

ICGMA 55th Annual Award Show 2011 Convention and Awards Show

ICGMA Convention & Awards Show Is A Huge Success

The 55th annual Convention and Awards Show of the International Country Gospel Music Association was held August 5th & 6th at the Civic Center Auditorium in West Plains, Missouri. The two-day event was a complete success. The appreciative crowd that packed the auditorium each night roared their approval as over 60 performers and groups made their appearances on the stage.

The two day event featured Showcase performances Friday Morning and afternoon, with a big concert Friday night. Saturday morning's Songwriters Seminar welcomed a "standing room only" crowd as James Payne shared on "How to get your songs out of your heart and into the charts".

The Highlight of the weekend activities was the 55th annual Gold Cross Awards Show. The elegantly decorated stage provided a beautiful setting for the presentation of 28 awards to this years winners. The program featured performances by 20 artists, including Buddy Jewell, David Lynn Jones, James Payne, Marla Ratliff, Chuck Hancock, Gayla Earlene, and comedian Barry McGee. Following the Awards Show, a reception was held in the Banquet Hall for the ICGMA membership to honor the winners of the Gold Cross Awards. Highlights of the Awards Show included the induction of Melanie Walker and Doyle Dykes into the ICGMA Hall Of Fame. The Lifetime Achievement Award went to the late Joe Paul Nichols. Hereafter this award will be named "The Joe Paul Nichols Lifetime Achievement Award". Dual winners included James Payne, Male Vocalist of the Year , and Songwriter of the Year, and Buddy Jewell for Entertainer of the Year, and Crossover Artist of the Year.

At the conclusion of the Saturday night festivities, the announcement of the dates and location for next years event was made by ICGMA president Dan Duncan. The 2012 Convention and Awards Show will be held August 3rd and 4th. Once again it will be held at the Civic Center Auditorium in West Plains Missouri.

You can view videos of the 2011 ICGMA Awards show courtesy of <http://countrychurch.tv> (Mike Culpepper) via YouTube.

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2011 ICGMA Gold Cross Award Winners

FEMALE HORIZON
Pam Wiebe



MALE HORIZON
Jimmy R. Price



FEMALE VOCALIST
Marla Ratliff



MALE VOCALIST
James Payne



GOLD CROSS FEMALE ARTIST
Joan Gregory



GOLD CROSS MALE ARTIST
Marty Raybon



CROSSOVER ARTIST
Buddy Jewell



DUO OF THE YEAR
Slim & Zella Mae Cox



GROUP OF THE YEAR
Sunday Drive



INSTRUMENTALIST OF THE YEAR
Milo Deering



LIVING LEGEND AWARD
Dan Duncan



SONGWRITER OF THE YEAR
James Payne



BAND OF THE YEAR
Joe Arview & Thunder



SONG OF THE YEAR
The Price That You Paid - Chuck Hancock



RADIO STATION OF THE YEAR
KJIC - Houston, Tx



ALBUM OF THE YEAR
Boots and All - Terry Davis



PRODUCER OF THE YEAR
Tommy Smith



DJ OF THE YEAR
Ken Iverson - ETEX - Chandler, Tx



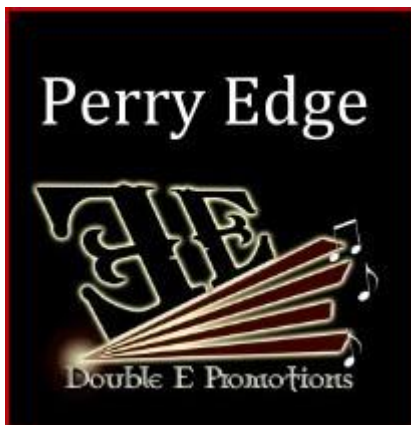
ICGMA AWARD OF EXCELLENCE
Gayla Earlene



BLUEGRASS ARTIST OF THE YEAR
Sammy Glass Family



PROMOTER OF THE YEAR
Perry Edge



COMEDIAN OF THE YEAR
Barry McGee



VIDEO OF THE YEAR
Boots and All - Terry Davis



TV SHOW OF THE YEAR
Yours For A Song - Dan Duncan



ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR
Buddy Jewell



AWARD OF APPRECIATION
Tara Story



2011 HALL OF FAME
Melanie Walker



2011 HALL OF FAME
Doyle Dykes



Joe Paul Nichols Lifetime Achievement Award
Joe Paul Nichols

