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Dear Friends,

As 2013 draws to a close, I'd like to thank you for your continued support and for so many of you coming to our shows. We appreciate that lots of you come out year after year - so much that it's like a family reunion and that makes it all the more fun for us when we spot you in the audience. Our goal for next year will be to meet each and every fan somewhere along the way as we hope to have a show near your town. For those that can't get to a concert, we appreciate you staying in touch on the Facebook page and the website. Now I'm not too great with that Twitter thing yet but when there's a special show or an Opry appearance, I'll try extra hard to get you some photos that way. This new-fangled stuff changes all the time and it makes me wonder just what will be invented next. But it's all good if it helps me stay better connected with you so I'll keep trying to stay up on it.

So what's coming up for 2014? Well in my world, we're talking about making new music. I'm still wanting to get a new Gospel album recorded but thinking I might do just a new music album first and then later in the year, Rhonda Vincent and I will probably work on a new duet album as the first was so well received.

The 2014 tour schedule is looking really good so I hope you'll make your plans to come see us and keep an eye on the schedule as new dates are being added every day!

Til I see you again, please have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year,

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Gene Watson in the UK and Ireland! October 10 - 15, 2013



David Allan, longtime radio presenter for BBC and now a columnist for UK magazine Country Music People and Tony Byworth, longtime UK publicist for George Strait, former editor of CMP magazine, and now UK manager for Will Bannister, enjoy a chat with Gene Watson.



Gene Watson with Will Bannister (who opened for Gene on several shows).

Sisters' Night At Leeds Irish Centre



Happy Birthday, Gene!
October 11, 2013

Gene is introduced on stage by show host Phil Mack. Phil hosts a popular Irish show "The Phil Mack Country Show" www.philmackcountry.com



Sisters Margaret Brown from Glasgow, Scotland and her sister Susan McIntosh of Tayport Fife enjoy a group hug with Gene.

Irish sisters, Winnifred and Heather strike a pretty pose with Gene after the show at the Leeds Irish Centre.



Gene knocks out "Fourteen Carat Mind" onstage.

Photo on right: Fan friends, Sean Brady, host of the fan website www.Gene-Watson.com and Raymond Glenn, who brings you the great videos at www.YouTube.com/GeneWatsonSongs meet up with the man himself at Armagh City Hotel (Ireland), October 15th.



Gene Watson & the Farewell Party Band in Branson!



Laughing it up at dinner after a Larry's Country Diner show in Branson are (left to right): Keith Bilbrey, Moe Bandy, Michele Capps, Nadine (in disguise as Ms. Mona), Gene Watson, Tami Bandy, and Emy Joe Bilbrey.



Gene Watson & Farewell Party Band with Rolene Brumley.

"Rolene was on stage as one of the guests of Larry, sitting at a table. Gene announced who she was, that Tom played the famous steel ride on "Together Again" as one of Buck's Buckeroos. Then we did it. When it came time for the ride, she walked across the stage and stood behind me, putting her hand on my shoulder as it came time for the solo. A night I will never forget." - Danny Naccarato



Keith Bilbrey and Gene after the Branson show. Keith wears many hats! He is the announcer and Larry's sidekick on the highly rated *Larry's Country Diner* TV series on RFD-TV (www.larryscountrydiner.com) and co-hosts *Nashville Country Cookin'* (www.nashvillecountrycookin'.tv) with his wife, Emy Joe. He is also the announcer for *Music City Roots* a live weekly radio and TV show at the Loveless Café in Nashville on Wednesday nights (www.musiccityroots.com).

R.O.P.E. Awards Banquet, San Antonio, & Pigeon Forge!



Farewell Party Band members Danny Naccarato (steel), Chip Bricker (piano) and Todd Hines (drums) surround the lovely Jeannie Seely at the R.O.P.E. Awards.



At the R.O.P.E. Awards in Nashville, TN on October 3rd, Gene accepts the Entertainer Of The Year award on Rhonda Vincent's behalf.



Gene and Charley Pride visit on Gene's bus before their San Antonio, TX show on October 26th.



Farewell Party Band with with Country Music Hall of Famer, Charlie McCoy and his wife, Pat McCoy at the R.O.P.E. Awards.



Jeannie Seely and Gene autograph guitars for charity at the Pigeon Forge, TN show.



Gene & the Farewell Party Band perform to a sell out crowd at the Country Tonite Theater in Pigeon Forge, TN.



The Farewell Party Band are surprised backstage with a visit from Nancy Jones (Mrs. George Jones). In her honor, Gene and the band surprise her with the Jones classic "Walk Through This World With Me".

The Grand Ole Opry at the Ryman Auditorium! November 9, 2013



Farewell Party Band lead guitarist, Chad Phillips, meets the stars from 'Cajun Pawn Stars'.



Hanging out in the dressing room at the Ryman before the show are left to right Chip Bricker (FPB), Gene, Danny Naccarato (FPB), and Staley Rogers (FPB)



Vince Gill and Chip Bricker



Danny Naccarato and Jim Ed Brown



Chip Bricker gets ready to perform onstage



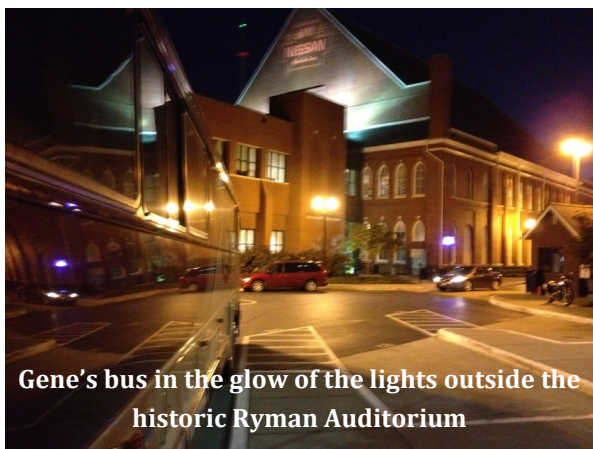
Chad Phillips and Vince Gill



Todd Hines onstage surrounded by drums



Danny Naccarato poses with Doug Green of Riders In The Sky



Gene's bus in the glow of the lights outside the historic Ryman Auditorium

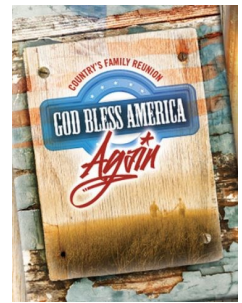


Gene and everyone's favorite guy, the multi-talented Vince Gill

Country's Family Reunion Taping! November 14th



Left photo: Gene and Rhonda Vincent smile for the camera while waiting for the TV show taping to begin.



Right photo: Two great country voices:
Gene Watson and Con Hunley

Right photo: Larry Gatlin expresses his appreciation to Gene for recording his song "Bitter They Are". Take a listen to Larry and Gene performing this song together here:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jEoi2fMGC3c>



The Farewell Party Band poses with Janie Fricke before their show Nov. 16th at Paragon Casino in Marksville, Louisiana.



Rhonda and Gene thrill the crowd at Curtis Andrew Auction in Federalsburg, MD with their rendition of "Together Again"!

Tour Schedule - 2014

Date	Venue	City/State
January 3rd	Cultural Center of Charlotte County	Port Charlotte, Florida
January 4th	Jekyll Island Convention Center	Jekyll Island, Georgia
January 11th	Sugar Creek Casino	Hinton, Oklahoma
February 7th	Lakeside Casino	Osceola, Iowa
February 14th	The Don Gibson Theater	Shelby, North Carolina
February 15t	Lenoir Community College	Kinston, North Carolina
February 16th	Holly Springs Cultural Center	Holly Springs, North Carolina
February 21st	Mill Town Music Hall	Bremen, Georgia
February 22nd	Rodeheaver Boys Ranch	Palatka, Florida
Feb. 23 - Mar 2	Country's Family Reunion/Larry's Country Diner Cruise	Eastern Caribbean
March 8th	Arlington Music Hall	Arlington, Texas
March 14th	Hartselle High School Theater	Hartselle, Alabama
March 15th	Farmer's Opry	Pace, Florida
March 22nd	Ross Country Jamboree	Washington, Indiana
April 12th	Bowling Green High School	Bowling Green, Missouri
April 13th	Gary Dickinson Performing Arts Center	Chillicothe, Missouri
April 19th	Orange Blossom Opry	Weirsdale, Florida
May 2nd	Little Roy & Lizzy Music Festival	Lincolnton, Georgia
June 13th	Kick'n Up Kountry Festival	Karlstad, Minnesota
June 14th	Midwest Country Theater	Sandstone, Minnesota
June 28th	Summersville Music Park	Summersville, West Virginia
July 13th	American Music Theater	Lancaster, Pennsylvania
August 2nd	Stagecoach Ballroom	Ft Worth, Texas
August 14th	40th Annual N. C. State Bluegrass Festival	Marion, North Carolina
August 15th	Hawkinsville Opera House	Hawkinsville, Georgia
August 16th	Red Barn Convention Center	Winchester, Ohio
August 23rd	Kentucky Opry	Benton, Kentucky
September 30th	Raleigh Memorial Auditorium	Raleigh, North Carolina
October 17th	Lovelady Old Gym	Lovelady, Texas

Getting to know you....Jimmy Capps!

Q: Where did you grow up?

A: Benson, North Carolina

Q: When did you first know you wanted to be a professional musician? and how did you start in the music business?

A: I got my first guitar at age 12; started playing and singing on the road at age 12. Played with area bands.

Q: Tell us about your music history:

A: Hired by the Louvin Brothers in 1958 and moved to Nashville. Played the Grand Ole Opry for the first time that same year with the Louvin Brothers. Started playing on record sessions and local TV shows such as *The Eddie Hill Show*, *the Wilburn Bros. Show*, *Marty Robbins Show*, *Good Ole Nashville Music*, *Pop Goes The Country*, *the Statler Bros. Show*, *CMA Awards*, *Music City News Awards*, *the Johnny Cash Show*, *Country's Family Reunion* and *Larry's Country Diner* (currently).

Q: Played on hit records such as

A: Tammy Wynette's "Stand By Your Man", George Jones' "He Stopped Loving Her Today", Kenny Rogers' "The Gambler" & "Coward Of The County", George Strait's "Amarillo By Morning", Alan Jackson's "Here In The Real World".

Q: Recorded with artists such as

A: Loretta Lynn, Ray Charles, Ray Price, Conway Twitty, John Conlee, Charley Pride, Ronnie Milsap, the Oak Ridge Boys, Barbara Mandrell and of course the great Gene Watson!

Q: Name your top five favorite Gene Watson songs:

A: That is REALLY hard to do because Gene doesn't cut bad songs. But if I had to choose one Gene Watson song to listen to the rest of my life it would be "I Don't Need A Thing At All".

Q: Is there a Gene Watson song you enjoy playing?

A: "Pick The Wildwood Flower"

Q: When and where did you first meet Gene Watson?

A: I don't remember the year but I was an instant fan of Gene's!

Q: What instruments do you play?

A: Guitar - electric, acoustic and Mandolin

Q: Who are some of your musical influences?

A: Chet Atkins, Grady Martin, Spider Wilson, Pete Wade, Ray Edenton, Harold Bradley

Q: If you were not in the music business, what might you be doing?

A: I can't imagine doing anything else, as I never have but I have always loved radio so perhaps I would have been a disc jockey, spinning my favorite records!

Q: Other than Gene's music, can you name some of your all time favorite songs?

A: Willie Nelson's "You Were Always On My Mind". Love John Conlee's music, big fan of Red Foley, Ernest Tubb, and Glen Campbell.





Getting to know you....Michele Capps!

Q: Where did you grow up?

A: Tarkington Prairie & Shepherd, Texas

Q: Tell us about your musical history:

A: My Mom and Dad, Dean and Jean Voan, had a country music show when I was little at Tarkington Prairie, Texas. I think the first time I performed on stage I was about 8 years old, playing bass fiddle with a bluegrass band my Dad had started playing with. I had to stand on a milk stool to reach the bass! I then started singing solos in church at about 11 years old. I moved to Nashville in 1996, just because I loved being around the music business. I recorded a Classic Pop album, "Simply Michele". This was the day I met Jimmy Capps, as he played on my sessions! We became friends, and had no idea we would one day marry each other



Q: When did you become a Gene Watson fan?

A: I became a Gene Watson fan early on, and bought his 45 single of "Farewell Party" when I was in school and gave it to one of my favorite teachers. I listened to a lot of different types of music, but of course Country was always my favorite. I love Dolly, Don Williams, John Conlee— it is hard to pick a favorite song. I love so many!

Q: When and where did you first meet Gene Watson?

A: 1996 I was at Oak Valley Studios recording my Christmas album, and Gene came in while I was singing. I was excited but nervous as I had been a huge Gene Watson fan growing up in Texas! He was so kind and complimentary to me. He was there to record, I believe his gospel album.

Q: Will you tell us a little about your work at the Opry?

A: I began working as the Grand Ole Opry Music Librarian about 1998 ('Chart Chick' as they call me). I have sung harmony with various artists at the Opry including Hank Locklin, Jan Howard, Jim Ed Brown, John Conlee, etc., and I sing harmony on Larry's Country Diner and I've been SO privileged to sing harmony with Gene Watson on various shows!

Jimmy and Michele wanted to say they are HUGE Gene Watson fans!

Congratulations to Jimmy Capps on his upcoming induction into the

Musicians' Hall Of Fame!

January 28, 2014!



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Trivia Contest Winner!

Congratulations to Lorraine Rademacher who submitted the winning entry for our last trivia contest question:

Gene Watson recorded only one song with the name of a day of the week in the title of the song. Name That Tune!

The answer: **"Texas Saturday Night."**

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:

GeneWatsonMusic@hotmail.com.

If you are reading this and not a registered member of the Gene Watson Fan Club, just sign up at: www.GeneWatsonMusic.com. Only Fan Club Members get the Trivia Contest Question!



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