



2016 GLOBAL VISION AWARDS

2016 Global Vision Honorees



Wanda Jackson is known to many as the Queen of Rockabilly and First Lady of Rock'n'Roll. The Oklahoma native got her start on a radio show when she was still in high school. Jackson's discovery can be credited to Western Swing singer, Hank Thompson. He heard Jackson's young gravelly voice and asked her to perform with him and his backing band, the Brazos Valley Boys. She accepted and later released a single with Billy Gray, the Brazos Valley Boys' bandleader. The song, "You Can't Have My Love" quickly rose to number 8 on the country music charts. This song skyrocketed Jackson's name into mainstream music. After high school, Jackson was placed on a tour with Elvis Presley, whom she dated briefly. She cites Elvis as the one who pushed her into rockabilly. Jackson's career continued

to skyrocket through the 1960s, with several top country hits and two Grammy nominations. In the 1970s, Wanda and her husband, Wendell became Christians and Jackson began recording gospel music. In the mid 1990s, Jackson returned to her rockabilly roots with several duets with rockabilly singer, Rosie Flores. In 2003, Jackson released her first studio album since 1987, "Heart Trouble." The sixteen track album featured guest appearances by Elvis Costello, The Cramps and Rosie Flores. This began the resurgence of Jackson's rockabilly career. In 2009, Jackson was inducted to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame as an early influence. In 2011, Jackson released her 30th studio album, "The Party Ain't Over," under Third Man Records with White Stripes' front man, Jack White as the producer. Justin Townes Earl produced Jackson's 31st studio album, "Unfinished Business," which was released in 2013. At almost 78 years old, Jackson continues to tour the world and is set to jump into the studio later this year with another celebrity producer.



One of the most popular singers in modern country music, Vince Gill is famous for his top-notch songwriting, world-class guitar playing and warm, soaring tenor, all wrapped up in a quick and easy wit. Gill achieved his big breakthrough in 1990 with "When I Call Your Name," which won both the Country Music Association's Single and Song of the Year award as well as a Grammy. Since then, he has won 17 more CMA honors, including Song of the Year four times – making him the most-awarded artist in that category in CMA history. The CMA just honored Gill with its prestigious Irving Waugh Award of Excellence which is awarded to an individual who is "the originator and caretaker of demonstrated ideas and actions that have dramatically broadened and improved country music's influence." Gill and Johnny Cash are the only artists to have received this award. Gill was also recently presented the BMI Icon Award which is given to "songwriters who have had a unique and indelible influence on generations of music makers." Since 1990, Gill has won 20 GRAMMY Awards. The Academy of Country Music has conferred on Gill eight awards, including its prestigious Home Depot

Humanitarian Award and the 2011 Career Achievement Award. Gill was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame in 2007. He is also a member of the Grand Ole Opry. In August 2012, Gill was honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. He is a member of the four-time Grammy-nominated band The Time Jumpers.

May 18th - 11:30
Chevy Bricktown Event Center

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