

## Mel and Pam Tillis to Perform

"It seems like just yesterday that I left Florida headin' for Nashville, Tenn., in my '49 Mercury with a busted windshield, a pregnant wife, and \$29 in my pocket. 2002 marks my 46<sup>th</sup> year in the music business. If I lost it all tomorrow, I guess I could say it only cost me \$29 and it's been one heck of a ride!" Mel Tillis

Tickets still are available for the Mel and Pam Tillis concerts on May 30-31.

Mel Tillis started performing in the early '50s with The Westerners while serving as a baker in the U.S. Air Force, stationed in Okinawa. In 1956, Webb Pierce recorded a song written by Mel Tillis entitled *I'm Tired*, and it launched his musical career.

In 1957, Nashville was home to only a dozen or so songwriters at best. Mel Tillis became one of Nashville's most successful songwriters in the late '50s and '60s, penning such hits as *Detroit City*; *Heart Over Mind*; *Ruby, Don't Take Your Love to Town*; and *Strange*.

In 1976, Mel Tillis was inducted into the Nashville Songwriters International Hall of Fame and was named the Country Music Association's (CMA) Entertainer of the Year.

In September 1999, BMI named Mel Tillis the Songwriter of the Decade for two decades. Most recently, he received the Golden Voice Entertainer Award for 2001 and the 2001 Golden R.O.P.E. Songwriter Award

Mel Tillis has recorded more than 60 albums. He's had 36 top 10 singles, with nine going to No. 1, including *Good Woman Blues* and *Southern Rain*. A recent recording, *Old Dogs* with Bobby Bare, Waylon Jennings, and Jerry Reed, was released in 1998.

Little did Mel know that daughter Pamela Yvonne Tillis would one day make her own mark in country music history. Pam Tillis has been a formidable force in country music since her first Arista single hit the charts in 1990. She's had 14 top five hits, including six that hit No. 1, and five of her albums have been certified gold or platinum.

A first-rate songwriter, Pam Tillis has had her compositions recorded by artists as varied as Chaka Khan, Juice Newton, and Conway Twitty.

She's written many of her own songs, including the No. 1 hit *Mi Vida Loca*, *It's Lonely Out There*, *In Between Dances* and *Spilled Perfume*.

Pam Tillis one of the first women in Nashville to produce her own album, and she received the CMA "Female Vocalist of the Year" Award in 1994.

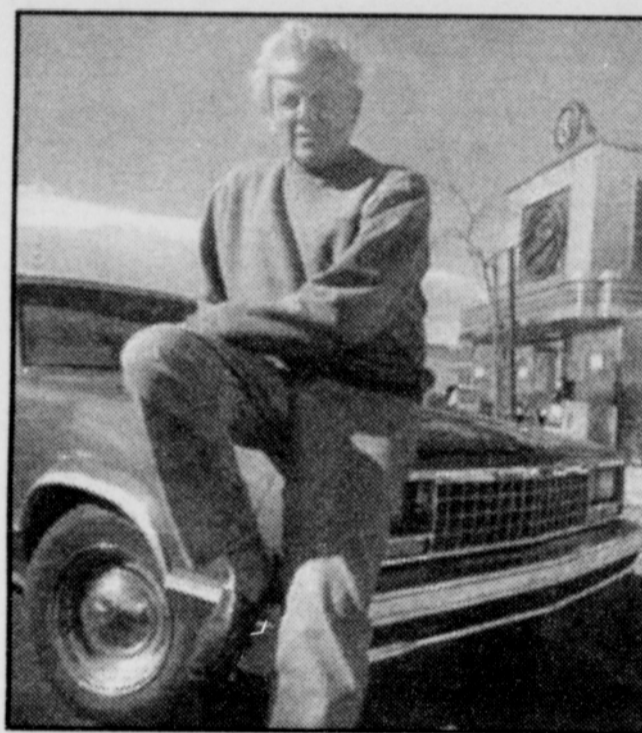
She was inducted into the Grand Ole Opry in 2000 and currently can be seen in a high-profile ad campaign for Easy Spirit's "Spirit of Country" in *Vogue*, *In Style*, and *Redbook*.

Shows are at 9 p.m. on May 30 and 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. on May 31. Tickets are \$25-\$45, depending on seat location.

## Comedy on the Coast Set for Holiday Weekend

Comedy on the Coast is set for May 23-25, featuring a trio of comedians in a 90-minute show. **Cork Proctor** will open, with **Gary Mule Deer** as the headliner and **Jeff Wayne** as the featured act.

**Cork Proctor** sees the world a little differently than the rest of us. Perhaps it's because the energetic 70-year-old comedian is dyslexic. Or maybe it's because his mind fires like a machine gun that never runs out of bullets.



Cork Proctor

Proctor didn't try stand-up comedy until he was 40. But getting a late start is nothing new for him. He joined the Peace Corps at 66. Last summer, he attended an auctioneering school and

he's going to start welding school soon to pursue an interest in sculpting. He also has a grant from the University of Nevada - Las Vegas to interview old-time entertainers for the school's archives.

The entertainment career of comedian and musician **Gary Mule Deer** spans 30 years, including more than 300 television appearances and nearly every major concert stage in the country.

Early in his career, Mule Deer and his roommate, Steve Martin, began writing what became the basis of their comedy acts for years to come. Martin became a writer-performer on *The Smothers Brothers Show* and Mule Deer spent a few years with Epic Records.

He's appeared in *Annie Hall* and Cheech and Chong's *Up in Smoke*, and on more than 100 television shows.

Mule Deer began entertaining at major casinos in Las Vegas, Reno, Lake Tahoe, and Atlantic City with top country and pop stars, including Dolly Parton, Kenny Rogers, Willie Nelson, Frank Sinatra, Reba McEntire, Ray Charles, Brooks and Dunn, and with Johnny Mathis for the last four years.

He's a regular performer on The Nashville Network. He had a regular spot on *Hee Haw* in 1991, where he introduced two new characters, the Right Reverend G.C. Mule Deer and Cactus Jack, Bad Cowboy Poet.

**Jeff Wayne** has been described as having a face borrowed from Fred Flintstone and an attitude like Al Bundy with a brain.

He's opened for Sheena Easton, B.B. King, and Jerry Lee Lewis. On television, he scored with *Comic Relief*, Showtime's *Full Frontal Comedy*, *Arsenio*, ABC's *Comedy Festival*, *Nashville Now*, *Evening at the Improv*, *Comedy on the Road*, and many others.

Wayne just completed his fifth tour of Europe. He's built a loyal following in England, Holland, Germany, Switzerland, Norway, Denmark, and Sweden.

The act is intended to leave ample room for improvisation and spontaneity. Wayne has two CDs out and is preparing his third.

Doors open at 7:30 p.m.; the show begins at 8 p.m. A no-host bar will be available. Tickets, priced at \$12, are available at the box office.

## Miss Oregon Pageant Activities Will Fill Casino

Chinook Winds Casino will host the Miss Oregon Pageant Preliminaries, Blast from the Past Miss Oregon Reunion, and Miss Oregon's Outstanding Teenager Program on May 16-18.

All activities are sponsored by the Miss Oregon Scholarship Organization and two events are open to the public - The Miss Oregon Radio Hour and the Chinook Winds Casino Dinner Gala.

On May 16, the activities begin with **The Miss Oregon Radio Hour** in Chinook Winds' showroom from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. This will take you back to the big band era of the 1940s. It features Miss America 2002 Katie Harman, reigning Miss Oregon 2003 Brita Stream, Miss Oregon 1995 and first runner-up to Miss America Emily Orton Cadiz, Miss Oregon 1993 and

third runner-up to Miss America Beth McShane, Miss Oregon 1986 and Miss America Gillette Troupe singer Jana Peterson DeCarli, and Miss Oregon 1984 Renee Bagley Cleland. Tickets are \$15, \$25, and \$50.

On May 17, **The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Miss Oregon Workshop** will take place from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the ballroom. Teen contestants will share the same workshop with Miss Oregon and Miss Native American Oregon contestants.

This seminar will focus on competition skills such as grooming and makeup, as well as life skills. Guest speakers include Miss America 2002 Katie Harman, former state legislator Larry Campbell, award-winning author Ursula Bacon, world-renowned photographer Trish Perrin, and others.

From 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., the **Miss Oregon Outstanding Teen Interviews** (five minutes each) will be held.

From 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., Chinook Winds Casino will host Miss America 2002 Katie Harman, former Miss Oregon, and sponsors at a semi-formal dinner, the **Chinook Winds Casino Dinner Gala**. Tickets are \$25 per person. Business attire is appropriate.

On May 18, the **Preliminary Talent Competition** will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contestants will present their two-minute talent for the judges.

The **Production Rehearsal** will take place in the convention center from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

The **Miss Oregon Outstanding Teen Final Competition** will take place from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.