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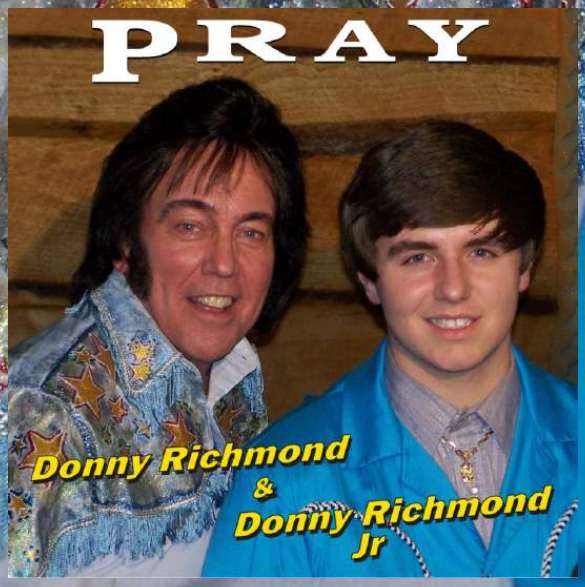

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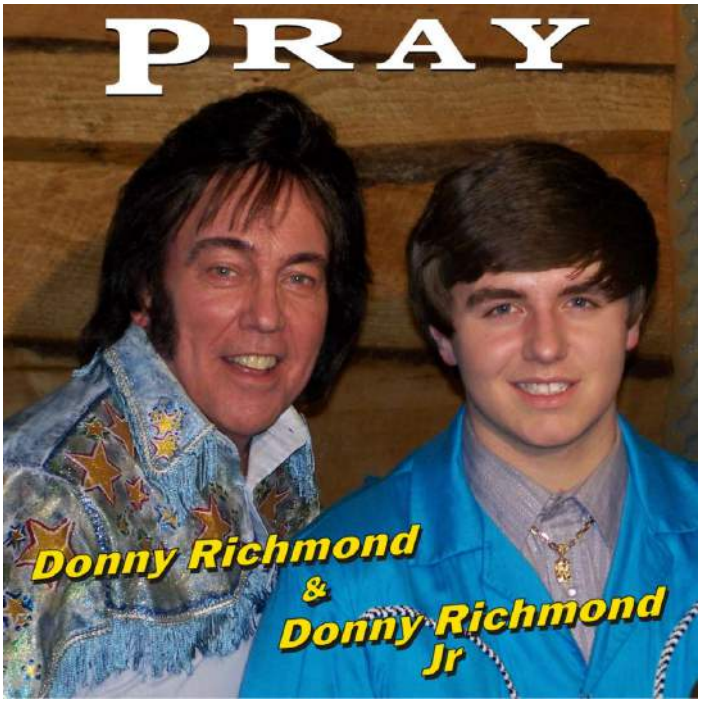

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George Hamilton V Donny Richmond George Hamilton IV

Donny Richmond is a multi-award winning artist from the U.S. He is featured on the "Stonewall Jackson & Super Friends" CD which includes 50 of the best loved country artists, also including Garth Brooks, Vince Gill, Alison Krauss, Tim McGraw, and Charlie Daniels. Donny is a recipient of the Living Legend Award from the Country Gospel Music Assn. in Branson, USA (pictured being congratulated by George Hamilton IV & V). He's also awarded Artist of The Decade. The ICGMA named him Entertainer of The Decade. As a music trendsetter and leader, Richmond was awarded honorary "Colonel" by the Governor of Tennessee. Other national awards include Male Vocalist, Songwriter, Producer, and Top TV Personality. Richmond's music videos and TV shows have aired on national TV networks across the world. Donny's "Jesus is My Lifeline" duet with country legend Stonewall Jackson is the longest running #1 U.S. Christian Country hit ever, in the history of Music City News and The Gospel Voice magazines.

Having moved to Nashville in 1993, Donny was at the forefront of the "Christian Country Music" movement of the 1990's. He was the very first predominately gospel oriented artist chosen to be included on the mainstream country music CDX compilation disc, distributed to thousands of radio stations across America and internationally. This helped begin a succession of chart entries in both country and gospel music, which includes 11 National #1s in the U.S., and #1s in more than a dozen countries, as tabulated by the European Country Music Assn. Of special note among these, his historic #1 European 2009 Christmas Chart hit, "That's What Christmas Means", written by Donny, David Walker, and Randy Smith, features performances by such Hall Of Famers as James Burton on guitar, Boots Randolph on sax, The Jordanaires on backup vocals, and Charlie McCoy on harmonica and vibes, who calls this "the best new Christmas song I've heard in quite some time!" Donny's 2011 European release of "Gospel Jukebox", written by Irishman Walter Cunningham, was the longest running #1 in the history of Europe's NCM Country Chart, breaking the previous record set by Vince Gill.

Donny Richmond Loretta Lynn

Richmond's concerts have become a "must see" for country and gospel music fans internationally. Donny has appeared on The Grand Ole Opry, and with such notables as Loretta Lynn (pictured), Dolly Parton, Garth

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Brooks, and Willie Nelson. Donny's updated version of the classic "I Believe" reached #1 on GTE Music Magazine's God's Country Chart, February 2014, for U.S. and international airplay.

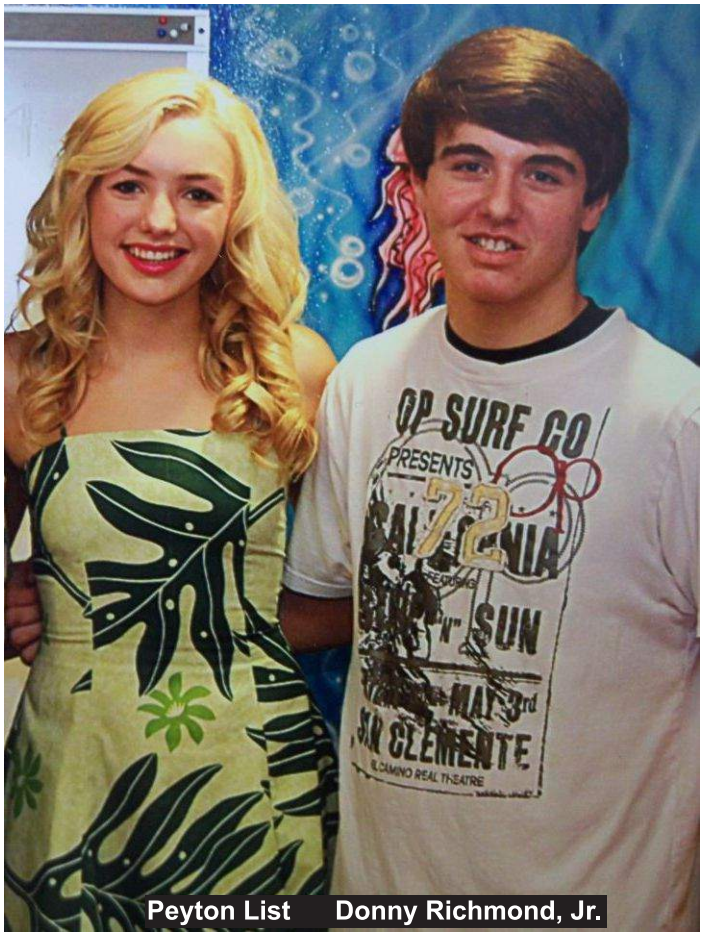
Needless to say, Donny Richmond Junior is no stranger to the world of performing. Having grown up around the stages and settings of his dad, being in the company of legends feels quite normal to him. As a baby, Donny Jr was caressed by greats such as Barbara Mandrell, The Jordanaires, and Nashville's finest musicians. Donny Jr was singing at age 2 on his dad's syndicated TV program, "The Don Richmond Show". One program in particular found young Donny performing such songs as "Jesus Loves The Little Children" and Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star". Now, in 2014, it appears newly turned 15 year old Donny is set to be the newest bright STAR on the horizon!

Dolly Parton Donny Richmond, Jr.

Donny Jr expressed an interest in music practically from birth. In fact, he was born to the sound of his dad's music playing in the Nashville hospital room. As a toddler, Donny Jr could be found at his dad's concerts "playing drums" on the backs of theater seats, with straws from the concession stand. From the age of 6, he and brother Carl (5 years his junior) appeared in acting roles in the "Heartbreak Holiday" Christmas TV feature, and other programs which have aired on national TV networks around the globe. He spent early years in Nashville, and currently Pigeon Forge, home of Dolly Parton and Dollywood. Donny Jr (pictured with Dolly) was on hand in 2010, at age 11, when his dad was chosen to induct Dolly Parton into the Country Gospel Music Hall Of Fame.Young Donny's accomplishments include public speaking, having been heard giving a recitation with the Smoky Mountain Cowboy Church on Sirius/XM Satellite Radio, Worldwide Christian Radio, and Music City Television. He was the winner at age 10 of a 4-H speech contest, and at age 8, fearlessly gave a testimony before approx. 1,500 people at the area's largest church.

As a young teenager, Donny Jr's interests in music and TV have taken on new dimensions. He has set lofty goals, and says he wants "to become as big, if not bigger than the 'pop stars' of today, but for a right reason. I want to be an actual role model, that people could look to for a positive influence." When it comes to music, Donny Jr says,

"Some 'stars' today seem to do things for a publicity stunt. I want to do things to honor Christ, as well as to bless people. And I pray that the music would bless the people listening to it."



Peyton List Donny Richmond, Jr.

Having shared ideas with his dad about his favorite songs, both decided that "Pray" would be ideal for a duet. Donny Richmond Jr continues to love "family style" TV. Pictured recently is Donny Jr visiting with Disney star Peyton List of "Hey Jessie".

"Pray" features Donny Richmond Jr & Donny Richmond in their first vocal collaboration released to the public, now being circulated around the world. There is a Youtube video of the duo performing "Pray".

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