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**Billy Strings, Bonnie Raitt, S.G. Goodman,
SistaStrings, Tyler Childers, and The War and Treaty
Crowned as Winners of the Americana Music Association’s
22nd Annual Americana Honors & Awards**

The “best awards show in show business” (Paste) hosted performances by Allison Russell, The Avett Brothers, Bettye LaVette, Brandi Carlile and Brandy Clark, Nickel Creek and Patty Griffin, with appearances by Kacey Musgraves, the Tennessee Three, Sarah Silverman and more

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (Sept. 20, 2023) — The Americana Music Association celebrated distinguished members of its community tonight, revealing the winners of the 22nd Annual Americana Honors & Awards at the historic Ryman Auditorium. A world-class group of musical innovators garnered coveted awards, including **Billy Strings** (Artist of the Year), **Tyler Childers** (Album of the Year), **Bonnie Raitt** (Song of the Year), **The War and Treaty** (Duo/Group of the Year), **S.G. Goodman** (Emerging Act of the Year) and **SistaStrings** (Instrumentalist of the Year).

Guitar picking phenom—and 2022 Americana Artist of the Year—Billy Strings, earned Artist of the Year for the second consecutive year. Tyler Childers was awarded Album of the Year for his critically acclaimed self-produced record, *Can I Take My Hounds to Heaven?*.

Bonnie Raitt was crowned with Song of the Year honors for her self-penned “Just Like That.” The War and Treaty (Michael and Tanya Trotter) also won Duo/Group of the Year for the second consecutive year. S.G. Goodman won Emerging Act of the Year, while SistaStrings (sisters Chauntee and Monique Ross) took home the Instrumentalist of the Year Award.

The Avett Brothers and **Nickel Creek** were presented with Trailblazer Awards by two-time Artist of the Year **Brandi Carlile** and surprise presenter **Kacey Musgraves**, respectively.

Highlights from the evening include **Patty Griffin** receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award for Songwriting from first-time presenter **Sarah Silverman** and a stirring moment as First Amendment Center’s **John Seigenthaler** and the **Tennessee Three** (Democratic lawmakers **Gloria Johnson**, **Justin Jones** and **Justin Pearson**) presented 2022 Album of the Year winner (*Outside Child*) **Allison Russell** with the Spirit of Americana/Free Speech in Music Award.

Buddy Miller—Americana stalwart, songwriter, musician, producer and 2022 Lifetime Achievement Award recipient—returned as musical director for the Americana All-Star Band, featuring **Brady Blade**, **Catherine Popper**, **Fred Eltringham**, **Jen Gunderman**, **Jim Hoke**, **Larry Campbell** and **The McCrary Sisters**. In addition to leading the All-Star Band, Miller presented **George Fontaine Sr.** with the Jack Emerson Lifetime Achievement for Executive.

The evening also included tributes to two albums celebrating their 50th anniversary: **Rufus Wainwright** tribute to Tom Waits' *Closing Time*, and **Milk Carton Kids** and **Noah Kahan** tribute to Paul Simon's *There Goes Rhymin' Simon*.

Logan Ledger opened the evening with a posthumous tribute to Jimmy Buffett’s “Come Monday,” and a multi-artist grand finale tribute to Robbie Robertson with The Band's “Up On Cripple Creek” closed the show.

Bettye LaVette accepted the Legacy of Americana Award (in partnership with the National Museum of African American Music [NMAAM]), presented by **Noelle Taylor** and **Steve Jordan**.

Throughout the night, attendees were treated to performances by **49 Winchester**, **Adeem the Artist**, Allison Russell, **Angel Olsen**, The Avett Brothers, Bettye LaVette, Bonnie Raitt, Brandi Carlile, **Brandy Clark**, **Hermanos Gutiérrez**, Logan Ledger, **Margo Price**, The Milk Carton Kids, Nickel Creek, Noah Kahan, Patty Griffin, Rufus Wainwright, S.G. Goodman, **Sunny War**, The War and Treaty and **William Prince**.

"I marvel at the talented musicians of our community who consistently surpass expectations and come

together to highlight the importance of authenticity, friendship, and unity," said **Jed Hilly**, Executive Director of the Americana Music Association. "It is a privilege for me to be a part of this exceptional evening where we celebrate the well-deserved accomplishments of this incredible genre."

2023 Honors & Awards Winners:

Album of the Year: *Can I Take My Hounds to Heaven?*, Tyler Childers; Produced by Tyler Childers

Artist of the Year: Billy Strings

Duo/Group of the Year: The War and Treaty

Emerging Act of the Year: S.G. Goodman

Song of the Year: "Just Like That," Bonnie Raitt; Written by Bonnie Raitt

Instrumentalist of the Year: SistaStrings

The 22nd Annual Americana Honors & Awards is the hallmark event of AMERICANAFEST week, which continues through this Saturday, September 23.

For more information on the Honors & Awards and AMERICANAFEST, please visit www.americanamusic.org.





About AMERICANAFEST:

The 23rd annual AMERICANAFEST will take place September 19-23, 2023 in Nashville, Tenn., once again bringing together music industry professionals and fans alike for five days of discovery, insight and connections. AMERICANAFEST showcases hundreds of artists and bands throughout many notable venues in Nashville. The destination event also features a first-rate industry conference, bringing together the top tier of the music business to discuss current industry topics and issues. Musical festivities are kicked off by the critically acclaimed Americana Honors & Awards, which celebrates luminaries and welcomes the next generation of trailblazers while offering one-of-a-kind performance pairings at Nashville's famed Ryman Auditorium. For more information, please visit www.americanamusic.org.

About the Americana Music Association:

The Americana Music Association is a professional not-for-profit trade organization whose mission is to advocate for the authentic voice of American roots music around the world. The Association produces events throughout the year; including AMERICANAFEST and the critically acclaimed Americana Honors & Awards program. The Americana Music Association receives enormous support from the Tennessee Department of Tourism, Nashville Convention & Visitors Corp, ASCAP, BMI, SESAC.

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