

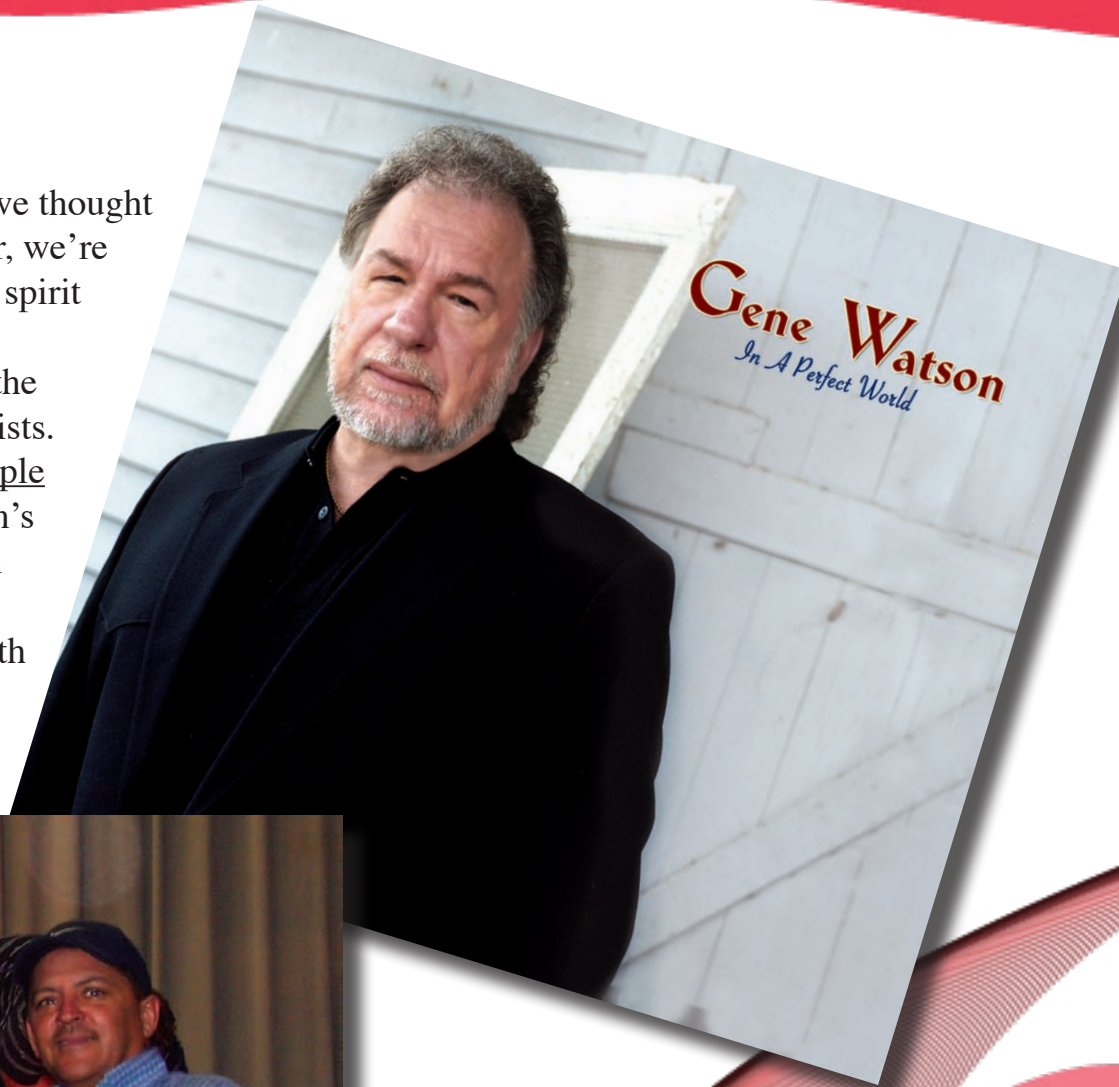
# GENE WATSON INTERNATIONAL FAN CLUB VALENTINE'S DAY SPECIAL

Hi Friends!

We are pleased to bring you another newsletter. Originally we thought we might release these just every quarter but kind of like my career, we're going to do things differently and so we'll have them out when the spirit (and the news) moves us.

The New Year is off to a great start. We received news that the *In A Perfect World* album was in many Best of 2007 Top Album lists. Among others, CMT gave us top honors as did Country Music People in the United Kingdom. We also were honored to be on Roy Kasten's Top 10 list (Roy writes for Amazon.com and he wrote the article in No Depression last year).

Our first show for 2008 was in Llano, TX at the Llano Opry with Little Jimmy Dickens. The Farewell Party band backed up Little Jimmy and we had a grand time working together. Here's a photo from that show:



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Right before we took off for the holidays the band and I performed on the Grand Ole Opry. It was a great pleasure to visit with good friends, Bill Anderson, Joe Diffie and all the guest artists there that night and we even had a surprise visit from Vince Gill. As most of you know, Vince gave me the great honor of singing on "Let Me Be The First To Go" which is on my new album, and I am proud to say it is a #1 in the UK and Europe. When I received that song from the publishing company, it was Vince's voice singing the demo so it just seemed natural to have him add his voice to the album and I can't thank him enough for that.



Gene with Vince Gill



Gene with Bill Anderson

January 22 & 23 I traveled to Nashville to record another Country Family Reunion show. This show is hosted by Bill Anderson and will be airing nationally. As we get more information on the airdates, we'll post those on our websites for you.

On Feb. 6th I taped the Crook & Chase show which is now on the RFD-TV Network. I enjoyed seeing Lorianne and Charlie again and performing two songs including a duet with the fabulous Rhonda Vincent!

February 25th I'll be taping a GAC Master Series show with host, Bill Cody. Check the website for that air date.

## Contest

In his early days in Houston, Gene formed a band with his relatives. What was the name of their band?

Please email your answers to  
[newsletter@geneatsonmusic.com](mailto:newsletter@geneatsonmusic.com)

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to Sarah P. from Sierra Vista, AZ. She emailed the correct answer to the question!  
What was Gene's first single release on a MAJOR label?  
Answer: "Love In the Hot Afternoon"

Sarah's name was randomly drawn from all correct entries and will be receiving an autographed T-shirt. Way to go Sarah!

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We have so many exciting things planned for this year and we'll be keeping you posted on it all through our websites [www.genewatsonmusic.com](http://www.genewatsonmusic.com) and Sean Brady's site [www.gene-watson.com](http://www.gene-watson.com)

Speaking of Sean, we thought you'd enjoy getting to know the wonderful man behind the website. Sean was kind enough to answer some of our questions and we're posting them here for you.

## 1.) 'When did you first hear Gene Watson's music & become a fan?'

I first heard Gene Watson's music when I received a promotional copy of his 'In Other Words' album in 1992 during my days as a country music radio presenter. The late, great Gary Buck produced this fine set for Gene & it was actually Gary who sent the album to me from his Broadland Records office in Kitchener, Canada. The album completely floored me & I almost wore it out! I felt that Gene's vocal presence was extraordinary, the song selection was exemplary & the musicianship was first class. The only aspect that saddened me was the fact that I had not discovered Gene Watson before 1992. I have, however, made up for that shortcoming since then!

## 2.) A Radio DJ! Was that your first job? What is your current occupation?'

Yes, I was a radio presenter & it was my first job. I worked for Cavan Community Radio (December 1983 – August 1985), Breffni Radio (September 1985 – December 1988), Northern Sound Radio (May 1990 – September 1991) & Radio Star Country (January 1992 – March 1996). I was diagnosed with Relapsing-Remitting Multiple Sclerosis in 1996 & have not worked in radio since. I undertook various computer courses between 1996 & 1999 & I now work for CavanNet Computers in Cavan, Ireland where I answer the phone, deal with customer queries & repair/maintain computers.

## 3.) 'What are your Top 5 favorite Gene Watson songs?'

This is a difficult question to answer. I very much enjoy all of Gene Watson's songs, but after some hard thinking, here are my Top 5 favourite Gene Watson songs:

1 'Atlanta anymore' 2 'Raining in Dallas' 3 'Bedroom ballad' 4 'Hey Louella' 5 'This circus that you call a rodeo'

## 4.) 'Do you have a favorite of his albums that you tend to play most often?'

My favourite Gene Watson album? I have a few favourites album releases; don't get me wrong, I do enjoy all of the great man's releases, but I feel that there are a few albums that I feel are perfect albums in every sense of the word & they are (in no particular order): 'Back in the Fire', 'Starting New Memories', 'Heartaches, Love & Stuff', 'Beautiful Country', 'In a Perfect World' & 'In Other Words'

## 5.) 'Have you seen Gene in concert and if yes, how many times?'

Yes, I have seen Gene in concert on four occasions; once in 2004, twice in 2006 & once in 2007

## 6.) 'What inspired you to start the Gene-Watson website? How many hours do you devote to that each day?'

I was inspired to start the Gene Watson Fan Site simply because, at the time (2004), he didn't appear to have an adequate online presence. I was (am) a fan & felt that Gene & his fans deserved the best website possible. I don't claim to be a website 'whiz kid' or anything, but I do like to think that I'm a perfectionist when it comes to the website that I have developed for Gene & his fans. I spend a lot of time updating the site; at least four hours every weekday evening & a lot more on Saturdays & Sundays. I regard the website as my hobby project & find that it is my way of relaxing.



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## Tour Dates

Feb. 22	Civic Center	Crockett, TX
March 1	Performing Arts Center	Chickasha, OK
March 7	Strawberry Festival	Plant City, FL
March 8	The Reserve	Laurel, MS
March 28	The Forum	Hazard, KY
March 29	Little Nashville Opry	Nashville, IN
April 4 & 5	Farmers Opry	Pace, FL
April 12	Liberty Showcase	Liberty NC
April 13	Crystal Coast Jamboree	Morehead City, NC
April 19	Secrest Auditorium	Zanesville, OH

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## Hole - In - ONE!

Gene Watson may be best known as a legendary country music singer but he is also one dedicated golfer. Watson tore ligaments in his left hand while playing a round of golf in Houston, Texas Saturday, February 2. The separated ligaments caused a knuckle to extend from the socket. Gene just happened to have a paramedic among his golfing partners who recommended they head to the emergency room but Gene insisted on finishing the game. According to Gene, "It was excruciating pain but I was hoping to finish the round and bring up my score which up to the 11th hole was pretty dismal. Unfortunately my game went decidedly downhill from there." A Houston physician put Gene's hand in a soft cast and although he is unable to use his left hand, he is being a trooper!

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