

# A Sample of Country Performers



## Willie Nelson

All told, Nelson's 2003 endeavors earned him four Grammy nominations to go with a career that has been recognized with eight Grammy wins, a President's Merit Award, a Grammy Legend Award and the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award. In 2004, the Academy of Country Music recognized him with the Video of the Year Award for "Beer For My Horses," and the prestigious Gene Weed Special Achievement Award, honoring Nelson's "unprecedented and genre-defying contributions to popular music over his nearly 50-year career.

## Wynonna

Wynonna Judd is one of the most recognizable female singers in contemporary country music. By seventeen, following Naomi's brilliant and insistent musical direction, she and her mother signed as the "Judds" to a record contract with RCA, and stardom followed. After Naomi retired Wynonna emerged on a new label with a sound that pulled more towards the blues and West Coast country, with influences from Bonnie Raitt and Lowell George. Wynonna redefined herself musically in 1992 with the hit "She Is His Only Need". Wynonna is a platinum seller with such exemplary singles as "I Saw The Light", "No One Else On Earth", and "A Bad Goodbye", the latter a duet with Clint Black.



## Rascal Flatts

One of the hottest new country groups, Rascal Flatts was influenced by pop, R&B, country, gospel, bluegrass roots. When someone listens to Rascal Flatts, they're going to hear a lot of harmony, a lot of funkiness because we love to groove. Rascal Flatts is the perfect New Millennium group signed to the most forward-looking new label in Nashville. They were deeply influenced by musical family roots that stretch back

to the beginnings of country music. Their music-making parents and siblings passed on contemporary country influences. What Jay, Gary and Joe Don have done is add their individual influences and creativity to a new musical brew seasoned by all that made country music great in the 20th Century.

## Martina McBride

A sign of success in the music industry is the ability to release a greatest hits compilation. An even better sign is that the collection goes platinum; Martina's Greatest Hits record was certified triple platinum. As a musician Martina has achieved outstanding success, thanks to songs like "Wild Angels," "Wrong Again" and "My Baby Loves Me." Martina has sold nearly eight million albums, produced six #1 hit songs along with receiving numerous industry and fan voted awards. Martina was ranked #25 on CMT's list of the all time "Greatest Women of Country Music" and her song "Independence Day" was ranked #9 on their list of "100 Greatest Songs of Country Music" list.



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## Clint Black

Clint Black is a true country music traditionalist. You could say that Black was responsible for jump starting the mass-market acceptance of country in the '90s. He was the first to integrate pop rock styles from the '60s and '70s and meld them with traditionalist styled artists' i.e.: Bob Wills, George Jones and Merle Haggard. This styled paved the new way for many successful artists and helped them capitalize on this newfound mass acceptance of country music.

## Sawyer Brown

The statistics speak for themselves: 14 albums in 13 years, 18 Top 5 singles, ; this year's Top Vocal Group honors from the Academy of Country Music Awards. In addition 5 consecutive Top Vocal Band trophies from the fan-voted TNN/Music City News Country Awards, 3 Top Video Group prizes from Country Music Television and numerous CMA, Grammy, ACM, and American Music Award nominations. Along with an unprecedented 28 hit music videos. Behind this mind-boggling resume stand five men with a genuine love for fans, friends and family which is rivaled only by their passion for the music they make.



Anne Murray

Kenny Chesney  
Alabama  
Keith Urban  
Alan Jackson  
Brooks & Dunn  
Martina Mc Bride  
George Strait  
Vince Gill  
Carrie Underwood  
Dolly Parton  
Kenny Rogers  
Leann Rimes  
Lyle Lovett  
Dwight Yoakam  
Hank Williams Jr.

John Michael Montgomery  
Lee Ann Womack  
Montgomery Gentry  
Randy Travis  
Trace Adkins  
Trisha Yearwood  
Lonestar  
Travis Tritt  
Big & Rich  
Amy Grant  
Billy Ray Cyrus  
Deana Carter  
Highwaymen  
Jo Dee Messina  
K.D. Lang  
Marie Osmond  
Merle Haggard  
Ray Stevens  
Richie McDonald  
Sara Evans  
Clay Walker  
Aaron Tippin  
Buck Owens  
K.T. Oslin  
Loretta Lynn

McBride & The Ride  
Tanya Tucker  
Collin Raye  
George Jones  
Glen Campbell  
Joe Diffie  
Kathy Mattea  
Larry Gatlin & The Gatlin Brothers  
Lorrie Morgan  
Neal McCoy  
Statler Brothers  
Jim Stafford  
Joe Nichols  
Mark Chesnutt

Mavericks  
Suzy Bogguss  
Terri Clark  
Bryan White  
Louise Mandrell  
Nanci Griffith  
Pam Tillis  
Patti Loveless  
Sammy Kershaw  
Tracy Lawrence  
Crystal Gayle  
Lee Greenwood  
Marshall Tucker  
Nitty Gritty Dirt Band  
Ricky Skaggs



The Oak Ridge Boys

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