNTRY MUSIC**, an artist and industry-driven organization, exists to produce a world-class network television awards show, and its associated events, to provide the financial resources to ensure the on-going philanthropic work of its Charitable Fund. Academy of Country Music Charitable Fund promotes and supports music education and humanitarian programs that transform the human spirit. Through its charitable donations, the ACMCF works towards two main goals: encouraging Learning Through Music and Healing Through Music. The Academy, which is comprised of more than 4,500 professional members and more than 40,000 associate members, was established in 1964 and is headquartered in Encino, Calif.

For more information on the **ACADEMY OF COUNTRY MUSIC AWARDS** and the **ACADEMY OF COUNTRY MUSIC**, please visit www.acmcountry.com. For more information on the **ACADEMY OF COUNTRY MUSIC CHARITABLE FUND**, please visit www.acmcf.org.

The **42nd ANNUAL ACADEMY OF COUNTRY MUSIC AWARDS** ceremony honoring country music's top talent as well as the industry's hottest emerging talent, will be broadcast LIVE from the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas on **Tuesday, May 15, 2007 at 8:00 PM live ET/delayed PT on the CBS Television Network.**

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