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Tulsa Event to Celebrate Legendary Artist Manager Jim Halsey and His Lasting Impact on the Music Industry

*June 2 Concert at Mabee Center Will Feature Live CMA Nashville
Simulcast and Performances by Oklahoma Artists*

TULSA, Okla. — Tulsa will host a special “Evening with Impresario Jim Halsey” honoring the legendary artist manager on June 2 at 7 p.m. at the Mabee Center as he receives the Country Music Association’s Touring Lifetime Achievement Award. While the CMA presents the honor in Nashville, the Tulsa concert will feature a live simulcast of the induction ceremony so audiences can share the historic moment with Halsey, who at age 95 will remain in Tulsa for the celebration.

The prestigious award recognizes individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to the growth and impact of live touring and whose influence has helped shape the country music industry for generations.

For more than 60 years, Halsey has been a pioneering force in the music industry, beginning his career representing country music legend Hank Thompson, the first artist he managed, and later guiding the careers of iconic performers including Roy Clark, Reba McEntire, Merle Haggard and The Oak Ridge Boys. Widely known for expanding the international reach of country music, Halsey’s artists have performed at legendary venues such as Radio City Music Hall, Madison Square Garden and London’s Royal Albert Hall, helping elevate the genre to audiences around the world through groundbreaking tours and global performances.

Over the course of his career, Halsey and his organization have guided, promoted or managed the careers of dozens of prominent entertainers, including 29 inductees of the Country Music Hall of Fame and 10 inductees of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, underscoring his lasting influence on the music industry.

“Jim Halsey has managed the career of The Oak Ridge Boys for over 50 years,” said Duane Allen, president and lead singer of The Oak Ridge Boys. “He is responsible for placing us on major TV shows, recording labels and tours in the USA and around the world. I have learned more from Mr. Halsey than any other man in the music industry.”

The June 2 concert will feature performances by Oklahoma artists who have been managed or represented by Halsey during his remarkable career, including Jana Jae, Shelby Eicher, Don White, Kyle Dillingham, Alaska & Madi, acclaimed pianist Barron Ryan and legendary musician and longtime Roy Clark bandleader Rodney Lay, whose career spans both country and rock 'n' roll. The program will be emceed by Tulsa historian and author John Wooley.

Proceeds from the evening will support scholarships for deserving Oklahoma students pursuing careers in the music industry. A silent auction featuring signed artist memorabilia will also benefit the scholarship fund.

“My life is one of immense gratitude. I give the glory to my Creator, and I’m deeply thankful for the wonderful family, friends and artists who have shared this incredible journey with me,” said Jim Halsey.

Tickets available at mabeecenter.com or etix.com. Tickets start at \$35 and table seating is available.

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