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IBMA Announces New "Songwriter Of The Year" Award

IBMA?s new Songwriter of the Year Award will annually recognize a songwriter for his or her outstanding contributions to bluegrass music as a songwriter, during the period of eligibility for IBMA Awards. For 2012 Awards, the time frame is April 1, 2011 ? March 30, 2012. The award will be presented at World of Bluegrass with other industry awards at the Special Awards Luncheon on Thursday, Sept. 27, 2012.

Any IBMA member may recommend themselves or a songwriter they feel is deserving of the honor. A letter listing the achievements of the candidate during the legibility year is requested. The letter may be accompanied by a compilation CD of songs from the writer that year, but sending a CD is not required.

- Examples of items to be included in a nomination letter
- Songs released as singles or on CDs released during the eligibility period, digital downloads
- Songs achieving chart success (sales, radio airplay, etc.)
- Significant airplay on terrestrial or satellite radio
- Songs used in television or films
- Songs used in live performances
- Professional involvement in songwriter-related work like workshops, books and articles, etc.

All recommendations must be received no later than July 15, 2012. Recommendations of all IBMA Special Awards should be submitted in writing to: Special Awards committee; IBMA; 2 Music Circle South, Suite 100; Nashville, TN 37203; USA and should contain contact info for the songwriter including address, telephone and email address.

The Special Awards Committee for this award is also asked to recommend candidates during the candidate review process.

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