



Hi Friends - I hope Spring has sprung in your area - we've been traveling all up and down and we're seeing everything from snow to early blooms. Looking forward to seeing fans in England and Scotland very soon! You just never know where we'll be next, but if you've got a special theater or club in your area that caters to country music, just send us an email on that and we'll be glad to check it out (send to Artist@Lytlemgmt.com).

Rhonda Vincent and I are putting the final touches on our new duets album titled "Your Money and My Good Looks" that will be in stores June 7th. You 'll find this one in Walmart, Amazon, I-Tunes and we'll have it on my website store as well. Reminds me of the old George & Tammy and Conway & Loretta duets!

To celebrate this album's release, we'll hold a special party show on June 9th at the Texas Troubadour Theater in Nashville and, of course, we'll sign copies of the CD immediately after the show. Hope you can join us.

For more information on this show, go to www.GeneandRhonda.net. The whole week of the release Rhonda and I will be appearing in and around Nashville and those dates appear to the right here. Hope all is well in your world and appreciate your support. Hope to see you out on the road,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gene Watson".

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Release week FUN for "Your Money and My Good Looks"

June 6: Woodsongs Old-Time Radio Hour Lexington, KY 7PM Tickets: www.woodsongs.com

June 8: Music City Roots show at Loveless Barn (Nashville, TN) 7PM www.Lovelessbarn.com

June 9: WSM AM Radio Live Show 11AM Nashville Convention Ctr. 11:30AM Sign at WSM booth - Convention Center

2PM CMA Music Festival, Classic Country Stage with Rhonda Vincent (in front of the Arena)

7PM Texas Troubadour Theater Release Party with Rhonda Vincent Signing CDs immediately after. For Tickets go to:

www.geneandrhonda.net



HELLO FROM MUSIC CITY

Photo Left: (March 17, 2011) Hanging backstage for the Music City Late Night show in Nashville, TN (hosted by Ronnie McDowell) are some of the acts for the show. Left to right: Ray Stevens ("The Streak", "Everything Is Beautiful", "Misty"), Lorrie Morgan ("Something in Red", "What Part of No"), new artist, Sarah Taylor and Gene Watson.

This show will air online April 15th - It's a free show channel.

Check it out here:

<http://www.seenondemand.com/?p=1944>

FAN SPOTLIGHT ON NANCY BRUNSON

Q: Where do you live?

A: I CURRENTLY LIVE IN EL INDIO, TEXAS, WHICH IS ON THE TEXAS / MEXICO BORDER, WHERE I CAN SEE MEXICO FROM MY BACKYARD! IT IS VERY WARM HERE YEAR ROUND. I MOVED HERE ABOUT 20 YEARS AGO.

Q: What type of work do you do?

A: AFTER RETIRING FROM MY JOB AS A DENTAL ASSISTANT / OFFICE MANAGER IN JUNCTION ,TEXAS, I NOW LIVE IN A RURAL AREA ON SMALL ACREAGE AND KEEP BUSY WITH YARD WORK, GARDENING, AND TAKING CARE OF OUR ANIMALS, DONKEYS (10 OF THEM!) GOATS AND OUR 3 DOGS.

Q: Tell us about your home life?

A: I HAVE BEEN MARRIED TO MY HUSBAND, JIM, FOR 26 YEARS AND HAVE ONE DAUGHTER AND TWO GRANDSONS.

Q: When did you first hear of Gene Watson and his music?

A: I HAVE BEEN A FAN FOR 35 YEARS AND COLLECTED ALMOST ALL OF HIS ALBUMS AND CD'S.

Q: Have you been to a Gene Watson concert?

A: I ENJOY GOING TO COUNTRY MUSIC CONCERTS AND WE BELONG TO THE HEART OF TEXAS COUNTRY MUSIC ASSOCIATION. THIS GROUP TAKES BUS TOURS TO BRANSON EVERY YEAR AND IN JULY WE WILL BE GOING TO NASHVILLE WITH THIS GROUP. IT WAS THROUGH THIS MEMBERSHIP THAT I WAS ABLE TO FINALLY GET TO SEE MY FAVORITE SINGER, GENE WATSON, WHEN HE APPEARED ON THE LLANO COUNTRY OPRY. GENE HAS ALSO APPEARED IN THE SURROUNDING CENTRAL TEXAS AREA SEVERAL TIMES AND I HAVE SEEN ALL OF THEM.

Q: Name your Top Five Gene Watson songs.

**A: IT IS SO HARD TO NAME THE TOP FIVE SONGS OF GENE'S BECAUSE I LOVE THEM ALL, BUT ONE I PARTICULARLY LIKE IS "CARMEN". OTHER FAVORITES ARE:
"THE OLD MAN AND HIS HORN"
"MEMORIES TO BURN"
"BECAUSE YOU BELIEVED IN ME"
"CLIMB HIGHER"
"DESPERATION"**

Q: Anything else you'd like to mention as a Gene Watson fan?

A: MY GRANDFATHER INTRODUCED ME TO COUNTRY MUSIC WHEN I WAS JUST A LITTLE GIRL AND I HAVE LOVED IT EVER SINCE---AND GENE WATSON IS NUMBER ONE IN MY EYES!!



Thank you to
Nancy Brunson
for being a great
Gene Watson
Fan!

TEXAS COUNTRY MUSIC HALL OF FAME

Photo Right: Thanks to Sally Bedow, a longtime Gene Watson fan for this photo. Sally is pictured next to Gene Watson's exhibit at the Texas Country Music Hall of Fame. Located in Carthage, Texas, the Hall honors those who have made outstanding contributions to country music and were born in the state of Texas. This includes singers, songwriters, DJs, etc.

According to Sally, the Hall has "a jukebox with songs by the inductees that is amazing!. Real 45's and the whole thing and it's set up with a little soda shop decor. Well worth the \$5 admission!"

For more on this exhibit, go to <http://www.carthagetexas.com/halloffame/>



BACKSTAGE AT THE OPRY



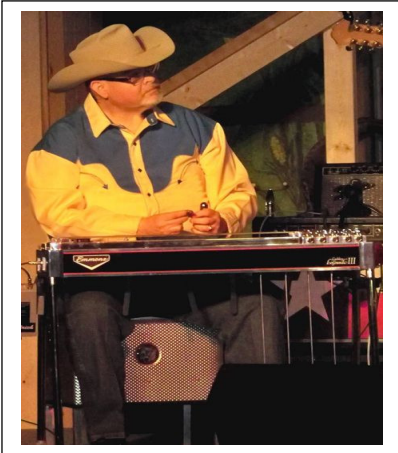
Gene visited backstage at the Grand Ole Opry with General Manager, Pete Fisher, on the evening of March 18th, 2011.

Gene and the Farewell Party Band were interested to hear Mr. Fisher's remarks on the beautiful remodeling of the Opry after the Opry's devastating damage from the flood waters that hit Nashville in May 2010. This was Gene's first performance since it re-opened and by everyone's account, the Opry is even more beautiful than ever. The flood water hit about five feet high within the hallowed halls and a bronze marker is permanently placed on the wall to mark that for posterity. Eighteen dressing rooms have been redesigned and themed to trace the history of the Grand Ole Opry.

FOURTEEN CARAT VOICE

Photo Right: It was a marvelous musical event March 23rd, when Gene appeared as the "surprise guest" for the 45RPM band for their once a month performance in Nashville. 45RPM perform only classic country songs in their original style. Gene and the band wowed the audience as they flawlessly performed such classics as "When We Were Down To Nothing (Nothing Sure Looked Good on You)" and of course the show stopping, "Farewell Party." The packed house of music industry insiders were on their feet before the last note and begging for more. 45 RPM band members are all songwriters or session players: Jimmy Melton, Dirk Johnson, Mike Johnson, Joanie Keller Johnson, Gregg Galbraith, Hank Singer, Eddy Anderson and Mark Johnson.





MEET JOHNNY COX , PEDAL STEEL - THE FAREWELL PARTY BAND

Q: Where do you call home?

A: I was born May 5th, 1957 in Williamson, W. VA and then moved with my parents and four sisters to Nashville, TN in 1967. I now live in the Dallas/Ft. Worth, Texas area with my wife, Joan.

Q: When did you first know you wanted to be a professional musician?

A: I started playing guitar in 1966 but lost interest until hearing a record by local DJ, Jimmy Wolford that had pedal steel on it. Hal Rugg was the pedal steel player on that record. I got to know Hal and started learning from him. My first steel was home built, an 8 string non-pedal. My first pedal guitar was a 1958-59 Sho-Bud D10. On weekends, my Dad would take me to the Sho-Bud store downtown and I learned a lot from the store owners (Shot, Harry and David Jackson) and the steel players who'd come in that would show me a few licks and they'd even take me backstage at the Opry where I got to meet all my heroes.

Q: What was your first professional job?

A: At age 13, I played with my Dad's band in Moose, Elks and Eagles Lodges. Then in 1972, I did a show with Lonzo and Oscar and later that year, I got asked to work for an act (Ernest Flatt) for the summer, with the understanding I'd return to school in the fall. However, I didn't go back to school so my parents ordered a correspondence course for me (which I never finished).

Q: Who else have you worked with as a steel player?

A: In 1972 my Dad got me a job with Del Reeves. Dad told him I was 18. We showed up at the Nashville airport to fly to Alaska and Del figured out I was not 18 but let me go anyway. I worked for him nearly a year, then went to work for the Singing Rambos, then Roy Drusky, Jim Ed Brown and Cal Smith before landing a dream job with Ernest Tubb and the Texas Troubadours. After ET, I played for Jimmy C. Newman, Charlie Louvin, Billy Walker and others before going to work for Mel Tillis where I stayed 'til he moved to Branson, MO.

Q: Have you ever done any other type of work?

A: After I left Ernest Tubb's band, I drove buses for entertainers such as Reba, James Taylor, Bon Jovi and others. At one time or another I've worked as a deputy sheriff, security guard, managed a thrift store and loaded trucks. I started building MSA Pedal Steel Guitars when I moved to Texas in 2003 and continue to do that in my spare time.

Q: Tell us about your life in Texas

A: My wife, Joan, is a great steel player and performs in Texas with her band, "Depot Town". I have two children, two stepsons and six step-grandchildren. I've played and/or recorded with some great people since moving to Texas including Ray Price, Hank Thompson, Darrell McCall, Tony Booth, Connie Smith, Johnny Bush and many more. Earlier this year I produced a CD for a young singer, Hanna Jo, and I continue to work as a session player and perform some locally when not on the road with one of my music heroes, Gene Watson, and the Farewell Party Band.



THREE COUNTRY LEGENDS IN CONCERT

Photo Left: Gene Watson, Moe Bandy and TG Sheppard (all backed by the fabulous Farewell Party Band) performed April 2nd at the Ike Hamilton Expo Center in W. Monroe, Louisiana.

One local DJ stated "This is the most exciting show to come to this area in ages!" The show was presented by Richard and KaCee Loe of KaCee's Sugar and Spice, Specialty Bakery and Catering in Ruston, LA.

Lined-up, left to right backstage: KaCee Loe, TG Sheppard, Moe Bandy, Gene Watson & Richard

STARS SHINE AT THE OPRY

Photo Right: Gene and the Farewell Party Band performed at the Grand Ole Opry on March 18, 2011 delighting fans with one of Gene's earliest hits "Bad Water" and the beautiful ballad "I Catch Myself".

Two wonderful singers in their own right were standing backstage to hear Gene and after his appearance, this photo was snapped.

Left to right: Mark Wills, Jan Howard and Gene



TEE for TWO

Photo Left: Jay Jackson, Jr. of Screenplay in Nashville, TN caught up with Gene backstage at the Music City Late Night show.

Jay Jackson creates and manufactures all the great T-shirts that Gene sells on the road.

www.Screenplaynashville.com

VOTE FOR PEDRO

Actually, vote for Farewell Party Band's own **CHIP BRICKER** for Country Gospel Music Producer of the Year!

Click here to cast your vote:

<http://www.christianvoicemagazine.com/cgmvote.html>



Chip Bricker on Piano for the Farewell Party Band!

THE HOSTESS WITH THE MOSTEST

Photo Right: Grammy award winner, Jeannie Seely, is always a fabulous hostess onstage at the Grand Ole Opry as she was on the night Gene performed recently in March. During a break, Jeannie visited Gene in his dressing room where the good friends posed for this snapshot.



"BACKSTAGE"

Gene's a pro and is used to all sorts of "backstage" areas so it's no wonder he's all smiles for the camera as he waits his cue to go onstage with Ronnie McDowell's "Music City Late Night." Perhaps he's found some car parts with everything else back there!

TOUR DATES

April 16-24	England/Scotland Tour
April 30	Cattle Baron's Ball, Houston, TX
May 7	Black Gold Casino, Hobbs, NM (with Moe Bandy And Rhonda Vincent)
May 14	Tri-Lakes Center, Branson, MO
May 20	Hank Williams Festival, Georgiana, AL
May 21	Sparkman Civic Center, Hartselle, AL
June 4	Paragon Casino, Marksville, LA
June 6	KY Theater, Old Time Radio Hour, Lexington, KY
June 8	Music City Roots, Loveless Barn, Nashville, TN
June 9	Texas Troubadour Theater, Nashville, TN
June 11	Crystal Grand Theater, Wisconsin Dells, WI
June 18	Longhorn Saloon, Bandera, TX (Texas Road Show)
June 23	Bobby's Birthday Bash Festival Grand Junction, CO
July 3	McFerren Park Civic Center, Hoopston, IL

AND THE WINNER IS....

As promised, there are TWO contest winners this time! Congrats to **Becca Embry** and **Robert Mauck** whose names were drawn randomly from the correct entries.

The prior trivia question was: Gene Watson has recorded two Randy Travis compositions - can you name one of them? Answers: "The Great Divide" and "Reasons I Cheat".

For your chance to win an autographed Tee Shirt, just answer the question sent to Fan Club Members and email the correct response to: Artist@LytleMgmt.com

If you're reading this and not a registered member of the free fan club, just sign up at www.genewatsonmusic.com!

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