

GARY BREWER

• SINGER • SONGWRITER • MUSICIAN • PROMOTER • PRODUCER

For over 4 decades, Gary Brewer has been a very highly respected and successful singer, songwriter, musician, promoter, and producer. Gary performs and records in several different genres, he has performed at the Grand Ole Opry and the Lincoln Center multiple times, writes and records all original material, ran Louisville's Largest free Bluegrass Festival (Strictly Bluegrass Festival), booked artists in all genres (Some of which include: Blood, Sweat, and Tears, Mary Wilson and the Supremes, Mark Chestnut, the Isaacs, the McKameys, Bill Monroe, Jimmy Martin, Ralph Stanley, etc.), and produces his own projects and TV Shows. He is a full-time performing artist and has toured all 50 states numerous times and 18 countries in Europe. His heritage goes back 6 generations and he tours today with his 2 sons (along with a banjo player).

Gary has recorded for multiple major record labels, including Copper Creek, releasing 29 studio albums and a double live album which was recorded on one of his European tours. Now, he has launched his own label called SGM Records (Stretch Grass Music). He has released an additional 21 albums on his label. Gary Brewer specializes in Bluegrass, Country, Old-time, Americana, and Bluegrass Gospel. A lot of his early recordings charted in Country and Americana as well as Bluegrass. He has recorded several top 10 hits in the Bluegrass Industry. Gary has also had very successful albums that can be considered Folk and Old-time Mountain Music. He received the honor of having the #1 Bluegrass-Gospel album in the Nation. Gary is a BMI songwriter and gives fans his own original material. Gary has had such notable guests as Bill Monroe, J.D. Crowe, Uncle Josh Graves, Doyle Lawson, Larry Sparks, Dave Evans, and many more. Gary has received praises from multiple Country music artists such as Tom T. Hall, Porter Wagoner, Alan Jackson, Sammy Kershaw, John Anderson, and more.

Included in his recordings, Gary did an All-Star tribute to the King of Bluegrass, Jimmy Martin, before he passed. He called it "Jimmy Martin Songs for Dinner". It featured 12 Bluegrass and Country tracks. The title song on this tribute was written by Tom T. Hall specifically for this album. 'Jimmy Martin Songs for Dinner' was nominated for Song of the Year at the IBMAs, in 2000.

"Gary is a great guitar picker and has a great voice. He and his dad have the best show on the circuit!"
-Jimmy Martin (The King of Bluegrass)

Out of all of Gary's accomplishments throughout his career, he esteems being the last person to have commercially recorded with the late and great Bill Monroe one of his highest. Gary had Bill Monroe on his "Guitar" CD along with Uncle Josh Graves. He took pride in knowing he was the only one to ever get Bill Monroe and Uncle Josh Graves into the studio together. Because of Gary's "Guitar" album, he was then nominated for Guitar Player of the Year at the IBMAs.

"This boy right here is 100% Bluegrass! He comes from good stock."
-Bill Monroe (The Father of Bluegrass)

His most recent album on SGM "40th Anniversary Celebration" was released during the start of the COVID-19 Global Pandemic in May 2020. Climbing the Billboard Bluegrass Albums Chart to #1 a total of 16 weeks and holding in the top 5 for 72 weeks, this CD Release garnered massive media attention for the group. The album critically praised by countless outlets, Midwest Record Reviews said "40th Anniversary Celebration" is "The Biggest Bluegrass record since 'Dueling Banjos!'" GBKR was featured on/in the following outlets due to GBKR's 40th Anniversary and its CD Release: Medium Magazine, Thrive Global, Music Row, NewsBreak, Take Effect, Bluegrass Today, Roots Music Report, The Bluegrass Situation, Vents Magazine, Bluegrass Unlimited, The Bluegrass Standard, and more. "40th Anniversary Celebration" was included in 6 categories on the initial round ballot for the 63rd GRAMMY Awards and up for "Collaborative Recording of the Year" at the 2020 IBMAs. Needless to say, even without having the opportunity to promote their 40th Anniversary CD on the road, GBKR had one of their most successful years yet in 2020.

Gary's 2018 release, "Vintage Country Revival" brought great success charting at #1 on the Global Country Radio Charts and was included on the 1st round ballot in the 61st GRAMMY Awards (for Best Americana Album & Best American-Roots performance). The band's 2014 Bluegrass release, "HOMESTRETCH" included Gary's hit single "Derby City Flash" which was featured on CMT with its dressed down 'on the farm' music video. This Louisville hit is played during the Kentucky Derby, and because of this song, Gary Brewer was presented with a personalized Louisville Slugger Bat by the Louisville Slugger Museum.

Throughout his career, Gary Brewer has been a promoter for a lot of people and events/venues. Gary became a main staple for promotions in Louisville. Recently, he hosted 5 years of his Friday Night Bluegrass winter concert series at the Shepherdsville Music Barn, until its dissolution. He then took his winter series to Simpsonville, KY as a 6-month artist residency and kick-off to his 40th Anniversary celebration tour. Gary and his boys partnered with KY's largest outlet mall, The Outlet Shoppes of the Bluegrass to open their own live music venue inside called Brewgrass Entertainment. Gary is still considered the top Bluegrass promoter in the state of Kentucky having had 6 months of shows at his live music venue and bi-annually hosting his music festival "Shin-dig in the Park".

Being a producer has helped Gary Brewer in his career. He has been able to produce all of his own projects, along with helping other artists. Now, Gary and his boys have their own recording studio, "Brewgrass Entertainment Studios" located in the large warehouse on their family farm; where they plan to continue producing their own music and others'. Outside of producing his music, he has had a couple of his own TV shows. He produced and starred in "This Week in Bluegrass" which included a live audience, guest bands, and performances by his band, Gary Brewer and the Kentucky Ramblers.

Brewer has appeared in nearly every major Bluegrass Publication, festival, or event; including television shows and specials over the years. Gary and the guys were featured performers on WHAS 11s 'Crusade for Children' and National TV show, "Song of the Mountains". Gary Brewer is a frequent subject on the World Famous www.bluegrasstoday.com and is promoted on Bluegrass radio stations such as WFPK-FM and WMAK (AM/FM), WKWC (FM) and "The Bluegrass Mix" (internet).