

# PAST CMA AWARDS WINNERS

## *entertainer of the year*

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1967 Eddy Arnold	1982 Alabama	1997 Garth Brooks
1968 Glen Campbell	1983 Alabama	1998 Garth Brooks
1969 Johnny Cash	1984 Alabama	1999 Shania Twain
1970 Merle Haggard	1985 Ricky Skaggs	2000 Dixie Chicks
1971 Charley Pride	1986 Reba McEntire	2001 Tim McGraw
1972 Loretta Lynn	1987 Hank Williams, Jr.	2002 Alan Jackson
1973 Roy Clark	1988 Hank Williams, Jr.	2003 Alan Jackson
1974 Charlie Rich	1989 George Strait	2004 Kenny Chesney
1975 John Denver	1990 George Strait	2005 Keith Urban
1976 Mel Tillis	1991 Garth Brooks	2006 Kenny Chesney
1977 Ronnie Milsap	1992 Garth Brooks	2007 Kenny Chesney
1978 Dolly Parton	1993 Vince Gill	2008 Kenny Chesney
1979 Willie Nelson	1994 Vince Gill	
1980 Barbara Mandrell	1995 Alan Jackson	
1981 Barbara Mandrell	1996 Brooks & Dunn	

## *female vocalist of the year*

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1967 Loretta Lynn	1982 Janie Fricke	1997 Trisha Yearwood
1968 Tammy Wynette	1983 Janie Fricke	1998 Trisha Yearwood
1969 Tammy Wynette	1984 Reba McEntire	1999 Martina McBride
1970 Tammy Wynette	1985 Reba McEntire	2000 Faith Hill
1971 Lynn Anderson	1986 Reba McEntire	2001 Lee Ann Womack
1972 Loretta Lynn	1987 Reba McEntire	2002 Martina McBride
1973 Loretta Lynn	1988 K.T. Oslin	2003 Martina McBride
1974 Olivia Newton-John	1989 Kathy Mattea	2004 Martina McBride
1975 Dolly Parton	1990 Kathy Mattea	2005 Gretchen Wilson
1976 Dolly Parton	1991 Tanya Tucker	2006 Carrie Underwood
1977 Crystal Gayle	1992 Mary Chapin Carpenter	2007 Carrie Underwood
1978 Crystal Gayle	1993 Mary Chapin Carpenter	2008 Carrie Underwood
1979 Barbara Mandrell	1994 Pam Tillis	
1980 Emmylou Harris	1995 Alison Krauss	
1981 Barbara Mandrell	1996 Patty Loveless	

## *male vocalist of the year*

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1967 Jack Greene	1982 Ricky Skaggs	1997 George Strait
1968 Glen Campbell	1983 Lee Greenwood	1998 George Strait
1969 Johnny Cash	1984 Lee Greenwood	1999 Tim McGraw
1970 Merle Haggard	1985 George Strait	2000 Tim McGraw
1971 Charley Pride	1986 George Strait	2001 Toby Keith
1972 Charley Pride	1987 Randy Travis	2002 Alan Jackson
1973 Charlie Rich	1988 Randy Travis	2003 Alan Jackson
1974 Ronnie Milsap	1989 Ricky Van Shelton	2004 Keith Urban
1975 Waylon Jennings	1990 Clint Black	2005 Keith Urban
1976 Ronnie Milsap	1991 Vince Gill	2006 Keith Urban
1977 Ronnie Milsap	1992 Vince Gill	2007 Brad Paisley
1978 Don Williams	1993 Vince Gill	2008 Brad Paisley
1979 Kenny Rogers	1994 Vince Gill	
1980 George Jones	1995 Vince Gill	
1981 George Jones	1996 George Strait	

*music video of the year* (Award to artist and director. Introduced in 1985. Not awarded in 1988.)

- 1985 "All My Rowdy Friends Are Comin' Over Tonight;" Hank Williams, Jr.; directed by John Goodhue; Warner Bros. Records/Curb Records  
 1986 "Who's Gonna Fill Their Shoes;" George Jones; directed by Marc Ball; Epic Records  
 1987 "My Name Is Bocephus;" Hank Williams, Jr.; directed by Bill Fishman; Warner Bros. Records/Curb Records  
 1989 "There's A Tear In My Beer;" Hank Williams, Jr. and Hank Williams, Sr.; directed by Ethan Russell; Warner Bros. Records/Curb Records  
 1990 "The Dance;" Garth Brooks; directed by John Lloyd Miller; Capitol Nashville  
 1991 "The Thunder Rolls;" Garth Brooks; directed by Bud Schaetzle; Capitol Nashville  
 1992 "Midnight In Montgomery;" Alan Jackson; directed by Jim Shea; Arista Nashville  
 1993 "Chattahoochee;" Alan Jackson; directed by Martin Kahan; Arista Nashville  
 1994 "Independence Day;" Martina McBride; directed by Robert Deaton and George J. Flanigen IV; RCA Records  
 1995 "Baby Likes To Rock It;" The Tractors; directed by Michael Salomon; Arista Nashville  
 1996 "My Wife Thinks Your Dead;" Junior Brown; directed by Michael McNamara; Curb Records  
 1997 "455 Rocket;" Kathy Mattea; directed by Steven Goldmann; Mercury Nashville  
 1998 "This Kiss;" Faith Hill; directed by Steven Goldmann; Warner Bros. Records  
 1999 "Wide Open Spaces;" Dixie Chicks; directed by Thom Oliphant; Monument Records  
 2000 "Goodbye Earl;" Dixie Chicks; directed by Evan Bernard; Monument Records  
 2001 "Born To Fly;" Sara Evans; directed by Peter Zavadil; RCA Records  
 2002 "I'm Gonna Miss Her (The Fishin' Song);" Brad Paisley; directed by Peter Zavadil; Arista Nashville  
 2003 "Hurt;" Johnny Cash; directed by Mark Romanek; Lost Highway Records  
 2004 "Whiskey Lullaby;" Brad Paisley featuring Alison Krauss; directed by Rick Schroeder; Arista Nashville  
 2005 "As Good As I Once Was;" Toby Keith; directed by Michael Salomon; DreamWorks Records Nashville  
 2006 "Believe;" Brooks & Dunn; directed by Robert Deaton and George J. Flanigen IV; Arista Nashville  
 2007 "Online;" Brad Paisley; directed by Jason Alexander; Arista Nashville  
 2008 "Waitin' On A Woman;" Brad Paisley and Andy Griffith; directed by Jim Shea and Peter Tilden; Arista Nashville

*vocal group of the year*

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|------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| 1967 The Stoneman Family           | 1981 Alabama              | 1995 The Mavericks |
| 1968 Porter Wagoner & Dolly Parton | 1982 Alabama              | 1996 The Mavericks |
| 1969 Johnny Cash & June Carter     | 1983 Alabama              | 1997 Diamond Rio   |
| 1970 The Glaser Brothers           | 1984 The Statler Brothers | 1998 Dixie Chicks  |
| 1971 The Osborne Brothers          | 1985 The Judds            | 1999 Dixie Chicks  |
| 1972 The Statler Brothers          | 1986 The Judds            | 2000 Dixie Chicks  |
| 1973 The Statler Brothers          | 1987 The Judds            | 2001 Lonestar      |
| 1974 The Statler Brothers          | 1988 Highway 101          | 2002 Dixie Chicks  |
| 1975 The Statler Brothers          | 1989 Highway 101          | 2003 Rascal Flatts |
| 1976 The Statler Brothers          | 1990 Kentucky HeadHunters | 2004 Rascal Flatts |
| 1977 The Statler Brothers          | 1991 Kentucky HeadHunters | 2005 Rascal Flatts |
| 1978 The Oak Ridge Boys            | 1992 Diamond Rio          | 2006 Rascal Flatts |
| 1979 The Statler Brothers          | 1993 Diamond Rio          | 2007 Rascal Flatts |
| 1980 The Statler Brothers          | 1994 Diamond Rio          | 2008 Rascal Flatts |

*musical event of the year* (Vocal Event introduced in 1988. Changed to Musical Event in 2005.)

- 1988 Dolly Parton, Emmylou Harris and Linda Ronstadt; Trio  
 1989 Hank Williams, Jr. and Hank Williams, Sr.; "There's A Tear In My Beer"  
 1990 Lorrie Morgan and Keith Whitley; "Til A Tear Becomes A Rose"  
 1991 Mark O'Connor & The New Nashville Cats (featuring Vince Gill, Ricky Skaggs and Steve Wariner)  
 1992 Marty Stuart and Travis Tritt; "Honky Tonkin' Is What I Do Best"  
 1993 George Jones with Vince Gill, Mark Chesnut, Garth Brooks, Travis Tritt, Joe Diffie, Alan Jackson, Pam Tillis, T. Graham Brown, Patty Loveless and Clint Black; "I Don't Need Your Rockin' Chair"  
 1994 Reba McEntire with Linda Davis; "Does He Love You"  
 1995 Shenandoah with Alison Krauss; "Somewhere In The Vicinity Of The Heart"  
 1996 Dolly Parton with special guest Vince Gill; "I Will Always Love You"  
 1997 Tim McGraw with Faith Hill; "It's Your Love"  
 1998 Patty Loveless with special guest George Jones; "You Don't Seem To Miss Me"  
 1999 Vince Gill with Patty Loveless; "My Kind Of Woman, My Kind Of Man"  
 2000 George Strait duet with Alan Jackson; "Murder On Music Row"  
 2001 Brad Paisley with featured vocals by George Jones, Bill Anderson and Buck Owens; "Too Country"  
 2002 Willie Nelson with Lee Ann Womack; "Mendocino County Line"  
 2003 Alan Jackson and Jimmy Buffett; "It's Five O'Clock Somewhere"  
 2004 Brad Paisley featuring Alison Krauss; "Whiskey Lullaby"  
 2005 George Strait duet with Lee Ann Womack; "Good News, Bad News"  
 2006 Brad Paisley featuring Dolly Parton; "When I Get Where I'm Going"  
 2007 Tracy Lawrence featuring Tim McGraw and Kenny Chesney; "Find Out Who Your Friends Are"  
 2008 Robert Plant and Alison Krauss; "Gone Gone Gone (Done Moved On)"

*new artist of the year* (Horizon Award introduced in 1981. Changed to New Artist of the Year in 2008.)

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1981 Terri Gibbs	1995 Alison Krauss
1982 Ricky Skaggs	1996 Bryan White
1983 John Anderson	1997 LeAnn Rimes
1984 The Judds	1998 Dixie Chicks
1985 Sawyer Brown	1999 Jo Dee Messina
1986 Randy Travis	2000 Brad Paisley
1987 Holly Dunn	2001 Keith Urban
1988 Ricky Van Shelton	2002 Rascal Flatts
1989 Clint Black	2003 Joe Nichols
1990 Garth Brooks	2004 Gretchen Wilson
1991 Travis Tritt	2005 Dierks Bentley
1992 Suzy Bogguss	2006 Carrie Underwood
1993 Mark Chesnutt	2007 Taylor Swift
1994 John Michael Montgomery	2008 Lady Antebellum

*single of the year* (Award to artist and producer. Introduced Award to producer in 1989.)

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1967 "There Goes My Everything;" Jack Greene; Decca Records
1968 "Harper Valley P.T.A.;" Jeannie C. Riley; Plantation Records
1969 "A Boy Named Sue;" Johnny Cash; Columbia Records
1970 "Okie From Muskogee;" Merle Haggard; Capitol Nashville
1971 "Help Me Make It Through The Night;" Sammi Smith; Mega Records
1972 "The Happiest Girl In The Whole U.S.A.;" Donna Fargo; Dot Records
1973 "Behind Closed Doors;" Charlie Rich; Epic Records
1974 "Country Bumpkin;" Cal Smith; MCA Nashville
1975 "Before The Next Teardrop Falls;" Freddy Fender; ABC Dot Records
1976 "Good Hearted Woman;" Waylon Jennings and Willie Nelson; RCA Records
1977 "Lucille;" Kenny Rogers; United Artists Records
1978 "Heaven's Just A Sin Away;" The Kendalls; Ovation Records
1979 "The Devil Went Down to Georgia;" Charlie Daniels Band; Epic Records
1980 "He Stopped Loving Her Today;" George Jones; Epic Records
1981 "Elvira;" Oak Ridge Boys; MCA Nashville
1982 "Always On My Mind;" Willie Nelson; Columbia Records
1983 "Swingin';" John Anderson; Warner Bros. Records
1984 "A Little Good News;" Anne Murray; Capitol Nashville
1985 "Why Not Me;" The Judds; RCA Records/Curb Records
1986 "Bop;" Dan Seals; EMI America Records
1987 "Forever And Ever, Amen;" Randy Travis; Warner Bros. Records
1988 "Eighteen Wheels And A Dozen Roses;" Kathy Mattea; PolyGram Records
1989 "I'm No Stranger To The Rain;" Keith Whitley; RCA Records; produced by Garth Fundis and Keith Whitley
1990 "When I Call Your Name;" Vince Gill; MCA Nashville; produced by Tony Brown
1991 "Friends In Low Places;" Garth Brooks; Capitol Nashville; produced by Allen Reynolds
1992 "Achy Breaky Heart;" Billy Ray Cyrus; Mercury Nashville; produced by John Cotton and Joe Scaife
1993 "Chattahoochee;" Alan Jackson; Arista Nashville; produced by Keith Stegall
1994 "I Swear;" John Michael Montgomery; Atlantic Records; produced by Scott Hendricks
1995 "When You Say Nothing At All;" Alison Krauss & Union Station; BNA Records; produced by Randy Scruggs
1996 "Check Yes Or No;" George Strait; MCA Nashville; produced by Tony Brown and George Strait
1997 "Strawberry Wine;" Deana Carter; Capitol Nashville; produced by Chris Farren
1998 "Holes In The Floor Of Heaven;" Steve Wariner; Capitol Nashville; produced by Steve Wariner
1999 "Wide Open Spaces;" Dixie Chicks; Monument Records; produced by Blake Chancey and Paul Worley
2000 "I Hope You Dance;" Lee Ann Womack (with special guest appearance by Sons of the Desert); MCA Nashville; produced by Mark Wright
2001 "I Am A Man Of Constant Sorrow;" The Soggy Bottom Boys; Lost Highway Records; produced by T Bone Burnett
2002 "Where Were You (When The World Stopped Turning);" Alan Jackson; Arista Nashville; produced by Keith Stegall
2003 "Hurt;" Johnny Cash; Lost Highway Records; produced by Rick Rubin
2004 "Live Like You Were Dying;" Tim McGraw; Curb Records; produced by Byron Gallimore, Tim McGraw and Darran Smith
2005 "I May Hate Myself In The Morning;" Lee Ann Womack; MCA Nashville; produced by Byron Gallimore
2006 "Believe;" Brooks & Dunn; Arista Nashville; produced by Tony Brown, Kix Brooks and Ronnie Dunn
2007 "Before He Cheats;" Carrie Underwood; 19 Recordings Limited/Arista Nashville; produced by Mark Bright
2008 "I Saw God Today;" George Strait; MCA Nashville; produced by Tony Brown and George Strait

*song of the year* (Award to songwriter and primary publisher.)

1967 "There Goes My Everything;" Dallas Frazier  
 1968 "Honey;" Bobby Russell  
 1969 "Carroll County Accident;" Bob Ferguson  
 1970 "Sunday Morning Coming Down;" Kris Kristofferson  
 1971 "Easy Loving;" Freddie Hart  
 1972 "Easy Loving;" Freddie Hart  
 1973 "Behind Closed Doors;" Kenny O'Dell  
 1974 "Country Bumpkin;" Don Wayne  
 1975 "Back Home Again;" John Denver  
 1976 "Rhinestone Cowboy;" Larry Weiss  
 1977 "Lucille;" Roger Bowling and Hal Bynum  
 1978 "Don't It Make My Brown Eyes Blue;" Richard Leigh  
 1979 "The Gambler;" Don Schlitz  
 1980 "He Stopped Loving Her Today;" Bobby Braddock and Curly Putman  
 1981 "He Stopped Loving Her Today;" Bobby Braddock and Curly Putman  
 1982 "Always On My Mind;" Johnny Christopher, Wayne Carson and Mark James  
 1983 "Always On My Mind;" Johnny Christopher, Wayne Carson and Mark James  
 1984 "Wind Beneath My Wings;" Larry Henley and Jeff Silbar  
 1985 "God Bless The USA;" Lee Greenwood  
 1986 "On The Other Hand;" Paul Overstreet and Don Schlitz  
 1987 "Forever And Ever, Amen;" Paul Overstreet and Don Schlitz  
 1988 "80s Ladies;" K.T. Oslin  
 1989 "Chiseled In Stone;" Max D. Barnes and Vern Gosdin  
 1990 "Where've You Been;" Jon Vezner and Don Henry  
 1991 "When I Call Your Name;" Vince Gill and Tim DuBois  
 1992 "Look At Us;" Vince Gill and Max D. Barnes  
 1993 "I Still Believe In You;" Vince Gill and John Barlow Jarvis  
 1994 "Chattahoochee;" Alan Jackson and Jim McBride  
 1995 "Independence Day;" Gretchen Peters  
 1996 "Go Rest High On That Mountain;" Vince Gill  
 1997 "Strawberry Wine;" Matraca Berg and Gary Harrison  
 1998 "Holes In The Floor Of Heaven;" Billy Kirsch and Steve Wariner  
 1999 "This Kiss;" Annie Roboff, Robin Lerner and Beth Nielsen Chapman  
 2000 "I Hope You Dance;" Mark D. Sanders and Tia Sillers  
 2001 "Murder On Music Row;" Larry Cordle and Larry Shell  
 2002 "Where Were You (When The World Stopped Turning);" Alan Jackson  
 2003 "Three Wooden Crosses;" Doug Johnson and Kim Williams  
 2004 "Live Like You Were Dying;" Tim Nichols and Craig Wiseman  
 2005 "Whiskey Lullaby;" Bill Anderson and Jon Randall  
 2006 "Believe;" Craig Wiseman and Ronnie Dunn  
 2007 "Give It Away;" Bill Anderson, Buddy Cannon and Jamey Johnson  
 2008 "Stay;" Jennifer Nettles

*vocal duo of the year* (Introduced in 1970.)

1970 Porter Wagoner & Dolly Parton	1983 Merle Haggard & Willie Nelson	1996 Brooks & Dunn
1971 Porter Wagoner & Dolly Parton	1984 Willie Nelson & Julio Iglesias	1997 Brooks & Dunn
1972 Conway Twitty & Loretta Lynn	1985 Anne Murray & Dave Loggins	1998 Brooks & Dunn
1973 Conway Twitty & Loretta Lynn	1986 Dan Seals & Marie Osmond	1999 Brooks & Dunn
1974 Conway Twitty & Loretta Lynn	1987 Ricky Skaggs & Sharon White	2000 Montgomery Gentry
1975 Conway Twitty & Loretta Lynn	1988 The Judds	2001 Brooks & Dunn
1976 Waylon Jennings & Willie Nelson	1989 The Judds	2002 Brooks & Dunn
1977 Jim Ed Brown & Helen Cornelius	1990 The Judds	2003 Brooks & Dunn
1978 Kenny Rogers & Dottie West	1991 The Judds	2004 Brooks & Dunn
1979 Kenny Rogers & Dottie West	1992 Brooks & Dunn	2005 Brooks & Dunn
1980 Moe Bandy & Joe Stampley	1993 Brooks & Dunn	2006 Brooks & Dunn
1981 David Frizzell & Shelly West	1994 Brooks & Dunn	2007 Sugarland
1982 David Frizzell & Shelly West	1995 Brooks & Dunn	2008 Sugarland

*album of the year* (Award to artist and producer. Introduced Award to producer in 1989.)

- 1967 THERE GOES MY EVERYTHING; Jack Greene; Decca Records  
 1968 JOHNNY CASH AT FOLSOM PRISON; Johnny Cash; Columbia Records  
 1969 JOHNNY CASH AT SAN QUENTIN PRISON; Johnny Cash; Columbia Records  
 1970 OKIE FROM MUSKOGEE; Merle Haggard; Capitol Nashville  
 1971 I WON'T MENTION IT AGAIN; Ray Price; Columbia Records  
 1972 LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT A SONG; Merle Haggard; Capitol Nashville  
 1973 BEHIND CLOSED DOORS; Charlie Rich; Epic Records  
 1974 VERY SPECIAL LOVE SONGS; Charlie Rich; Epic Records  
 1975 A LEGEND IN MY TIME; Ronnie Milsap; RCA Records  
 1976 WANTED: THE OUTLAWS; Waylon Jennings, Willie Nelson, Tompall Glaser and Jessi Colter; RCA Records  
 1977 RONNIE MILSAP LIVE; Ronnie Milsap; RCA Records  
 1978 IT WAS ALMOST LIKE A SONG; Ronnie Milsap; RCA Records  
 1979 THE GAMBLER; Kenny Rogers; United Artists Records  
 1980 COAL MINER'S DAUGHTER; Original Motion Picture Soundtrack; MCA Nashville  
 1981 I BELIEVE IN YOU; Don Williams; MCA Nashville  
 1982 ALWAYS ON MY MIND; Willie Nelson; Columbia Records  
 1983 THE CLOSER YOU GET; Alabama; RCA Records  
 1984 A LITTLE GOOD NEWS; Anne Murray; Capitol Nashville  
 1985 DOES FORT WORTH EVER CROSS YOUR MIND; George Strait; MCA Nashville  
 1986 LOST IN THE FIFTIES TONIGHT; Ronnie Milsap; RCA Records  
 1987 ALWAYS AND FOREVER; Randy Travis; Warner Bros. Records  
 1988 BORN TO BOOGIE; Hank Williams, Jr.; Warner Bros. Records/Curb Records  
 1989 WILL THE CIRCLE BE UNBROKEN VOL. II; Nitty Gritty Dirt Band; Universal Records; produced by Randy Scruggs  
 1990 PICKIN' ON NASHVILLE; Kentucky HeadHunters; Mercury Nashville; produced by Kentucky HeadHunters  
 1991 NO FENCES; Garth Brooks; Capitol Nashville; produced by Allen Reynolds  
 1992 ROPIN' THE WIND; Garth Brooks; Liberty Records; produced by Allen Reynolds  
 1993 I STILL BELIEVE IN YOU; Vince Gill; MCA Nashville; produced by Tony Brown  
 1994 COMMON THREAD: THE SONGS OF THE EAGLES; John Anderson, Clint Black, Suzy Bogguss, Brooks & Dunn, Billy Dean, Diamond Rio, Vince Gill, Alan Jackson, Little Texas, Lorrie Morgan, Travis Tritt, Tanya Tucker and Trisha Yearwood; Giant Records; produced by Suzy Bogguss, Tony Brown, Don Cook, Jerry Crutchfield, Billy Dean, Christy Dianpoli, Garth Fundis, Doug Grau, Scott Hendricks, Richard Landis, Lynn Peterzell, Monty Powell, Keith Stegall and James Stroud  
 1995 WHEN FALLEN ANGELS FLY; Patty Loveless; Epic Records; produced by Emory Gordy Jr.  
 1996 BLUE CLEAR SKY; George Strait; MCA Nashville; produced by Tony Brown and George Strait  
 1997 CARRYING YOUR LOVE WITH ME; George Strait; MCA Nashville; produced by Tony Brown and George Strait  
 1998 EVERYWHERE; Tim McGraw; Curb Records; produced by Byron Gallimore, Tim McGraw and James Stroud  
 1999 A PLACE IN THE SUN; Tim McGraw; Curb Records; produced by Byron Gallimore, Tim McGraw and James Stroud  
 2000 FLY; Dixie Chicks; Monument Records; produced by Blake Chancey  
 2001 O BROTHER, WHERE ART THOU?; Various Artists; Lost Highway Records; produced by T Bone Burnett  
 2002 DRIVE; Alan Jackson; Arista Nashville; produced by Keith Stegall  
 2003 AMERICAN IV: THE MAN COMES AROUND; Johnny Cash; Lost Highway Records; produced by Rick Rubin  
 2004 WHEN THE SUN GOES DOWN; Kenny Chesney; BNA Records; produced by Buddy Cannon and Kenny Chesney  
 2005 THERE'S MORE WHERE THAT CAME FROM; Lee Ann Womack; MCA Nashville; produced by Byron Gallimore and Greg Droman  
 2006 TIME WELL WASTED; Brad Paisley; Arista Nashville; produced by Frank Rogers and Chris DuBois  
 2007 IT JUST COMES NATURAL; George Strait; MCA Nashville; produced by Tony Brown and George Strait  
 2008 TROUBADOUR; George Strait; MCA Nashville; produced by Tony Brown and George Strait

*musician of the year* (Changed from *Instrumentalist of the Year* in 1988.)

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| 1967 Chet Atkins          | 1981 Chet Atkins   | 1995 Mark O'Connor        |
| 1968 Chet Atkins          | 1982 Chet Atkins   | 1996 Mark O'Connor        |
| 1969 Chet Atkins          | 1983 Chet Atkins   | 1997 Brent Mason          |
| 1970 Jerry Reed           | 1984 Chet Atkins   | 1998 Brent Mason          |
| 1971 Jerry Reed           | 1985 Chet Atkins   | 1999 Randy Scruggs        |
| 1972 Charlie McCoy        | 1986 Johnny Gimble | 2000 Hargus "PIG" Robbins |
| 1973 Charlie McCoy        | 1987 Johnny Gimble | 2001 Dann Huff            |
| 1974 Don Rich             | 1988 Chet Atkins   | 2002 Jerry Douglas        |
| 1975 Johnny Gimble        | 1989 Johnny Gimble | 2003 Randy Scruggs        |
| 1976 Hargus "Pig" Robbins | 1990 Johnny Gimble | 2004 Dann Huff            |
| 1977 Roy Clark            | 1991 Mark O'Connor | 2005 Jerry Douglas        |
| 1978 Roy Clark            | 1992 Mark O'Connor | 2006 Randy Scruggs        |
| 1979 Charlie Daniels      | 1993 Mark O'Connor | 2007 Jerry Douglas        |
| 1980 Roy Clark            | 1994 Mark O'Connor | 2008 Mac McAnally         |