

Friends - We are back on the road and enjoying every minute! It feels so good to see all of you and we appreciate your thunderous applause. You have no idea how much that means to us. As you'll see in this newsletter we also made the first appearance back at the Opry since I became a member! It was a thrilling night and it was perfectly capped with a special performance that we did with the amazing Isaacs. Do yourself a favor and go to one of their shows.

In other news, I've definitely started the process to get back into the studio. We will record later this summer but there's a whole lot more that goes into making the album so it will probably be early 2022 before it's ready for you to hear but I hope we can release it by Christmas!

Thank you for being a great fan and listening to my music. I couldn't do it without you. All my best to you,

Tanya Tucker's talented daughter, Layla Tucker, opened our show in McMinnville, TN June 26th. We had a sold-out show that night!



### Lunch with Ms. Jeannie & Ms. Rhonda







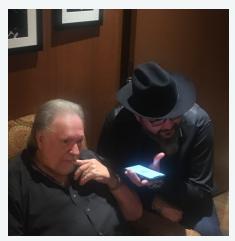


June 11th – the always entertaining Jeannie Seely invited Gene and Rhonda Vincent to lunch prior to Gene's first Opry appearance after being inducted. Prankster that she is, Jeannie showed up in a Moe Bandy tee shirt! Jeannie is as kind as she is witty and she gifted Gene with a personalized "Opry" barn style birdhouse as well as a personalized miniature bus. Jeannie and the two newest Opry stars enjoyed the lunch and the laughter as it should be with such longtime friends.

### A Night At The Opry! June 6, 2021!



June 11th it was a special night for Gene as he returned to the Opry for his first performance as an Opry member since the pandemic shut him down from traveling. Gene was delighted to see old friend, Bill Cody of WSM-AM hosting the show.



Ben Isaacs is a well-known, award winning producer and he is shown here backstage, playing a song for Gene to consider for his next album.





On finding The Isaacs were also on the show, Gene asked if they might join him to sing "Build My Mansion", the song he recorded for his album My Gospel Roots (featuring Becky and Sonya Isaacs). Shown here are Sonya (left) and Becky talking during a rehearsal prior to the show.



After the rehearsal, this photo of The Isaacs and Gene was taken just off-stage: (Mom) Lily Isaacs, Becky Isaacs, Sonya Isaacs, Gene and Ben Isaacs.



Here is the artist point of view from onstage at the Grand Ole Opry with Gene, his band and The Isaacs performing to a sold out crowd. The Isaacs angelic harmonies coupled with the stellar performance by Gene and the Farewell Party Band was enthusiastically rewarded with roaring applause from the audience.

#### The Opry! The Nashville Palace! Childress Vineyards!



Everyone wanted a photo together after their beautiful performance. From left to right: Chad Phillips (FPB guitar), Becky Isaacs, Gene Watson, Todd Hines (FPB drums), Ben Isaacs, Sonya Isaacs, Lily Isaacs, Glen Rodgers (FPB piano), Staley Rogers (FPB Bass). Missing pedal steel player, Mike Bourque.



After the Opry, Gene and the band hopped on the bus to ride a block away to the Nashville Palace. It was a great crowd with wonderful fans and lots of Nashville industry folks in the audience.

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On June 25th, in Lexington, NC at the Childress Vineyards, Gene and the band performed by the special request of NASCAR legend, Richard Childress. Childress, a former NASCAR driver, now owns Richard Childress Racing which has over 200 victories and 16 championships. Childress is a member of the Motorsports Hall of Fame. Opening the show were fellow car enthusiasts and devotees of real country music, The Malpass Brothers (shown in the photo with Gene prior to the performance). Also before the show, Gene and Richard Childress enjoyed a long visit on Gene's bus where they talked about motors, cars and all things NASCAR. Needless to say, Gene enjoyed his conversation with racing icon, Richard Childress and the NASCAR legend was delighted to hear the music of one of his all-time favorite singers.

# **2021 Tour Schedule**

Date	Venue	City/State
July 9th	Grand Ole Opry	Nashville, Tennessee
July 10th	Blue Gate Theatre	Shipshewana, Indiana
July 16th	Grand Ole Opry	Nashville, Tennessee
July 17th	Mill Town Music Hall	Bremen, Georgia
July 23rd & 24th	Liberty Showcase Theatre	Liberty, North Carolina
July 29th	Hippodrome Theatre	Waco, Texas
July 30th	The Paramount	Abilene, Texas
July 31st	Greenville Municipal Theatre	Greenville, Texas
August 7th	The Ritz Theatre	Wellington, Texas
August 15th	The Melba Theatre	Batesville, Arkansas
August 19th	American Music Theatre	Lancaster, Pennsylvania
August 21st	Walhalla Performing Arts Center	Walhalla, South Carolina
August 28th	Barn Convention Center	Winchester, Ohio
September 2nd	Dothan Opera House	Dothan, Alabama
September 3rd	Arts Council of Wilson's Boykin Theatre	Wilson, North Carolina
September 4th	Anderson Music Hall	Hiawassee, Georgia
September 5th	Newberry Opera House	Newberry, South Carolina
September 10th	The Palace Theatre	Crossville, Tennessee
September 18th	World Championship Bull Riding	Ardmore, Oklahoma

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September 25th	Bare Bones BBQ	Gatesville, Texas
September 30th	Red River Valley Fair	Paris, Texas
October 1st	Arlington Music Hall	Arlington, Texas
October 2nd	Municipal Auditorium	Sweetwater, Texas
October 3rd	Dosey Doe	The Woodlands, Texas
October 9th	Palace Theatre	Corsicana, Texas
October 16th	Mansion Theatre	Branson, Missouri
October 23rd & 24th	Old Dominion Barn Dance	Hopewell, Virginia
October 30th	Music City Texas Theatre	Linden, Texas
November 6th	Windstone Entertainment Center	Jefferson City, Missouri
November 8th	Mansion Theatre	Branson, Missouri
November 12th	Wild Rose Casino	Emmetsburg, Iowa
November 13th	Sisseton Performing Arts	Sisseton, South Dakota
November 19th	Country Tonite Theatre	Pigeon Forge, Tennessee
November 20th	Kentucky Opry	Benton, Kentucky
December 3rd	Main Street Crossing	Tomball, Texas
December 4th	Honky Tonk Texas	Silsbee, Texas
	2022 Tour Schedule	
January 1 & 2	Orange Blossom Opry	Weirsdale, Florida
January 8th	Sugar Creek Casino	Hinton, Oklahoma

#### 2022 Tour Schedule continued

March 4th	Harvester Performance Arts Center	Rocky Mount, Virginia
March 11th	Strawberry Festival	Plant City, Florida
March 18th	Heart of Texas Festival	Brady, Texas
March 19th	2920 Roadhouse	Hockley, Texas
April 23rd	The Park Theatre	McMinnville, Tennessee
April 29th	Little Roy & Lizzy Festival	Lincolnton, Georgia
July 16th	Alto Country Club	Alto, New Mexico

### TRIVIA CONTEST WINNER!

Congratulations to Debbie Hose or Sharpsburg, MD, who submitted the winning entry for our last trivia contest question: The question: Name the rest of this song title: "You're Out Doing...". The correct answer: What I'm Here Doing Without. For your chance to win an autographed tee shirt, just answer the trivia question sent to Fan Club Members only and send the correct answer to: <a href="mailto:GeneWatsonMusic@hotmail.com">GeneWatsonMusic@hotmail.com</a>.

If you are reading this and not a registered member of Gene Watson's Fan Club, just sign up at <a href="https://www.GeneWatsonMusic.com">www.GeneWatsonMusic.com</a>. Only Fan Club members get the Trivia Question!



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