



**TALENT ANNOUNCED FOR  
2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL ACM HONORS  
TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 22, 2009  
IN NASHVILLE**

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**EVENING TO RECOGNIZE SPECIAL HONOREES FROM THE  
44<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ACADEMY OF COUNTRY MUSIC AWARDS**

**WHAT:** The second annual **ACM HONORS**, an evening of musical tribute performances and special presentations celebrating the special honorees and non-televvised category winners from the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Academy of Country Music Awards, held earlier this year.

**WHO:** Host and performer **Lee Ann Womack**, presenters **Rodney Atkins** and **Eddie Montgomery**, special performers **Bobby Bare**, **Vince Gill**, **Randy Houser**, **Jamey Johnson**, **Miranda Lambert**, **Jim Lauderdale**, **Patty Loveless**, **Brent Mason**, **Joe Nichols**, **James Otto**, **Kellie Pickler**, **John Rich**, **Blake Shelton**, **Carrie Underwood**, **Steve Wariner** and honorees including:

Special Awards recipients:

- **Jerry Reed** (posthumously), **Kenny Rogers**, **Randy Travis** & **Hank Williams Jr** – recipients of the Clifflie Stone Pioneer Award
- **Merle Haggard & Harlan Howard** (posthumously) – recipients of the Poet’s Award
- **Dolly Parton** – recipient of the Jim Reeves International Award
- **David Young** – recipient of the Mae Boren Axton Award
- **“Beer For My Horses”** – recipient of the Tex Ritter Award (produced by Showdog Productions, in conjunction with CMT Films – executive producers: Leslie Belzberg, T.K. Kimbrell, and Jeff Yapp; producers: Toby Keith and Donald Zuckerman; director: Michael Salomon)

Winners of the MBI (Musician/Bandleader/Instrumentalist) categories:

- **Chuck Ainlay** – Audio Engineer of the Year
- **Tony Brown** – Producer of the Year
- **Tom Bukovac** – Top Guitarist of the Year
- **Eric Darken (Tied)** - Top Specialty Instrument(s) Player of the Year
- **Dan Dugmore** – Top Steel Guitar Player of the Year
- **Aubrey Haynie** – Top Fiddle Player of the Year
- **Jelly Roll Johnson (Tied)** – Top Specialty Instrument(s) Player of the Year
- **Greg Morrow** – Top Percussionist/Drummer of the Year
- **Gordon Mote** – Top Piano/Keyboard Player of the Year
- **Glenn Worf** – Top Bass Player of the Year

Winners of the Industry Awards categories:

- **Fran Romeo, Romeo Entertainment** – Don Romeo Talent Buyer of the Year
- **Louis Messina, The Messina Group** – Promoter of the Year
- **Joe’s Bar (Chicago, IL)** – Nightclub of the Year
- **The Ryman Auditorium (Nashville, TN)** – Venue of the Year
- **Turning Stone Casino (Verona, NY)** – Casino of the Year

**WHEN & WHERE:** **Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009** Schermerhorn Symphony Center  
4:45pm Press Check In One Symphony Place  
5:15pm Arrivals Begin Nashville, TN

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