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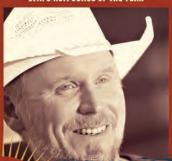
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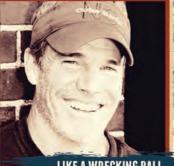
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"Can I just tell you how much we enjoyed the show last night? It's at times like this I wish I had a better command of the English language. I can't find the words to express how impressed and thrilled we were with Nashville Hitmakers....it was a wonderful show!"

- Ed H.

"We didn't realize the caliber of talent you were bringing to the Holland Theatre. It was sensational! We had 24 people in our group. So far 20 of them have said they're coming next year and bringing friends with them. Thanks for giving our area such a treat."

- Morris J.

"I can't even say who I liked most. They were all equally good. We're hoping they return so we can bring other people with us. Next time we'll buy higher-priced tickets so we can also attend the pre-show events. I have raved about this to everyone."

- Pat W.

"When I was in college my English prof played us a recording by Dylan Thomas reading his own poetry. I never forgot that; it was magical. I recalled that when I heard those artists play their own music. It was awe-inspiring. No one understands their own except the creator."

- Mary L. M.





Dear Friend of the Arts,

We are eager to tell you about our Fifth Annual Nashville Hitmakers. Thank you for the opportunity to explain sponsorship of this venture, and for considering helping us with the fundraising. This evening of original hit songs, performed live by the men and women who wrote them, promises to be a time of great sounds, interesting stories of the song origins, and excellent musicianship. We hope this event will offer a time for local residents as well as summer visitors to enjoy our community while supporting three very worthwhile organizations.

Our headliner, the multi-talented Even Stevens, is a major award-winning songwriter, who grew up in Lewistown, Ohio and graduated from Indian Lake High School. He has lived the songwriter's life in Nashville, where he moved after his military service. A long-time environmentalist, Even has always enjoyed the history of our area and spending time on Indian Lake whenever he is able to return to his roots. Just a few of the many songs he's written that you may know include the 15-million-selling record by rock's Dr. Hook, "When You're in Love With a Beautiful Woman", Eddie Rabbitt's "I Love a Rainy Night", "Crazy in Love" by Conway Twitty, as well as Kim Carnes & Joe Cocker, "Suspicions" by Rabbitt and Tim McGraw, and "Love Will Turn You Around" by Kenny Rogers. The 2016 Nashville Hitmakers will be the fifth time Even has appeared in concert here, and we welcome him back home.

Our Songwriter-In-The-Round format includes several of Even's long-time, talented friends. All have won top awards: Grammys, Doves, Billboard and CMA awards. This highly entertaining program is presented annually in Biloxi, MS for St. Jude's Hospital, in Lebanon, TN for McClain Christian Academy, and at Songwriter Festivals in Martha's Vineyard, Key West and for The Sandusky River Watershed Coalition at the Ritz Theatre in Tiffin, Ohio. We have seven top talents lined up, whose biographies are included in our packet. These artists/writers' songs will be very familiar to you, Million-Sellers, all.

Our fundraising is to benefit Arete Scholars, a Georgia non-profit organization which provides educational opportunities for disadvanaged children. We are happy to discuss Arete Sholars with you if you'd like.

Please enjoy the enclosed DVD of a few songs by our Nashville Hitmakers. We hope by finding us worthy of your contribution you'll be able to play your important part in our program.







Lewistown native Even Stevens will return as headliner for the **2016 Nashville Hitmakers Show**, a fundraiser for Indian Lake Watershed Project & Indian Lake Schools' Music Departments. The concert begins at 7pm at Indian Lake High School on Saturday, July 23.

Recently inducted into the Nashville Songwriters' Hall of Fame, Even's acceptance speech was filled with references to his Ohio upbringing and friendships, as well as his experiences making it as a Songwriter in Nashville. His opening remark as the first 2015 recipient was...

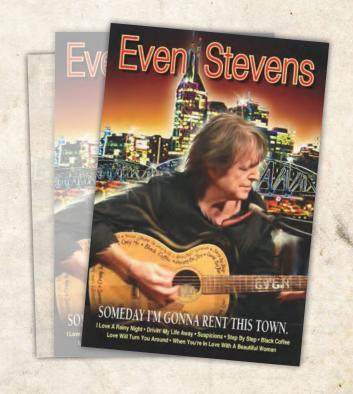
I'm humbled to think I'm part of such a great club. For Stevens, who co-wrote several of Eddie Rabbitt's best-known tunes, the grand evening really put things in perspective. His first songwriter gatherings in Nashville were a little more humble. "The town was magic then," he recalled. "At the Bluebird (Cafe), they do in-the-round. Well, we did in-the-round in people's houses every night. You were always welcome.

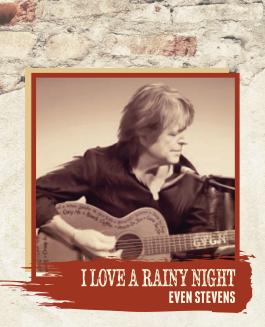
Hooking up with the then-unknown Eddie Rabbitt, Even began collaborating on songs that would soon make his friend a superstar: "Drivin' My Life Away," "I Love A Rainy Night," "Step By Step" and "Suspicions" (BMI's 1980 Country Song of the Year). Even penned the international hit, "When You're In Love With A Beautiful Woman", recorded by Dr Hook and cowrote: Conway Twitty ("Crazy In Love"), Ricky Skaggs ("Lovin' Only Me"), Lacy J. Dalton ("Black Coffee") and the Oak Ridge Boys ("No Matter How High"). "Love Will Turn You Around" by Kenny Rogers was named ASCAP Country Song of the Year in 1982.

This marks the 5th Anniversary Show for Nashville Hitmakers, to date bringing seventeen #1 Hit Songwriters to our area to entertain, inform and amuse our actively-engaged audiences. Bring a friend and come enjoy an evening filled with great stories, favorite music and performances.

How does a preacher's kid from a small farm town in Ohio arrive in a beat-up mail truck with forty bucks in his pocket, survive on the cold lonesome streets of Nashville and end up a BMI Songwriter of the Century? Even pulls back the curtain for a peek at the music business in his book, Someday I'm Gonna Rent This Town, revisiting the rejection, false promises, inspiring creative characters and money-grubbing scum suckers he met along the way: The Tina Turner "mistake".....Hey! Clint Eastwood's at the door!.....and other life-changing brushes with the famous and infamous. From his "Hippie" days in San Francisco to creating Dr. Hook's When You're In Love With A Beautiful Woman and Eddie Rabbitt's I Love A Rainy Night, the world of an aspiring songwriter is laid bare for all so see.

Welcome to the Odd World of Even Stevens!





EVEN STEVENS

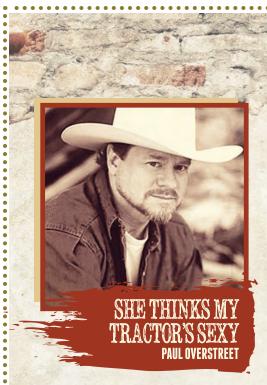
Even's songwriting career spans many stylistic borders, from the international hit, "When You're In Love With A Beautiful Woman" by rock's Dr. Hook, to the three week running #1 Pop hit, "I Love A Rainy Night" by long time partner and superstar, Eddie Rabbitt. He has accumulated an unprecedented 53 BMI Awards, which includes: 14 Pop Awards - 26 Country Awards - 1 Five Millionaire Award - 1 Four Millionaire Award - 1 Three Millionaire Awards - 4 Two Millionaire Awards - and 6 One Millionaire Awards. The Grammy and 2015 Songwriter Hall of Fame inducted composer has written the ACM Best Country Song winner, "Love Will Turn You Around" & ASCAP Song of the Year by Kenny Rogers and won BMI's coveted Robert J. Burton Award, Song of the Year for "Suspicions" by Eddie Rabbitt, earning him the distinction as a BMI "Songwriter of the Century."

Some of the artists who have recorded his songs: Joe Cocker, Tim McGraw, Engelbert Humperdinck, Kenny Chesney, Martina McBride, Trace Adkins, Mac Davis, Roger Miller, George Jones, Elvis Costello, Ronnie Milsap, Dolly Parton, Sammi Smith, Conway Twitty, Brenda Lee, J.D. Souther, Stonewall Jackson, Marylin McCoo, Blake Shelton, Steel Pulse, Tom Jones, Roger Whittaker, Lacy J. Dalton, Stella Parton, The Oak Ridge Boys, Mickey Gilley, Kenny Rogers, Marie Osmond, Crystal Gayle, Glen Campbell, Alabama, Pam Tillis, Bobby Bare, Barbara Mandrell, Eddie Rabbitt, Dr. Hook, Kim Carnes, The London Symphony, Julio Iglesias and even The Chipmunks!

Currently, Even is on the air in Nashville every Sunday night at 8pm Central Time hosting the radio show, THE ORIGINALS, on Hippie Radio Nashville, 94.5FM. Featuring the original demos of the biggest hit songs old and new, with interviews with the legendary songwriters who wrote them, THE ORIGINALS gives you an insider's view into the fascinating world of songwriting. The show can be listened to in real-time online anywhere in the world by searching Hippie Radio Nashville, then clicking on the "Listen To It Live" button at 8pm on Sunday nights!

Even's book has been released, on Nashville and his music career titled, <u>"Someday I'm</u> Gonna Rent This Town!" and is published by Heritage Builders Publishing. Autographed copies will be available after the concert.





PAUL OVERSTREET

Mississippi-born country music singer and songwriter, Paul Overstreet, has recorded 10 studio albums and charted 16 singles on the Billboard country charts, including two #1 hits. He has also written singles for several other country acts, including #1 hits for **Randy Travis**, **Blake Shelton** and **Keith Whitley**, as well as **The Judds** and **Kenny Chesney**.

During his songwriting career, Paul has written or co-written 27 Top-Ten songs. He is best known for country songs such as "Forever and Ever, Amen" and "On the Other Hand", both of which were #1 for Randy Travis. He co-wrote "When You Say Nothing at All", a #1 hit for Keith Whitley and, in 1995, for Alison Krauss. In 1995, he also collaborated with Don Moen to perform and write a song called "God Is Good All The Time", from Don's album "Rivers of Joy".

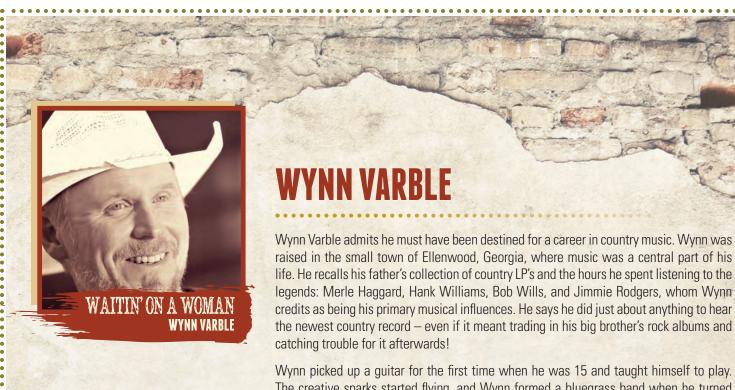
Not only have Paul's songs been recorded by other artists, but they've earned him numerous awards. Overstreet has earned two *Grammy Awards*, for "Forever and Ever, Amen" and "Love Can Build a Bridge". BMI honored him as *Songwriter of the Year* for five consecutive years from 1987-1991. This is a mark on the Music Row wall that has not been reached before or since. He also won *CMA and ACM Song of the Year* in 1987 and 1988. The "Love is Strong" album earned Overstreet a *Dove Award for Country Recorded Album of the Year* in 1992. He also earned *Dove Awards for Country Recorded Song of the Year* in 1991 for "Seein' My Father In Me" and "There But For the Grace of God Go I" in 1994. Overstreet has been awarded the *TNN Viewer's Choice Award for Christian Country Artist* and received the *Christian Country Music Association Award for Mainstream Artist-of-the-Year* as well. In 2003, Paul was inducted into the *Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame*.

Aside from being a writer and an artist, Paul is also an accomplished producer. In 2011 he co-produced an album for Country Music artist **Kristen Kelly** (RCA). He co-produced his own albums and was sole producer for Christian country artist **Suzy Luchsinger**; this album launched her career.

Late in 1999, Paul founded Scarlet Moon Records, releasing "A Songwriter's Project-Volume 1" in 2000, "Living By The Book" and "Christmas, My Favorite Time of the Year" in 2001, One of the most rewarding of his many ventures is his involvement with his good friend, Franklin Graham & the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. He has had the distinct honor of traveling to Nicaragua and Honduras on behalf of Samaritan's Purse, a relief organization to meet the physical and spiritual needs of people in crisis situations. Paul and his wife Julie with their children Nash, Summer, Chord, Harmony, Skye and Charity, and a large, assorted pet menagerie, reside on a farm near a small town outside of Nashville, TN.

Paul's sons Nash and Chord are also involved in the entertainment business. Nash is the lead guitarist for the pop band Hot Chelle Rae, while Chord is best known for his role of Sam Evans on the television program Glee.





Wynn picked up a guitar for the first time when he was 15 and taught himself to play. The creative sparks started flying, and Wynn formed a bluegrass band when he turned 16. After graduating high school, Wynn started on the path to musical success playing the club circuit. His talent playing bluegrass landed him gigs from Austin to Ft. Lauderdale; during this time he was perfecting his style, not only as a country artist but also as a songwriter.

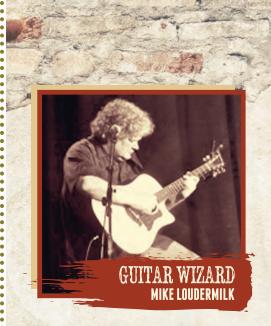
In 1982, Wynn visited some friends in Nashville. He spent several months writing with an up-and-coming singer/songwriter named Dave Gibson. It was this collaboration that proved to be Wynn's ticket out of the club scene and into the Nashville music community.

Varble completely relocated to Nashville in 1992. Gibson introduced him to Cliff Williamson, then-director of Starstruck Writers Group, and Wynn was signed to the publisher in 1994. After Starstruck was sold to Warner/Chappell Music, Wynn joined the Warner/Chappell writing staff.

Wynn had his first #1 song "<u>Have You Forgotten</u>" with <u>Darryl Worley</u> in 2003. The song was nominated for *Song of the Year* by the CMA. In 2008, "<u>Waitin' on a Woman</u>", which Wynn co-wrote with Don Sampson for <u>Brad Paisley</u> was nominated by the <u>CMA</u> for Song of the Year. His most recent #1, "<u>I'm a Little More Country</u>" recorded by <u>Brad Paisley</u>, was also nominated by the <u>ACM for Song of the Year</u>.

Wynn's songs have been cut by a range of great artists, including Easton Corbin, Garth Brooks, Lee Ann Womack, Brad Paisley, Darryl Worley, Kellie Pickler, Montgomery Gentry, Jason Sellers, Gary Allan, Trace Adkins, Clint Daniels, Kevin Denney, Tracy Byrd, The Kinleys, Chris LeDoux, Danni Leigh, Mark Chesnutt and Sammy Kershaw.





MIKE LOUDERMILK

Mike Loudermilk has been making music most of his life. He started his musical career when his first song, an instrumental, was recorded by guitar legend Chet Atkins, who invited him to Nashville to play on the session. Atkins then offered to sponsor him in Nashville, but approved of Mike's decision to return to Louisiana and finish his education in music theory and guitar.

Son of John D. Loudermilk, Mike made his way back to Nashville where he began playing music full time. He has toured, recorded, and/or written songs with artists from **John Schneider** to **Crystal Gayle**, and from **Tracy Lawrence** to **Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown.** As an artist, he has recorded several albums internationally, including a duet record, "**Wildwood Flower**," with bluegrass fiddle legend **Buddy Spicher**.

Much in demand as a studio musician, Mike still finds time to appear at many educational and honorary functions. He has served as a panelist at the *Southern Folklife Seminar at UNC*, participated in the *Poets and Prophets Series* for Bobby Braddock, and has performed for *President George H.W. Bush at the White House, the Bush Library*, and at the *Tennessee Governor's Mansion*. He has appeared on numerous television shows and specials and has played on world stages from the *London Palladium* to the *Crazy Horse Saloon*, and from the casinos of *Las Vegas* to the *White House*.

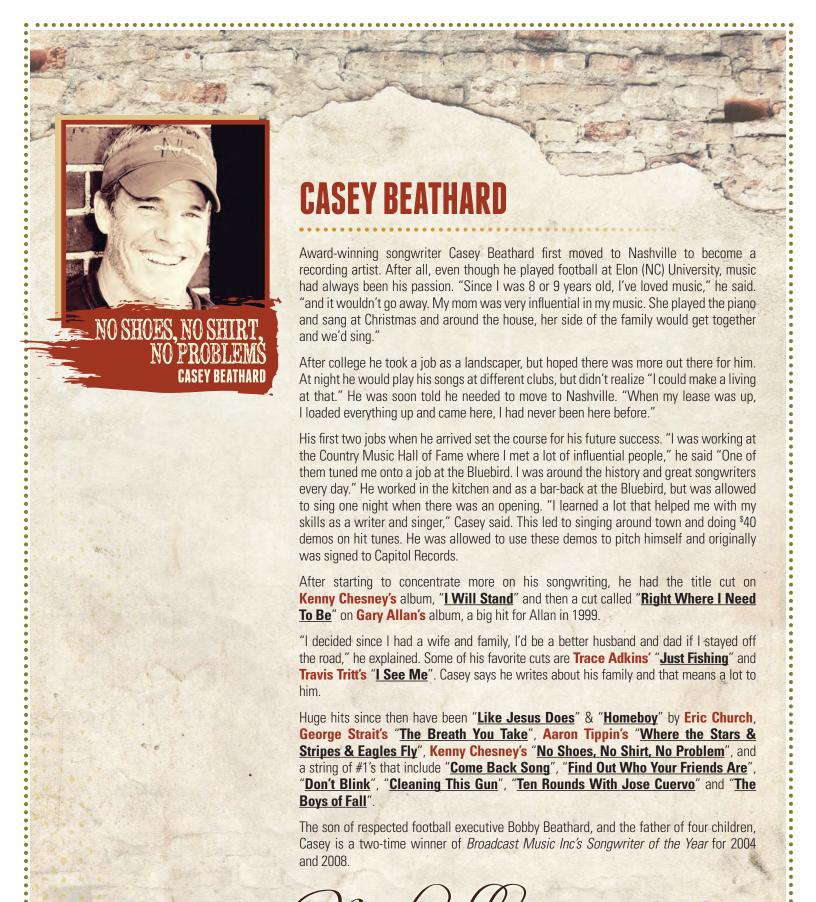
Mike worked with **Crystal Gayle** for many years and co-produced Crystal's "Midnight In The Desert," a song they wrote for the international radio talk show "Coast to Coast AM." The song also won a NAMA (Native American Music Award) for "Song of the Year" in 2002. He is a sought-after performer and musician who is also an excellent songwriter and producer, as evidenced by the work he does at his own studio, The Nashville Sound Project House. There he has recorded and arranged songs written by some of Nashville's biggest hit songwriters.

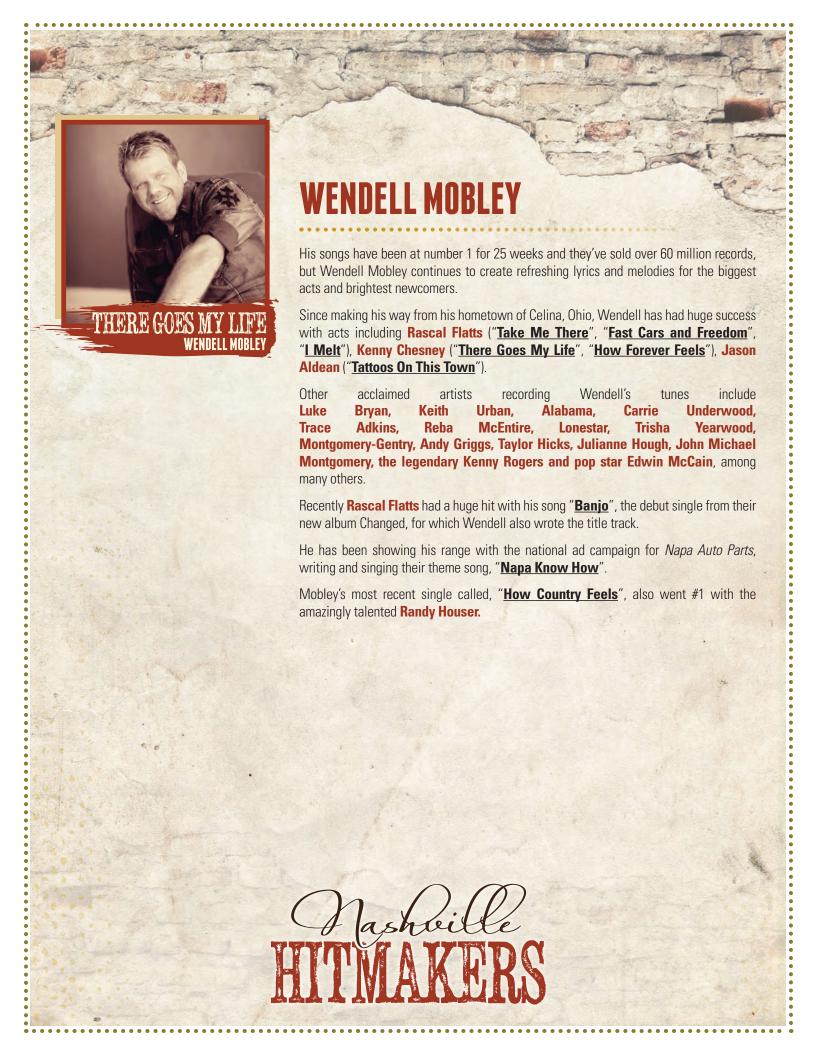
On tour, he has performed throughout the major music venues of Europe as well as appearing on the *Grand Ole Opry*. He has graced the stages of the *MTSU Governor's School of Music*, the *Texas Songwriter's Hall of Fame Homecoming*, the *MS Grammy Awards*, the *Americana Music Association Convention*, the *Summer Solstice Festival* and at *UC San Diego. Tootsie's*, *Puckett's*, *The Wild Horse Saloon*, *3rd & Lindsley*, *The Loveless Cafe Concert Barn* and many more Nashville locations have featured Mike on their stages. He regularly participates in *Tin Pan South* and at the famed *Bluebird Cafe* for the "Writers in the Round" series and at the prestigious 25th anniversary celebrations at the Bluebird.

Mike has also performed at *fundraisers for Aids and Cancer Research, the National MS Society, and St. Jude Childrens Hospital*, to name a few, alongside country music's most talented singers and songwriters. He recently released a solo guitar instrumental CD.

Endorsements with Taylor guitars, Elixir Guitar Strings, Fishman Transducers, Bill Lawrence, and KJL Amplifiers point to his reputation as a "musician's musician," both onstage and through recording projects. Mike's musical integrity guarantees a never-to-be-forgotten listening experience for his audience.







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