



GENE WATSON



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IN THE STUDIO WITH RANDY TRAVIS

Photo Left: Gene and Randy Travis go way back so when Randy called asking Gene to record with him, Gene assured him he'd be there. According to Randy's office, Gene was the very first call.

The song is part of Randy's 25th Anniversary album that is currently set for release in early 2011 on Warner Bros. Records.

Gene and Randy often toured together in the mid-80s and Gene recorded a song written by Randy titled "The Great Divide" from *Back in the Fire* on Warner Bros. Records, 1988.

LINED UP, FIRED UP and READY TO SING

Photo Right: It was a star-studded cast that joined Randy Travis in the studio May 13th to record for his upcoming 25th Anniversary album. The single featuring this stellar group is tentatively titled "Didn't We Shine." This momentous occasion took place at the Sound Emporium studio in Nashville where Gene used to record many of his albums.

Shown here left to right: Joe Stampley, Elizabeth Travis, Randy Travis, Connie Smith, George Jones, Lorrie Morgan, Kyle Lehning (producer) and Gene Watson.





COUNTRYEST OF THE COUNTRY SHOW

Gene performs for Billy Yates' Countryest of the Country Show with Billy's band. Gene headlined the show which also featured Jeff Bates, Buddy Jewell, Julie Roberts and many more great singers.



Gene and the great Billy Yates backstage at the Troubadour Theater. Billy's annual show raises money for "Christmas For The Kids" charity.



WSM –AM RADIO LIVE PERFORMANCE

At the WSM –AM Radio live performance in downtown Nashville during the CMA Music Fest, Gene enjoyed singing his hits backed by Jimmy Capps on guitar and Michelle Capps (far right) singing background vocals.



MIDNIGHT AT THE MARTY PARTY

Gene was a surprise guest for Marty Stuart's annual "Marty Party" at the Ryman, June 9th. Gene sang "Farewell Party" with Marty and his band, The Fabulous Superlatives. They closed with Left Frizzell's "If You've Got The Money Honey, I've Got The Time".

MORE FROM 2010 CMA MUSIC FEST

Gene Watson performed “Farewell Party” on six different stages in one day and received six standing ovations. That may be a record!



CHRIS YOUNG’S HERO

Thursday, June 10th, rising young superstar, Chris Young, surprised the music industry vets and fans during his #1 party at Nashville’s Tin Roof when he brought to the stage one of his musical heroes, the one and only Gene Watson.

Gene and Chris Young delighted the crowd when they launched into Merle Haggard’s “Mama Tried.” After the thrill of singing with the country legend, Chris said, “Just go ahead and bury me now, it doesn’t get any better than this!”

Congratulations to Chris for celebrating back to back #1 singles, “Gettin’ You Home” and “The Man I Want To Be”!

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CANDID SHOTS FROM GENE’S 2010 CMA MUSIC FEST WEEK

Left: Gene chats with super songwriter and singer, Paul Overstreet, backstage at Billy Yates’ show. Overstreet has 27 Top Ten songs and wrote “Forever and Ever, Amen” and “On The Other Hand” both #1 for Randy Travis. He also co-wrote “When You Say Nothing At All”, a #1 for Keith Whitley, and later #5 for Alison Krauss. He has two Grammys , ACM and CMA Song of the Year Awards (1987 and 1988)and was BMI Songwriter of the Year five straight years, from 1987-1991, an achievement not achieved before or since.

Center: Gene and great friend, Jeannie Seely, posed backstage at the CMA Music Fest show at the Chevy Stage which is on the Bridgestone Arena plaza. Jeannie not only performed but also hosted the Country Classics show.

Right: Gene visited with Dallas Frazier backstage at the Marty Wednesday, June 9th. Dallas wrote Gene’s #1 hit, “Fourteen Carat Mind” which Dallas performed that evening.



OH WHAT A NIGHT!

Gene raced across town to get to the Ryman stage for Classic Country Opry with 15 minutes to spare til showtime. After singing his third song of the night, Larry Gatlin surprised Gene onstage, asking him to duet with him on the Gatlin penned “Bitter They Are, Harder They Fall”. It was pure magic. Announcer Eddie Stubbs seems to be checking his notes -wondering if this was on his list of songs.



Gene sings with Rhonda Vincent & The Rage for the IFCO (International Fan Club Organization) show.

Gene was the special guest of Rhonda Vincent who headlined the IFCO show. They sang “Staying Together” for the crowd at the Belcourt Theater in Nashville on June 10th. Gene then sang “Farewell Party” with her amazing acoustic band and received his final standing ovation for the day.

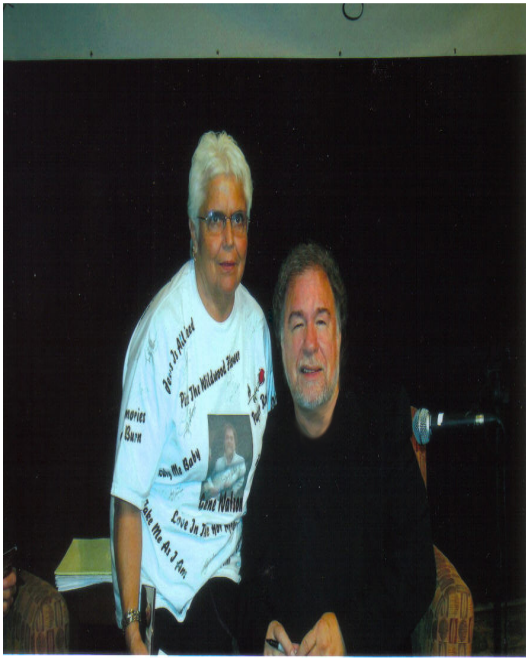


MOORE & MOORE LOVES MORE & MORE GENE

Gene’s super talented booking agent, Carrie Moore, not only is one of Nashville’s finest agents, but she’s part of the internationally known duo, Moore & Moore with her twin sister, Debbie. Carrie & Debbie Moore invited Gene to perform at their Fan Club party, held this year at the Nashville Palace. Photo left: Gene wows the crowd at the Palace, backed by the Moore & Moore band. Debbie Moore wrote the beautiful song “Wish You Were Here”, recorded by Mark Wills.

Photo right: Gene is pictured with the lovely Moore twins. Left is Gene’s agent, Carrie and right, is Debbie who also helps with the agency work.

FAN SPOTLIGHT ON JANICE WILLIS



In this picture, Janice is wearing a shirt with her favorite Gene's songs listed. This shirt has been autographed by Gene 29 times... so far!



Janice holding four roses that remained from the original dozen that she gave to Gene one at a time over the course of 12 total concerts.



Here's Gene holding one of those super long stemmed roses. Janice found a dozen of these Texas-sized roses at a local store and bought them all.

Q: When did you first hear Gene's music and when was your first concert?

A: I was listening to the radio while doing my home job of painting fishing lures, 33-34 years ago. I rushed out and bought the album . . . the rest is history. If I had only known back then, I would have kept better track but I can't begin to guess the number of concerts I've seen.

Q: Where was the last time you saw Gene in concert?

A: The most recent concert I attended was June 5, 2010 in Corydon, Indiana.

Q: Tell us an interesting fact about being a Gene fan.

A: To Gene, I'm known as "the brownie lady" since I always have brownies and a rose in hand. I think my late husband, George, might have been a little jealous as he always told everyone the only reason I married him was because his initials were G.W.

Q: What are your favorite Gene Watson songs?

A: Baby Me Baby

Memories to Burn

I Don't Need a Thing At All

Circle Driveway and a song I have a love/hate relationship with is Farewell Party-, as it is always his concert closing song,

THANK YOU JANICE FOR BEING A LONGTIME FAN OF GENE WATSON!



COUNTRY FAMILY REUNION

June 12th at the Crystal Grand Theater in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin, fans were treated to a Country Family Reunion style show. Shown here left to right: Gene, Jeannie Seely, Bill Anderson, Helen Cornelius and Jim Ed Brown regaled the audience with stories about their songs, their lives on the road as well as singing their many hits as well.

TRIVIA CONTEST

In the last newsletter, we posed the question: Which Clint Eastwood soundtrack included Gene's "Any Way You Want Me" (at the personal request of the movie star?)
Answer: "Any Which Way You Can".

Many readers knew the answer to this question but the lucky name drawn at random and the one who wins an autographed Gene Watson T Shirt is..... **Sharon Ellis of Kitwanga, BC Canada** - Congratulations Sharon!!

Fan club members have been emailed the question for the next contest.

If you are reading the newsletter online but have not signed up for the free fan club, just go to www.GeneWatsonMusic.com and enter now so you can be eligible for our fun contests and prizes.

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TOUR DATES

June 25	Apple Springs, TX
June 26	Bellville, TX
July 22	Montgomery City, MO
July 23	Thackerville, OK
July 24	Ruston, LA
July 27	Hiawassee, GA

Hi Friends –

We definitely had a whirlwind going on at the CMA Music Fest this year but it was just great to see fans and get to say hello. We had a number of fans from the UK and France visit and it was so nice to hear from them.

It was a real honor to learn Rhonda Vincent and I had a #1 record on the World Indie charts with "Staying Together". I know it was good folks like you that made that happen.

We've got some great shows coming up, including several with Rhonda, so please check the websites to see if we're booked near you. We'd love to see you out at one of the shows this summer.

All my best to you,