

Gerry Ford

Over a long and successful career in Country music Gerry Ford has won four Album of the Year awards and two Single of the Year awards. He has had five of his own songs nominated as Country Song of the Year, recorded 16 albums, appeared on most of the important Country festivals in the UK including Wembley and has performed in Norway, Sweden, Holland, Germany, Ireland, Australia, USA and on the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville on no less than 21 occasions.

His 21 year broadcasting career included Radio Forth in Edinburgh, 15 years with BBC Radio Scotland, his own series on BBC Radio 2 and guest presenter on Radio 2's Country Club on numerous occasions. He has his own Country music programmes on Glasgow Country 105 and Clan FM and has made many tv appearances, mainly in Scotland.

His accomplishments also include winning the CMA(GB) Country DJ of the Year award twice (plus two further nominations) and various Country dj awards and nominations from other organisations. When you add to that his numerous Club awards as Artist/Entertainer/Band of the Year for his singing and performing, it makes that career all the more worthwhile.

Now in his 31st year as a full-time professional, Gerry has decided to call 2008 his last year on the road and announces he will retire at the end of 2008. While it is unusual for Country music performers to retire Gerry says: 'I don't want to continue on the road forever and hopefully just fade away gracefully like most Country performers seem to do. Joan and I always planned to call it a day sometime and we have applied for a visa to emigrate to Australia to join our family there, so retirement is inevitable.

'With just a year remaining, it goes without saying that I want to thank the many people who have followed my career with interest and supported me in various ways over the years. They include agents, club organisers, Country music magazines and journalists, musicians, promoters, Country djs and music presenters who have played and still play my music. Also, radio listeners, radio and record producers, songwriters, the Country music fans and the other artists and bands I've met along the way and had the pleasure of working with.

'I want to say a special thank you to my fan club members, some of whom have been supporting me from the start. "Thank God I have been fortunate to have met so many wonderful people and made so many friends and been able to touch so many with my music.'



From the top: Gerry with Boxcar Willie at Wembley in 1988, On stage at the Grand Ole Opry; and with Willie Nelson in Austin, Texas in 1979.

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