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Donny Richmond

Donny Richmond's love of the UK and Ireland dates back to his earliest childhood memories. As a youngster in his home of Maryland, USA, he was fascinated with the music of The Beatles, The Dave Clark Five, and the various "British Invasion" Artists who had come to the USA. Living in a "very Country Music oriented" part of America, Donny always found it interesting that even The Beatles had done cover versions of songs by country and rockabilly acts such as Buck Owens and Carl Perkins.

While still very young and inexperienced, Donny headed for Hollywood/California, in the late 1970's.... always hoping that he would also one day visit the UK and Ireland, the land of his boyhood dreams. While growing up, Donny was retrieving imported British and Irish music magazines and newspapers from the local newsstands, so he was well versed on all the heroes and legends of these music scenes.

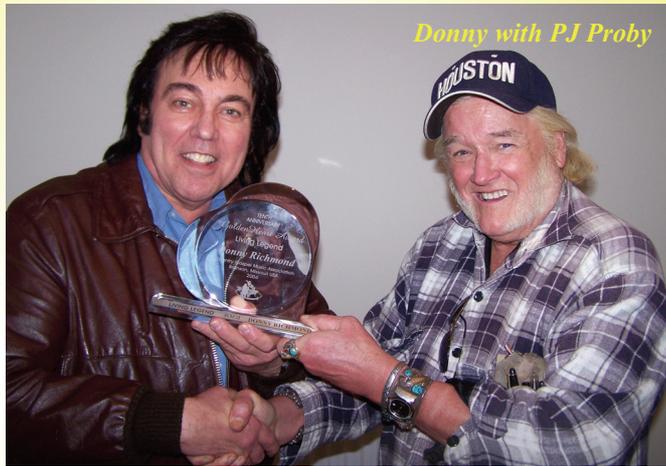
One night in LA, Donny entered a talent contest at The Palomino Club, the largest and most famous country music club in California. Little



did he know, this night a life changing event would take place. After the competition, before the results were known, it was announced that legendary pop star PJ Proby was in the audience. Donny knew that name well. Though Proby is originally from Houston/Texas, he had become world famous soon after being a guest with The Beatles on their first National TV Special in the UK. British producer Jack Good

had brought him to the U.K., and a string of hits followed. His colorful career and reputation were often headline news.

Excited to meet this legend, Donny hurried over to Proby for an introduction. Before saying "hello, howdy do, or anything", PJ Proby uttered his very first words to Donny Richmond; "I HOPE YOU WIN!" Not only did Donny win the contest, but from that day on Donny and PJ became the best of friends. With



PJ being the seasoned veteran, and Donny the "new Kid on the Block", PJ schooled Donny on many aspects of the music business. PJ Proby was a mentor to Donny Richmond an artist and songwriter. After introducing Donny to the Hollywood scene, Proby invited Donny

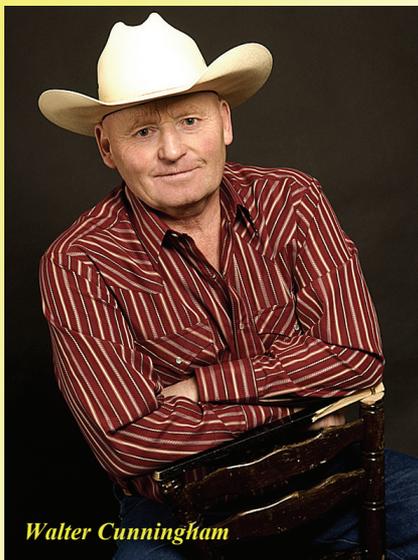
over to the UK for his next tour, often including him at his appearances. Donny began a series of trips across the ocean from America.

After Donny experienced a “spiritual renewal”, his new music was catching on stateside in the 1990’s. This brought Donny many chart hits as artist and writer, TV Specials, and music videos in the Gospel and Country Music fields, which continue through today. This led to Donny spending more and more time in his native America.

In 2003, Donny was invited to a Christmas Party for the Elvis Presley Fan Club in Kent, England. Donny saw this as an ideal time to return. Upon arriving, his love for the UK once again took over and new transatlantic trips began. During a visit, a great UK friend, Ian Dalton, suggested that the Ireland music scene would be very welcoming to Donny. Upon visiting there, Donny found Ian to be right on target.

About this same time, Christmas 2005, Northern Ireland songwriter Walter Cunningham was at home watching Donny’s American made Christmas TV Special on Sky TV. Walter contacted Donny, then sent him some songs which Donny immediately set out to record. Donny brought The Jordanaires into the studio in Nashville for backup vocals and began a string of Single releases. These

brought chart positions including country music #1 in Italy, #1 Austria, #2 Belgium, #2 Czech Republic, #2 European Top 10, #3 Norway, #3 Sweden, #5 European Christian Chart, #6 U.K., among others.



Walter Cunningham

During a U.K. trip in 2007, Donny Richmond was re-acquainted with his long lost buddy, PJ Proby. Donny, who cites his relationship with The Lord as foremost in his life, was thrilled to learn that Proby had also experienced a remarkable turn around in his life, and since the 1990’s is no longer plagued with his infamous alcohol abuse problem. Donny says; “PJ Proby is going stronger than ever! He’s the one who introduced me to this part of the world. I’ll always be grateful to him!”.

Now in 2010, Donny and Irishman Walter Cunningham have collaborated for the LOVE TO IRELAND Project. Every song on this collection is penned by Walter. Donny says; “This is the fulfillment of a dream come true for me. I can express my love for Ireland and the UK through the

brilliant words and melodies of Walter Cunningham, who is a native son of the land I’ve come to love so deeply. When I’m in Ireland and the UK, I feel so much at home. I love all the folks I’ve met here – warm, loving, friendly, down to

earth – yeah, good, down home, country type folks.” Walter says; “Donny can sing any kind of music – he’s a knockout singer – this Album is my biggest career achievement!”

Says Donny; “Walter’s songs are so good – I figure he deserves a whole Album of them. And Walter is a fine gentleman.

His mother, Ruby, is also a wonderful person, so very encouraging. They are the salt of the earth. I hope this CD brings them the appreciation they so richly deserve. And I hope it brings a lot of enjoyment to a lot of folks”.



Donny with the Jordanaires