



GENE WATSON



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Dear Friends,

I hope by now most of you have had the opportunity to check out my new website at www.GeneWatsonMusic.com. We're still making a few adjustments on the site so bear with us and of course we're always happy to hear your ideas and thoughts.

As many of you know, I spent two weeks touring Ireland and England this summer and it sure was nice to say hello to some old friends and meet many new ones too. In fact it was so great, I'm hoping to get back in 2011! We'll keep you posted with all the details as it develops.

Here at home, we've got many new places we'll be traveling to this year and next so please check the tour page often to see if we're in your neck of the woods. Of course if you have a great place you want us to play, just get in touch with Carrie, our booking agent. Her email is Carrie@ThirdCoastTalent.com. Take care til we see you again,



Moe Bandy, Jimmy Fortune and Gene backstage - Mo.State Fair.



MISSOURI BREAKS

Left to Right: Taking a break during soundcheck in Sedalia, MO are Gene, LeRoy VanDyke and Johnny Lee.



MORE FUN IN MISSOURI

Left to Right: Hanging out backstage at the Missouri State Fair are Gene, Moe Bandy, Rudy Gatlin, Brian Sowers, KMMO Radio, David Frizzell, Helen Cornelius, Jimmy Fortune and Steve Gatlin.

IRELAND and ENGLAND TOUR

Gene enjoyed two fun weeks performing in Ireland and England (July 29 – August 15th). The tour allowed him to reunite with many old friends, especially so in England where he had not performed since 1980.

Below are photos from Gene's trip. He's looking forward to returning April of 2011.



BAND – AID

Gene enjoyed performing with this top-notch band of English musicians on all his UK dates. Left to right: Jimmy Hughes-guitar; Eugene McMullin – piano; Gerry Mooney – drums; Kieran McHugh - road manager; Gene; Sarah Jory - pedal steel; Marty McDermott – bass. Photo taken at the xxxx Show.



BEGLEY FAMILIAR

Irish singing sensation, Philomena Begley, appeared on tour with Gene on the Irish dates.



PHOTO ABOVE: Gene belts out a ballad for the crowd at Mt. Wolessely, Co. Carlow, Republic of Ireland.

PHOTO RIGHT: United Kingdom's talented star, Sarah Jory, sat in on pedal steel and background vocals for Gene's English tour dates. Sarah is a ten time winner of the British Country Music Association's "Female Vocalist of the Year."



FAN SPOTLIGHT on LEN MOORE

Q: Where do you live? A: I currently live in Yaxley which is approximately 80 miles north of London. I was born 24 October 1950 in Carrickfergus, Northern Ireland and left home in late 1967 to join the Royal Air Force as a Medic. I served as a Medic in the Royal Air Force for 34 years and was stationed in Germany (9 years), Cyprus (6 years), had short tours in Denmark, Sardinia, and during Operation Desert Storm served in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Iraq.

Q: What type jobs have you held? A: On leaving the Royal Air Force in 2001, I have been employed as a clinical computer trainer, National Health Service (NHS) Commissioning Manager and am currently working as a Practice Manager in a doctor's surgery in Huntingdon.

Q: Tell us about your family? A: I will have been married to Annette on 20 March 2011 for 40 years; we met in Anglesey (North Wales) in 1968. We have a son aged 37 and a daughter aged 35, we have 2 grandchildren aged 6 and 4.

Q: When did you first hear about Gene Watson? A: I first heard Gene on British Forces radio in 1979 whilst sitting outside an ice-cream parlour near Limassol in Cyprus. Gene was singing Paper Rosie which was part of a trailer for a Dave Allen country show later that evening – I was hooked immediately and have virtually every LP or CD that Gene has published.

Q: Have you seen Gene in concert? A: I first saw Gene in concert at the Mean Fiddler in 1985, then at the Tulleyglass Hotel in 2006, at the Marketplace Theatre Armagh in 2007 and latterly at The Cresset in Peterborough on 15 August 2010.

Q: Were you able to attend one of Gene's concerts in England recently? A: I went to see Gene at the Cresset and took Annette, our son Steven and Beth his girlfriend. It was only a short 5 mile journey and had patiently waited 6 months since purchasing the tickets. The backing musicians including Sarah Jory on steel guitar did a fantastic job in supporting Gene – all credit to them.

Gene was witty and very funny and he took the time to explain how he came to record each song and this set the scene very nicely throughout the performance. As always it was a pleasure to meet Gene after the show and have a photograph taken with him, it added to the memory of the whole evening.

Q: What are your Top Five favorite Gene Watson songs? A: Old Loves Never Die; Roads and Other Reasons ; Farewell Party; You Gave Me a Mountain; The Great Divide

I would like to add my personal appreciation and thanks to Sean Brady for what he has done in spreading the word about Gene around the world over the past few years – I find his fan website (www.Gene-Watson.com) to be first class and full of detail and information.

Gene said that he may return to the UK and Ireland next year, I am planning to take additional family members to hopefully a venue near to Peterborough.

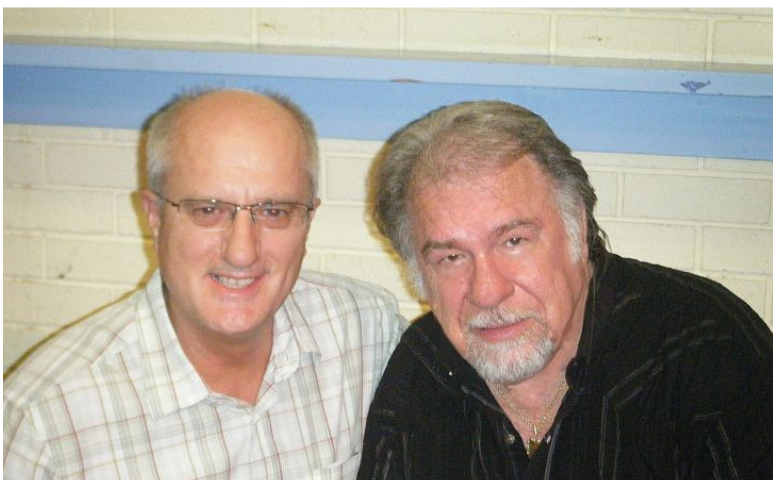


Photo Left:

Len Moore and Gene Watson at the Cresset, Bretton Centre, Peterborough, United Kingdom show on August 15, 2010

Thank you Len!



Photo Left : Gene's hotel view from Ballycastle, Ireland

It's no wonder he's looking forward to a return visit!

SEPTEMBER TOUR DATES

September 10 Castlewood, VA
 September 11 Franklin, KY
 September 12 Branson, MO
 September 17 Pace, FL
 September 18 Dublin, VA
 September 23 Classic Country Opry
 September 24 Grand Ole Opry
 September 25 Benton, KY
 September 30 Paris, TX

TRIVIA CONTEST

In our last newsletter, the trivia question was :
In the lyrics of the Gene Watson song "Love In The Hot Afternoon", what words do the "street vendors cry". We received some "creative" answers but the correct response is "Filet Gumbo". For those not familiar with this Cajun delicacy, it's basically a fish stew.

From all the correct responses, the name drawn from the cowboy hat is...Doris DeBruhl
 Congratulations!

Doris will receive an autographed Gene Watson T Shirt!

Fan Club members have been sent the next trivia question so get your answers in soon!

LATE BREAKING NEWS!

Put on your party hats and start saving your vacation days!

Gene Watson and the Farewell Party Band will be playing LAS VEGAS December 2 – 12th. The venue is to be announced soon so check

www.GeneWatsonMusic.com for that news coming to you asap!



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Left to Right: Fans, Di Richards (Norfolk, England), and Hilda Townsend (Rutland, England) meet Gene at the Cresset Theatre, Peterborough, England August 15, 2010.