

Billy Erickson



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Solo / Duo / Trio / Band

You may think you're just going to get "country" when you book Billy Erickson for an event. But hold onto your cowboy hat because you're about to go on a musical grand tour! Whether performing as a solo act or with his band, "The Bandits", Billy takes you on a nostalgic trip through memorable country, with frequent detours to classic rock of the 50's, 60's, and 70's ("Peggy Sue", "Country Roads", "Sundown"), then onto some refreshingly fun jaunts with impersonations of Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings, Johnny Cash, and Elvis Presley. Throughout your journey, Billy keeps you close with lots of audience participation and humorous dialogue, and will throw in some surprises with a few of his original songs from his latest CD **Waiting in Line**.

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Awards

Country Music Associations of America – Entertainer of the Year

California Country Music Association – Golden Eagle Award

California Country Music Association – Video of the Year Award

California Country Music Association – Male Vocalist of the Year Award

Biography

Billy Erickson began his career in 1971 and has been delighting audiences all around the country ever since. From Las Vegas to Arkansas, to Honolulu to Arizona, Billy's music brings something to the picnic for any venue, any occasion. He performs at Desert Adventures in Indio and has played at the Orange County Fair for the past 12 years, in addition to regular appearances at Knott's Berry Farm since 1990. At the Great North American Country Music Festival in South Dakota, Billy performed with fellow musicians Roy Orbison, the Everly Brothers and the Bellamy Brothers, just to name a few. Billy also lends his name and talent to support many charities and participates and performs in various celebrity golf tournaments.

Among his most recent charity events are Kelsey Grammer's Toys for Tots, Make-A-Wish Foundation of Little Rock, Arkansas, and Swing for Life-Palm Springs and Tucson. The charity work is very important to Billy because he says, "Being able to create music and make a living from this is incredibly rewarding. I need to give it back when it is needed to help other people. I'll bring my guitar anytime you want to create some smiles and have some fun. I feel I've been blessed."

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