

A Message From Gene Watson

Hi Friends -

We're off to a great summer! Got a June tour in Canada and then the band and I will be headed to Breim, Norway with the Bellamy Brothers in July. Never been to Norway so looking forward to that. The Bellamys and I are going to sing a gospel song together, one they normally do in a reggae beat but they're gonna dial it back to classic for me. That ought to be interesting! I'll try to be sure someone is taking photos. Of course it seems to me someone is always taking photos these days! Between Tweeting, Facebook and who knows what else, there's always a photo or a little something going on. I even did an interview for a TV show a couple of weeks ago on an iPad! That took some "doin'" but it worked.

Later this summer - in August - we'll be in Jackpot, Nevada and Las Vegas, Nevada in September! You've been asking us to get out there so you get those plane tickets going and meet us there. We'll save you a seat at the slot machines.

Of course by now you've probably seen that we're going cruising again with Larry Black and his fun Diner crew. It's an Eastern Caribbean Cruise February 23-March 2, 2014 to the Bahamas and you can find out all the details here <http://www.cfrcruise.com/>. Check that out and maybe you can join us there.

Looks like our summer is going to be great and I hope yours will be too. We really appreciate you coming to our shows and staying in touch with us. If you need to know something, just email me or someone at the office at Artist@Lytlemgmt.com and we'll get back to you right away.

Til next time, take care, *Gene*

Gene Watson At The Starlite Theater in Branson!



Gene always has a great time with the Larry's Country Diner crew in Branson! You never know what's going to happen but it's always a good time. Coming soon, Gene and the band will be back with this mischievous cast September 24, 25 & 26 so make your plans to be there. Pictured left to right are: Keith Bilbrey, Renae The Waitress, Gene, Nadine, Jimmy Capps (The Sheriff) and Larry Black.

Gene Watson & the Farewell Party Band return to the Starlite Theater in Branson along with the Larry's Country Diner cast September 24, 25, 26!

Weldon Myrick Surprises Gene Watson At Mountain View, AR - White River Hoedown!



"Steel The Best!"
Weldon Myrick and Farewell Party Band steel player Danny Naccarato!

Weldon Myrick performed on the hallowed stage of the Grand Ole Opry for over 32 years as the pedal steel player in the house band. Weldon was also an A list musician for recording sessions in Nashville. You can hear him on "One Day At A Time" (Connie Smith), "Harper Valley PTA" (Jeannie C. Riley), "Happiest Girl In The Whole USA" (Donna Fargo), "Always On My Mind", "Burning Love" (Elvis) and many more. Of course for Gene Watson, Weldon was the steel player on his entire *HonkTonky Crazy* album! Weldon surprised Gene and Farewell Party band member, Danny Naccarato with a visit at Mountain View, AR!

Everyone's Favorite Bus Driver!

Donnie Watson, also known as "Drop" is Gene's cousin, former band member and probably his closest friend. Drop is a great bass player, a great mechanic and everyone's favorite bus driver!



Nifty Tattoo!

Longtime Gene Watson fan, Mark Ferguson of New Brunswick, Canada was so happy to hear that Gene was coming to Canada that he rushed out to get this tattoo of his favorite song. Mark is driving over 13 hours to hear his favorite singer!

Gene Watson Receives A 'Paper Rosie' Replica Doll

Many thanks to fan Patsy Barton from Ohio who brought this beautifully crafted "Paper Rosie" doll to Gene at the Ross Country Jamboree in Indiana. Gene was amazed with the workmanship!!! According to Gene "There's so much detail in this doll and I appreciate the hard work put into it. I'm always appreciative of folks who make art in any form it takes."

"Paper Rosie" the Gene Watson Capitol Records album was released in 1977. The single, "Paper Rosie", became a #3 Billboard hit and charted for 17 weeks!



Fan Spotlight - Jorge L. Gonzalez

Where do you live? - I live in San Antonio after three years in Dallas, have lived in San Antonio since 1991. I was born and raised in South Texas in a little town by the name of Monte Alto.

Where do you work? - I am an independent manufacturer's sales rep and represent several US companies in Mexico and sell the major retailers there.

Tell us about your family - I have three kids and five grandkids. My oldest is a Chef at the Ritz Carlton who recently cooked for President George W. Bush twice in two weeks at two private residences. My other son works for Verizon handling Transportation Documents for International shipments and my daughter is a Cosmetologist.

What are your hobbies? - Grilling, taking photos of family and friends and concerts, listening to music and learning about songs and the songwriter and especially the stories behind the songs.

When did you first hear about Gene Watson? - I first heard of Gene Watson in the late 70's; I was born to Mexican parents so I grew up on Rancheras and Conjunto music. I am a first generation Texan so I also grew up with the Beatles and the music of the 60's & 70's, then learned about Tejano music and Country music - so I learned to appreciate the accordion and the steel guitar and twin fiddles. Even though I lived in the Rio Grande Valley, I listened to KKYX in San Antonio with The Cousin Jerry King and Bill Cody, before he moved to Nashville and they played classic country music and a lot of Gene Watson. I also listened to KTEX with Sunny Laguna back in the early 80's and he was the first and only one to play "The Old Man And His Horn" in the Rio Grande Valley. They played a lot of Gene Watson's music and I really started to appreciate his vocals.

When was your first Gene Watson concert? - My first Gene Watson concert was in about 1982 at the Villa Real Convention Center in McAllen about the time he released Fourteen Carat Mind as KTEX started playing it regularly. KTEX along with Lettuce Entertain You Promotions started bringing top country acts to the Villa Real Convention Center and I got to see Gene Watson there several times.

How many Gene Watson concerts have you attended? - Over the years I have seen Gene Watson in McAllen, TX back in the 80's three times at the Villa Real Convention Center, once in the mid-90's in Selma, TX at the Blue Bonnet Palace, again in Bandera in the late 90's at the 11th Street Cowboy Bar, in 2011 in Fort Worth at the Stagecoach and once in San Antonio at Traders Village on April 30th, 2012. Those are about the only times he's been in the area I have lived in at the time.

What is your favorite venue to see Gene Watson perform? - My favorite venue to see Gene Watson was at Bandera's 11th Street Cowboy Bar.

How far have you traveled to see Gene Watson in concert? - Since I live in Texas and we measure distance by the hour, I traveled seven hours from McKinney, TX to San Antonio for his April 30th, 2012 concert at Trader's Village.

What are your top 5 Gene Watson songs? - I have favorite CDs but if I had to list my five favorites, I would say the following but I have too many to limit it to five but here they are: *Carmen*, *Old Man and the Horn*, *I've Been Down Some Roads*, *She's Leaving Looking Good*, and *I'd Settle For Crossing Her Mind*. *Nothing Sure Looked Good on You* and *Cowboys Don't Get Luck All the Time* should definitely make the list. I have too many. These are my favorite CDs but then again I would say all his 21 CDs I have of his are my favorites: *No One Will Ever Know*, *Old Loves Never Die*, *Sometimes I Get Lucky*, *At Last*, *Back in the Fire*, *Love in the Hot Afternoon*, *Paper Rosie*, *A Taste of the Truth*, *In A Perfect World*, and *Eighteen Greatest Hits*.

Anything else you would like to tell us as a Gene Watson fan? - I have a huge collection of music which covers all genres. Being Hispanic, my range of music goes from one extreme to another from rancheras, mariachi, Tejano, conjunto, Texas Music, Country and Western music, Blues, Jazz, International. I have about 35,000 songs in my collection but when I meet someone who has a taste for music the first artist I ask them about is Gene Watson and if they are not familiar with classic country (C&W) I introduce them to Gene Watson and they get hooked. As many ballads and sad songs as Gene has recorded I can listen to them all day and be in the best mood by the end of the day. People sometime mistake my enjoyment of his ballads as me being sad but that has never been the case. I can listen to his saddest song and I am the happiest man in the world just listening to those great sad country songs of his. As much as I enjoy his voice and his style I love to listen to the music, to the piano which has always had a different sound than any other in country music, to the steel guitar and the fiddles. When I buy a Gene Watson CD, I always make sure to add the songwriters to his songs on my iTunes library. Much like George Strait, I think Gene has done an excellent job in selecting his songs over this many years. The things I enjoy about his shows are his interaction with the fans as well as his stories. Even though I have his music in my library I can spend a lot of time on YouTube watching his videos.



Gene Watson and Jorge L. Gonzalez in 1984

“The View From The Stage” Photos by the Farewell Party Band!



Choctaw Casino
Grant, Oklahoma



Tivoli Theater, Chattanooga, Tennessee

Van Buren, AR - Old Timer's Festival

Gene Watson, TG Sheppard, & Moe Bandy at Billy Bob's!



Gene, Moe & TG enjoyed helping the renowned honky-tonk , Billy Bob's , celebrate its 32nd Anniversary on April 20th. Rumor had it there was a big cake somewhere on the premises but as Moe said, it's a little hard to see a cake when you have your Beer Goggles on!



Tour Schedule - Summer 2013



From the Outer Banks to Las Vegas, from Norway/UK/Ireland/Canada to Texas! Lots of dates and places to see Gene Watson in 2013!



Date	Venue	City/State
June 7th	Renfrew RCAF #433 Champlain Wing	Renfrew, Ont., Canada
June 9th	Regent Theatre	Oshawa, Ont., Canada
June 10th	Belleville Centennial Secondary School	Belleville, Ont., Canada
June 11th	Sanderson Center	Brantford, Ont., Canada
June 14th	Sesser Homecoming Day	Sesser, Illinois
June 15th	McFerren Park Civic Center	Hoopston, Illinois
June 29th	Holy Heart Theatre	St. Johns, Newfoundland, Canada
July 5th	Cherokee Casino	W. Siloam Springs, Oklahoma
July 6th	Texas Opry	Weatherford, Texas
July 13th	Norsk Country Treff	Breim, Norway
July 18th	Music Ranch Montana	Livingston, Montana
July 20th	Sugar Creek Casino	Hinton, Oklahoma
July 27th	Georgia Mountain Fair	Hiawassee, Georgia
August 2nd	John M. Bliss VFW Post #628	Sioux Falls, South Dakota
August 3rd	Midwest Country Theatre	Sandstone, Minnesota
August 4th	Northern Lights Casino	Walker, Minnesota
August 9th & 10th	Cactus Pete's Casino	Jackpot, Nevada
August 13th	Sportsman's Backyard	Lake City, Colorado
August 16th	Delcambre Shrimp Festival	Delcambre, Louisiana
August 17th	Texas Country Music Hall Of Fame	Carthage, Texas
September 6th	Boulder Station Casino	Las Vegas, Nevada
September 13th	Bedford N. Lawrence P.A.C.	Bedford, Indiana

Tour Schedule - Fall 2013

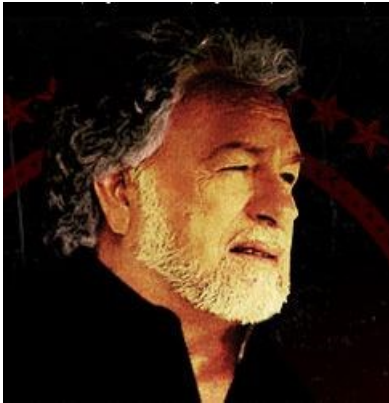
Date	Venue	City/State
September 14th	Fall Festival	McLeansboro, Illinois
September 18th	Washington County Fair	Brenham, Texas
September 20th	Cullman County Fair	Cullman, Alabama
September 24th- 26th	Starlite Theatre Larry's Country Diner Show!	Branson, Missouri
September 27th	Renfro Valley Entertainment Center - New Barn	Renfro Valley, Kentucky
September 28th	Kentucky Opry	Benton, Kentucky
September 29th	Will Rogers Memorial Center	Ft. Worth, Texas
October 4th	Garner Performing Arts Center	Garner, North Carolina
October 5th	Tar Heel Variety Theater	Chocowinity, N. C.
October 6th	Outer Banks Bluegrass Festival	Manteo, North Carolina
October 10th	Butlins Skegness	Skegness, England
October 11th	The Circus Tavern	Purfleet, England
October 12th	Leeds Irish Center	Leeds, England
October 14th	Allingham Arms Hotel	Bundoran, Ireland
October 15th	Armagh City Hotel	Armagh, Ireland
October 18th	Lovelady Old Gym	Lovelady, Texas
October 19th	The Legends Club	Salado, Texas
November 7th	Nelson's Music City	Knob Lick, Missouri
November 8th	Country Tonite Theater	Pigeon Forge, Tennessee
November 23rd	A Curtis Andrew Auction	Federalsburg, Maryland
December 8th	Chillicothe High School	Chillicothe, Missouri



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Trivia Contest Winner!

Congratulations to **Ron Warren of Columbus, Ohio**, who submitted the winning entry for our last trivia contest question: What year was Gene Watson inducted into the Texas Country Music Hall Of Fame? The answer: 2002. The next Trivia Contest question: For your chance to win an autographed tee shirt, just answer the question sent to Fan Club Members only and send the correct answer to:

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