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George Strait Receives Four CMA Nominations

Continues To Hold Record With The Most Career CMA Nominations

At a press conference held in Nashville, TN in late August, finalists for this year's CMA Awards were announced with George Strait receiving award nominations. They included nominations for "Entertainer of the Year" as well as "Album of the Year" for "The Road Less Traveled," "Male Vocalist of the Year," and "Collaboration of the Year" for his duet with Alan Jackson on "Designated Driver." Strait, who is expected to perform on the CMA Award broadcast, remains the most CMA nominated artist in history with 70 nominations. Alan Jackson comes in second with 60.

Country groups Rascal Flatts and SHeDAISY announced the nominees with a surprise visit from Brad Paisley who unveiled the "Entertainer of the Year" nominees.

Competition in the "Album of the Year" category was so tight that there was a rare tie, placing six albums in the category rather than the usual five. George's "The Road Less Traveled" will go up against projects by Alan Jackson, Kenny Chesney, Toby Keith, Alison Krauss and Willie Nelson.

The CMA Awards will be broadcast live Wednesday, Nov. 6 (8:00-11:00 PM/EST) on the CBS-Television Network from the Grand Ole Opry House in Nashville. Winners of "The 36th Annual CMA Awards" will be determined in the third and final round of voting by the 5,000 professional members of the Country Music Association.

George Strait nominations are:

ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR

George Strait
Brooks & Dunn
Kenny Chesney
Alan Jackson
Toby Keith

MALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR

George Strait
Kenny Chesney
Alan Jackson
Toby Keith
Brad Paisley

ALBUM OF THE YEAR

The Road Less Traveled - George Strait
Drive - Alan Jackson
New Favorite - Alison Krauss & Union Station
No Shoes, No Shirt, No Problems - Kenny Chesney
Pull My Chain - Toby Keith
The Great Divide - Willie Nelson

VOCAL EVENT OF THE YEAR

George Strait & Alan Jackson - "Designated Driver"
Garth Brooks & George Jones - "Beer Run"
Jo Dee Messina & Tim McGraw - "Bring On The Rain"
Alison Krauss & Gillian Welch - "I'll Fly Away"
Willie Nelson & Lee Ann Womack - "Mendocino County Line"

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Swinging Strait Woos Crowd with Big Country Hits, Smiles

*Written by Keith Ryan Cartwright
The Tennessean, Nashville, TN*

What's a guy to do when he has 49 chart-topping singles from which to cull a 26-song set? Well, Friday night at Gaylord Entertainment Center, Texan George Strait selected some of his biggest hits and a few personal favorites and added a couple of Texas swing tunes in at the end.

The arena audience — strong in number, although the show did not sell out — rose to its feet at the mere anticipation of his presence and continued standing for most of what was almost a two-hour performance. A rather modest Strait smiled and proceeded to thank them politely after each song.

One of country's purest singers, Strait selected cuts from early in his career (Amarillo By Morning, Does Fort Worth Ever Cross Your Mind) all the way through to this year's Living And Living Well and his latest single She'll Leave You With A Smile.


His set of obviously recognizable hits — The Fireman, Heartland, Love Bug, Check Yes or No, Blue Clear Sky, etc. — played out as a lesson in modern day country music.

Leaving behind his football stadium-sized shows of the past few years and returning to a more intimate, in-the-round stage setting seemed to inspire the usually subdued Strait, who stepped away from

the microphone stand more than once and casually swayed his hips for the adoring women. Most members of the audience saw all sides of Strait, as he would perform two songs facing a particular side of the stage, then rotate counterclockwise.

He even managed to show his humorous side as the crowd roared when he talked of a duet, Murder On Music Row, he record-

ed with Alan Jackson. Looking away as his smile turned to a laugh, Strait said, "He's not here. I wish he was, but I think I know his part."

The easy-swinging, sly-smiling Strait and his Ace In The Hole Band provided the Nashville audience a memorable evening. 

Country to the Core, Strait Delivers in Concert Crowd of 13,262 got their money's worth from the superstar

*Written by Ken Garfield
The Charlotte Observer*

Life and music change, but George Strait remains the same.

The Old Man River of Country Music brought his Texas-swing, ultra-traditional string of hits to the Charlotte Coliseum on Saturday night, giving a crowd of 13,262 their money's worth -- which is saying a lot, since the top ticket price was \$59.50.

It's been more than two years since Strait drew 55,000 to Lowe's Motor Speedway

for one of his classic summer festivals. This time, he opted for a smaller, more intimate show in the round, moving to all four corners of the stage to sing some of the most classic country hits of the past 20 years.

Strait didn't sell out, even after they closed the upper deck with the curtain that we remember from the recent Hornets' games. But the thousands who did come seemed to love every minute, singing

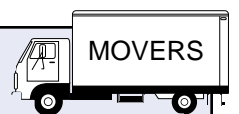
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Crowd of 13,262 got their money's worth from the superstar

along with the familiar lyrics to both Strait and opening act Jo Dee Messina.

Messina opened with a high-energy hour featuring the dozen or so hits that have put her on the country map.

In her looks, image and lyrics, she portrays herself as Every Woman. Saturday night, she forsook sequins for faded jeans and sang most powerfully about chasing dreams in "Dare to Dream" and giving the boot to bad guys in "Stand Beside Me."

Then came the legendary Strait, in crisp blue jeans and his trademark white hat, talking little and covering the dozens of songs that have made him famous.

From "Write This Down" to "The Firemen" to "Murder on Music Row," Strait sounded every bit as good as he did when he first hit the scene.

He even did double duty on "Murder on Music Row," joking that he knows the part of his partner on that song, Alan Jackson.

When he got to the part about country music not having any room for the Hag (you know who we mean), the crowd went nuts.

In an age of country videos, country bands that sound like rock bands, and acts that are here today and gone tomorrow, there are only a handful of traditionalists who will deliver the music your grandparents grew up with.

Strait is the man. 🎸

Fan Collectable Column

October/November 2002

- 2002 Mariner Baseball Team Cookbook, "The Cookie Book," p. 13, 17, 19 and 72. Bellevue, WA.
- Country Weekly - 9/3/2002, p. 5 Full page TSC ad, p. 9 mentioned, p. 11 "The G.S. Story" ad, p. 13 ad, p. 16-21 feature article, p. 36-37 ballot for Fan Favorite Award, p. 26 mentioned, p. 68 Charts for LPs and Single, p. 71 Comparing George to..., p. 72 mentioned. Nashville, TN.
- American Cowboy Magazine - Sept/Oct 2002 issue. Cover page, p. 3 photos w/description of article, p. 26 photo from cover of latest CD, p. 27-31 article w/photos.
- BMG Music Service Ad. George is the featured selection for September. Front cover photo, p. 1 inside cover - full page ad.
- Country Weekly 9/17/2002. Cover photo of G.S. "Come inside the private world of George Strait," p. 32-43 feature story w/photos, p. 68 charts. Nashville, TN.
- Altoona Mirror 9/1/2002, p. B-4 (in Nation and World Section) Ad. Claysburg, PA.
- Country Music Magazine - 30th Anniversary: Oct/Nov. 2002. George is on the feature cover, p. 2 index page w/photo, p. 18 mention/photo, p. 41 full photo page, p. 44-55 "The Strait Story" w/photo, p. 57 & 58 mentioned, p. 62 mentioned.

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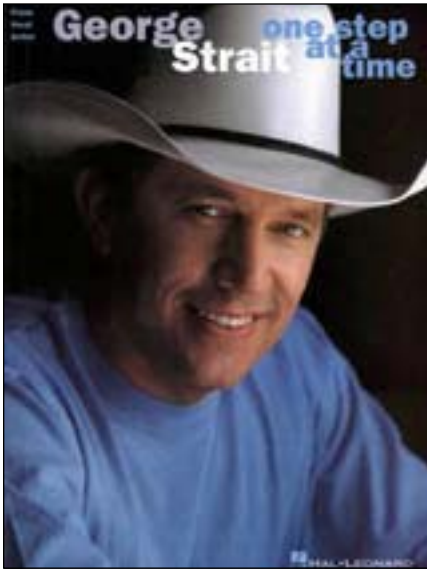
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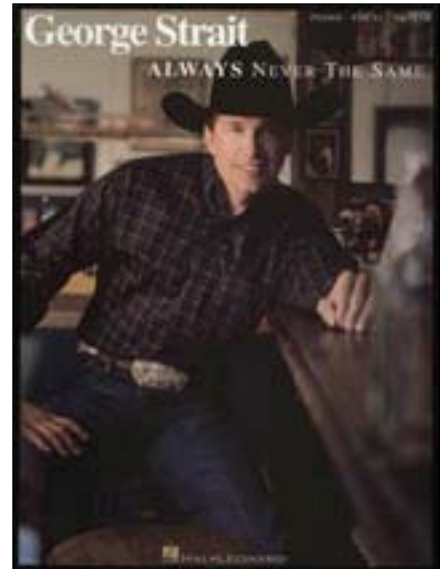
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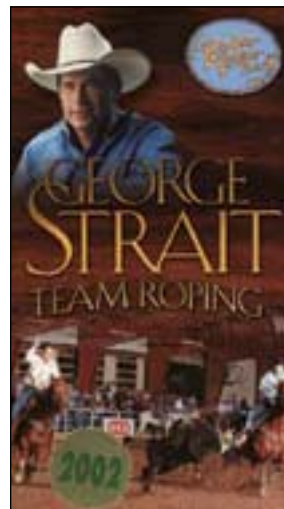
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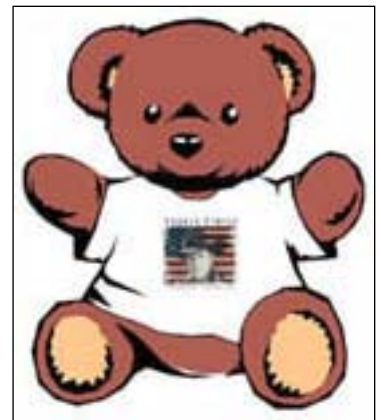
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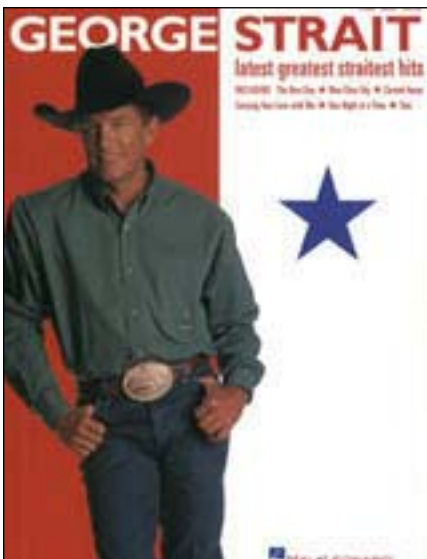
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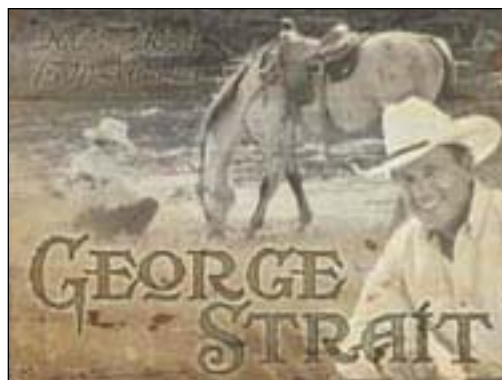
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| | 5009 | BLACK T-SHIRT (Black 100% preshrunk cotton short sleeve t-shirt with large photo of George on front and G.S. American Original emblem on back - Also available in matching youth size LG, Item #5310)..... Check size: M L XL | \$18.95 | |
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| | 5205 | BABY BIB (White Bib with "I Love George Strait" in Blue and Red - CUTE!) | \$6.95 | |
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Created by: Jeanie Spears, Blue Springs, Missouri

These words are made up from George's new website. Words can be found: up, down, across, backwards and diagonally. Good Luck!

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* All entries must be received by November 15, 2002. **One Entry Only!!!**

Anita's Notes

Welcome to the fall issue of Strait Talk. As we prepare to write this issue, we do so with a heavy heart as we look back over the happenings of the last year. At this time a year ago, our country was still numb from the events of September 11th in New York, Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania. Today, we are stronger because of it and we have found a rekindled love for our country and our citizens. Americans have proved their bravery once again and learned that freedom does come with a price. In each issue of Strait Talk, we ask that you continue to pray for our country and our servicemen and women who are doing such a great job for all of us at home and abroad. Today we continue to ask for your pledge of support.

As this is being written, George is preparing to start his 2002 tour in Auburn Hills, MI and then travel to Nashville, TN and Charlotte, NC. He is eagerly looking forward to it.

In the last issue of Strait Talk, we wrote about the new website. We are not surprised but very pleased with the response. It has been overwhelming. In fact, it has been so good that our website hosts are installing more bandwidth to speed up access to the site. The additional video footage that we have put on the site has been a huge hit. Congratulations to Sid Farbstein and his crew at Bill Young Productions in Houston, TX for the excellent work that they have done and continue to do in creating and maintaining the site.

Reception to our fan club seating has been outstanding but some people still don't realize that everyone can't have front row seats. It is also important to note that, with the stage in the middle of the arena, only several hundred floor seats are available to anyone. Nearly half of those are put up for sale to the fan club. It is also important to note that when 250 people are on the site looking at 4 tickets each, they can not all be looking at the same minutes unless the member purchases them. That is the way that the ticketing companies like Ticket Master, Tickets.com and Select-A-Seat have designed their programs. There is no way that we can change that. We reiterate once again, that fan club seats are designed for loyal fan club members and not for people who just

want to get better seats. Tell your friends that they cannot join the club one day and get tickets the same day. Memberships take 4-6 weeks to arrive and membership cards are sent with new membership packets and not given out on the web or over the phones. Also, remember to write down your membership number because if you lose your card, you cannot obtain the number on the phone or by e-mail. All of the rules are posted at the time memberships are purchased, but many people choose not to read it and get upset later on.

If you attended any of the first 3 shows, you will see why George and JoDee Messina have been nominated for the upcoming CMA Awards to be broadcast on Nov. 6th. George has received 4 nominations and will be performing on the show. He has been nominated for "Entertainer of the Year," "Male Vocalist of the Year," "Album of the Year" for "The Road Less Traveled" and "Vocal Event of the Year" for his duet with Alan Jackson on "Designated Driver."

We would like to congratulate the August/September issue contest winners. They are:

**1st Place - Jacket Winner:
Heather Mathis - Wayne, W. Va.**

**2nd Place - Sweatshirt Winner:
Pat Amo - San Antonio, TX**

**3rd Place - T-Shirt Winner:
Delores Johnson - Grinnell, IA**

We also apologize to the following fan club members who in the June/July issue. We accidentally used the winners from the previous newsletter. The June/July winners were:

**1st Place - Jacket Winner:
Lynn Schuber - Grand Rapids, MI**

**2nd Place - Sweatshirt Winner:
Linda Surrarer - N. Canton, OH**

**3rd Place - T-Shirt Winner:
Helen Kitchen - Cadillac, MI**

When you get a chance to view the website from your home, office, friend's home, or public library, enjoy the colorful artwork in the merchandise section of the

General Store. We have a few new items that we have prepared for Christmas and 2003. They include an updated calendar with several new photos, a new keychain, a new Teddy Bear and the new Team Roping video. The video includes an interview with George and Buddy, as well as the awards presentation. Just in time for fall, we also have a new Christmas Sweatshirt, as well as our new sweatshirt and sweatpants. The navy sweatshirt and sweatpants can be purchased together or as separates. We hope you will take a look.

If you have a new mailing address or have changed your e-mail address, please let us know because you will not receive your newsletters if we don't know where to find you. Also, if you are returning merchandise, please make sure it is new and unworn. If you have any questions, please call us at 615-824-7176 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Our User Name and Password for this issue of Strait Talk are:

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Before we close, we would like to congratulate Cheryl Valuja from the Nashville office on her August 10th wedding. She walked down the aisle on the mountain top of McEwen, Tennessee and took the hand of Kenneth Maust. Congratulations to both of them. We wish them peace, love and happiness.

As we close this issue of Strait Talk, we ask you to lift your heart with hope and continue to pray for this wonderful country of ours as well as our servicemen and women who continue to serve us all.

God Bless America!!!!

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