



Real Country Announces Winners of 10th Annual Listeners Choice Awards

Gene Watson Voted Legend of the Year by National Radio Audience

DALLAS (Nov. 6, 2009) – November is typically the month when elections are held across the nation but listeners of Real Country were casting their ballots a month early. Votes from The 10th Annual Real Country Listeners Choice Awards have been tabulated and the winners are a veritable “who’s who” list of Country’s most traditional artists. Winning the category of Legend of the Year was Gene Watson, whose storied career has included six number one hits and 50 charted singles. Audience members were invited to vote for their favorite performers in several categories throughout the month of October with the winners announced during a special broadcast on Oct. 31 and Nov. 1.

“I’m truly honored to be named Legend of the Year and appreciate the recognition from the Real Country audience,” said Gene Watson. “I’ve enjoyed such tremendous support from Country music fans throughout my career and I’m proud to know my music continues to connect with radio listeners across the country.”

George Strait was chosen as Entertainer of the Year and *People Are Crazy* was voted Song of the Year. Additional artists winning in their respective categories were Alan Jackson – Male Vocalist of the Year; Reba McEntire – Female Vocalist of the Year; Brooks & Dunn – Group or Duo of the Year; and Zac Brown Band – Rising Star of the Year.

“Each year we conduct a variety of promotions that generate strong participation from our audience and each year it’s the Listeners Choice Awards that draws the most significant response,” said Richard Lee, Program Director for Real Country. “We’re pleased to once again have given our listeners a voice in determining the top artists from our lineup.”

Recognized as a leader in traditional Country radio programming, Real Country is a 24-hour format that creates a classic Country sound by combining new hits with great songs from the past. On-air personalities familiar with Country’s roots position the format in a niche distinct from other contemporary or mainstream Country formats, which appeals to both AM and FM audiences in a variety of market sizes.

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