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2023 Country Music Hall of Fame Inductees Announced

Four more performers will be inducted into the Nova Scotia Country Music Hall of Fame in September. The names of this year's inductees have been announced by Hall of Fame President, Roger Bleasdale. "Again this year, we have an impressive and talented slate of individuals worthy of induction," he stated. "The Board of Directors proudly welcomes these new inductees into the hall and we thank each of them for their significant contributions to the preservation of country music."

George Brothers will be inducted in the professional singer category. Born in Halifax and now living in Alberta, he is a veteran showman who has performed at events ranging from the Stan Rogers Festival in Nova Scotia to the Calgary Stampede in Alberta. In 1980 he did a 49 day tour of the UK which included 42 show dates. He is the recipient of numerous national awards, has recorded dozens of singles and albums and has shared the stage with Wilf Carter, Loretta Lynn, Gary Buck and many others.

Dave Coggins will be inducted as a semi-professional vocalist. Born in Weymouth and now living in Meteghan, Dave has recorded 5 albums of classic country music, performed at hundreds of shows and events and has been the recipient of numerous awards and citations. He has opened for Don Gibson and George Hamilton IV and has performed on numerous

television shows, jamborees and concerts. He and his band “Bonded Stock” are celebrating their 50th anniversary this year.

David Burbine will be inducted in the vocalist category. Born and currently living in Shelburne, David is a veteran showman. Over the past 30 years he has averaged 110 performances each year, ranging from appearances in Pidgeon Forge, Tennessee to the Port George Jamboree in Annapolis County. He has recorded several CDs of traditional country music and has been recognized by Shriners Montreal for his 25 years of supporting Shriner’s music events in Nova Scotia.

The late **Ralph Conrod** will be inducted posthumously. He was born in Dartmouth and spent most of his career as a performer in the Maritimes. He and his band “The Wranglers” toured the Maritime club circuit in the 1970s and 1980s. He recorded four albums between 1973 and 2019. In addition to his talent as a singer, he became popular as a yodeler and once performed at the Calgary Stampede. He will be represented at the induction ceremony by a relative.

“It is through performers like these that classic country music is being kept alive in Nova Scotia,” Bleasdale said. “They are all great ambassadors for the country music tradition and we applaud and congratulate them on behalf of music lovers across the province.”

The official induction ceremony will take place in Bridgewater on Saturday, September 16th at 7:00 PM. For information contact Roger Bleasdale at (902) 275-4142 or (902) 499-1918

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