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Donny Richmond his wife Doris, sons Carl and Donny jr with Dolly Parton

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DONNY RICHMOND

Family Man and Superstar

Donny Richmond is slated to make his way back over from the U.S. to Ireland in the Summer of 2011, with lots of TV and Radio interviews planned, and selected concerts. Donny says; "I limit my overseas travels to very special occasions, because I love spending as much time as possible with my family. We have lots of fun together, and it's top priority that my children get the attention they need." Richmond was recently included in a Tennessee produced Dolly Parton TV Special. His name in Country and Gospel music continues to be widely recognized on both sides of the Atlantic, with a collection of Awards and recognitions of superstar status, including Artist Of The Decade, Entertainer Of The Decade, 6 times Entertainer Of The Year, and Top International Music TV Personality. Known for his fun personality and his hospitality, Donny counts among his associates and friends many of the biggest names in the history of popular music. His TV Specials have aired in countries around the world, and often feature scenes with his children, in both singing and dramatic roles.



Donny Richmond & Garth Brooks both appear on "Super Friends" CD

In the U.S. during the 1990's, Richmond was at the forefront of the "Christian Country Music" movement. He was the first predominately Gospel oriented artist selected to appear on the Country Music CDX Compilation disc distributed to thousands of radio stations across America, and internationally. Also appearing on the disc were Garth Brooks, George Jones, Wynonna Judd and Kenny Chesney.

Donny's recent "Love To Ireland" CD has found an extremely appreciative audience in the U.K. and Ireland. The "Gospel Jukebox" single, written by Walter Cunningham, recently spent a record breaking 5 consecutive weeks at #1 on the U.K. based NCM European Country Charts, breaking the previous record of 4 weeks set by Vince Gill. Singles from the project have scored #1 in more than a dozen countries.



Donny Richmond & Loretta Lynn at The Grand Ole Opry

Donny is included in the "Stonewall Jackson & Super Friends" album, which features 50 of the best loved Country artists of all time. Other Artists featured include Garth Brooks, Alison Krauss, Tim McGraw, and Charlie Daniels.

Richmond again participated in Dolly Parton's Annual Parade down the main thoroughfare of Dolly's hometown in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, in May. Always riding with him on the float is Donny's family. The Parade occurs each Spring and is the town's biggest event of the year, officially opening each new season of Dollywood Theme Park. As a multi-award winner himself, Donny was selected last year to induct Dolly Parton into the Country Gospel Music Hall Of Fame, on the eve of the Parade. The ceremony took place at Dollywood, in Dolly's Chasing Rainbows Museum. Donny's beautiful wife Doris, and quite handsome sons Donny Jr(12) and Carl(7) accompanied him for the Presentation. Dolly is especially delightful around kids like Carl (Carl is also her husband's name). The seven year old was featured in a cameo appearance in a Dolly Parton TV Special. Says Donny; "Dolly is truly The Princess of Pigeon Forge".

Donny and his family regularly attend "A Little Country Church in the Great Smoky Mountains", where Donny often leads the music. The family loves playing basketball together at the local gym. Both Donny Jr. and Carl have also become champions, like their parents, at reciting verses from The Bible.



Donny Richmond & Willie Nelson at Country Gospel Awards - Donny wins Entertainer Of The Year, Willie wins Album Of The Year



Donny Richmond Jr, Donny Richmond, Doris Richmond and Carl Richmond - Easter 2011 -

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