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KENTUCKY MUSIC HALL OF FAME & MUSEUM ANNOUNCES 2008 INDUCTEES

Renfro Valley, KY: The Kentucky Music Hall of Fame & Museum announced the 2008 Inductees live on WKYT-TV Channel 27 in Lexington today.

“This year’s class includes some of the most recognizable music artists in the world,” according to the Hall of Fame. “The ceremony in February 2008 will feature performances by this year’s class as well as some of this state’s greatest music achievers.”

The 2008 Inductee class represents several different genres of music. The Kentucky Music Hall of Fame is pleased to recognize such diversity in the heritage of Kentucky Music. The musicians who are named as 2008 Hall of Fame Inductees are:

Dwight Yoakam: With his “stripped down” approach to traditional honky tonk and Bakersfield country, he has remained one of the most respected and adventurous recording country artists in the industry and has been credited with returning country to its roots. Yoakam is from Pikeville, Kentucky

Florence Henderson: A multi-talented actress, talk show host, performer, producer recording artist, author, Broadway veteran, and philanthropist, has had an outstanding career on film, in television and on stage. Henderson is from Owensboro, Kentucky.

Norro Wilson: Famed record producer, singer, & songwriter. Wilson has penned songs such as “The Most Beautiful Girl” recorded by Charlie Rich, “The Grand Tour” for George Jones, and “Another Lonely Song” for Tammy Wynette and many others. Among the country greats for whom Wilson has produced records are Charley Pride, Reba McEntire, Shania Twain, & Kenny Chesney. Wilson is from Scottsville, Kentucky.

Crystal Gayle: One of the most popular and widely recognized female country singers of her era, she supported her trademark hair with a supple voice, a flair for ballads, and a crossover-friendly country-pop style that netted the occasional mainstream hit. Gayle is from Paintsville, Kentucky.

Les McCann: A self-taught Jazz musician, McCann is best known for his work in the late 60's and early 70's with partner sax man Eddie Harris, who played Jazz festivals all over the world, including the Montréux Jazz Festival. McCann is from Lexington, Kentucky.

The 2008 Class is the fourth Class of Inductees for the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame which was created in 2002 and holds an induction ceremony every two years. The 2008 Induction Ceremony will be held in the Lexington Center Bluegrass Ballroom in Lexington, Kentucky on February 21, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets will go on sale for the ceremony beginning May 7, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at the Hall of Fame. For more information about the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame & Museum call 1-877-356-3263 or visit **www.KYMusicHallofFame.com**

2002 Class: Bill Monroe, Loretta Lynn, Osborne Brothers, Everly Brothers, Merle Travis, Bradley Kincaid, Red Foley, Tom T. Hall, John Lair, Jean Ritchie, Grandpa Jones, & Rosemary Clooney.

2004 Class: Ricky Skaggs, J.D. Crowe, Billy Vaughn, Howard & Vestal Goodman, Coon Creek Girls, Jerry Chesnut, & Boots Randolph.

2006 Class: Sam Bush, John Conlee, Todd Duncan, Lionel Hampton, Naomi & Wynonna Judd, John Jacob Niles, Dottie Rambo, & Mary Travers.

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