



Nashville, TN - Gordon Mote joined a stellar cast of artists in the first Academy of Country Music Honors concert held at the Musicians Hall of Fame in Nashville Wednesday, September 17th. He honored his friend, the late Porter Wagoner, by performing some of his signature songs in the tribute to the Country Music Hall of Fame member, who was awarded the Cliffie Stone Pioneer Award posthumously. Other artists appearing included LeAnn Rimes, Amy Grant, Joe Nichols and Connie Smith.

Gaither Homecoming audiences are familiar with Gordon Mote's spot-on imitation of the Wagoner, and he relayed stories, cracked jokes and sang songs in Porter Wagoner's voice, including his trademark hisses. His songs included "Satisfied Mind," "Carroll County Accident" and "Green, Green Grass of Home."

Gordon was thrilled to perform in a tribute to the late Country Music Hall of Fame member: It was an honor to work with a legend like Porter Wagoner and to be his friend. It was especially great when he told me that I had been instrumental in his decision to accept Christ. What an unforgettable experience to be asked to tell some 'Porter stories' and to sing his music at this event.

Among those on hand to accept their trophies during the ACM Honors ceremony were the Oak Ridge Boys, Brenda Lee, and Bill Anderson, as well as winners of the Musician of the Year awards. The evening also served to honor Dick Clark, the late Conway Twitty and publishing pioneer Fred Rose.

This is the first time these prizes have been awarded separately from the nationally televised ACM Awards in May. Unlike the high-profile performer awards the Los Angeles-based ACM presents on its network television special each May, the special honors are not annually conferred and are voted on by the Academy's board of directors, rather than the organization's general membership.

Motes latest CD release, Dont Let Me Miss The Glory, includes the popular musicians current radio single, Wake Up Dancin', which has been released to country, as well as Christian radio. Motes latest DVD, The Best of Gordon Mote was released on July 22 to retailers nationwide, and made its debut at #7 on the Billboard Music Video Chart.

To obtain a complete listing of music available from Gordon Mote, as well as the musicians complete touring schedule, visit www.rsimusicgroup.com or www.gordonmote.com .