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JANET MCBRIDE TO BE PRESENTED THE GENE AUTRY OKLAHOMA MUSEUM 'LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD' SEPTEMBER 26, 2009 IN GENE AUTRY OKLAHOMA.

With a lifetime of performing behind her now, and many years since she was actively trying for a career in the entertainment field, Janet found a more than satisfying vocation in coaching youngsters who have a desire to perform traditional music including the art of yodeling.

It is as a result of her continuing work in the western and country side of the music business, her long and successful performing and recording careers and her dedication to helping young, hopeful performers, Janet will receive the coveted 'Lifetime Achievement Award,' to be presented on the Saturday evening show of the Gene Autry Oklahoma Film and Music Festival.

McBride and husband John Ingram owned and operated the Mesquite Opry Country Music Show for 15 years, while they worked 'day jobs' as deputies in Dallas County, TX. They now base in Forney, TX where her life is a joyful blend of wife, mentor and singer as she works to keep the traditional music she loves alive and strong in the hearts of young people who come her way.

Career highlights for McBride include multiple awards for top female singer, top yodeler, plus the Western Music Hall of Fame Pioneer Award, the Traditional Music Hall of Fame Award, song of the year, emcee of the year and the Patsy Montana Cowgirl Spirit Award.

She performs at the occasional opry show or music festival these days but spends most of her time tutoring young entertainers in such areas as stage presence, song delivery, yodeling, singing, playing guitar, marketing and effective practice and it's results.

Several of her protégés have gone on to record on major record labels, at theme parks, Branson shows and the like. Recent successes include Mallery Hope and Kacey Musgraves both of whom began working under Janet's guidance when they were 11 years old. Mallery now has a recording contract and her first video is now being played on GAC and CMT. According to Mallery's mother Kaye Whitener, Mallery wrote ten of the eleven songs on her current CD. Kacey Musgraves has her original songs

being considered for release by many of the top Nashville stars, she is currently touring with Radney Foster and has a recording contract pending. Both girls now live in Nashville. Mallery's mother wrote 'Janet has such a heart for teaching children, and she does it without charge. 'There is no magic yellow brick road into the music business, but with people out there like Janet McBride who are willing to share their talent with young people, it makes the journey easier'.

McBride has watched former students perform at some of the country's finest shows including the Fiddlers Feast Chuckwagon Show in Pigeon Forge Tennessee, the 'Fire on the Mountain Show' at Dollywood, she also watched Le Ann Rimes skyrocket to fame with the song 'Blue' in the 1990's with the yodeling tips she picked up from Janet while she was a youngster singing on the Mesquite Opry in Downtown Mesquite TX.

The Gene Autry Oklahoma Museum's 'Lifetime Achievement Award' will be presented to McBride on Saturday Night, September 26th, 2009.