

AWARD WINNING SONGWRTIERS



Mike Reid

Mike Reid received his degree in music from Penn State University in 1970, an achievement that was considerably overshadowed by his reputation on the football field at the time. At Penn State he was an All-America selection and won the Outland Trophy as the country's outstanding collegiate lineman. He was the first-round draft pick of the Cincinnati Bengals that year and at the end of his first season in the NFL, was named Defensive Rookie of the Year. Reid's success continued when he was voted NFL All-Pro in 1972 and '73. In

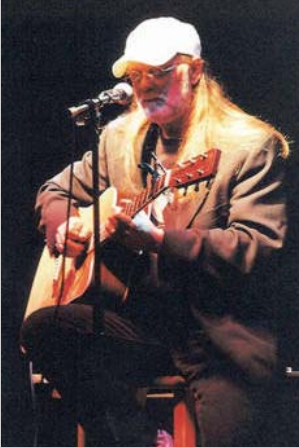
spite of these honors, Reid decided he would rather play music than football for a living. He retired from the Bengals and in 1980, moved to Nashville to pursue song writing.

Since 1983, when Reid scored his first number one country hit song *Inside* by Ronnie Milsap, he has composed more than 30 top ten country and pop hits. Twenty-one of those records have gone all the way to number one on the charts.

Mike is a Grammy Award winner for Ronnie Milsap's *Stranger In My House*, and has been named ASCAP's Writer of the Year. Reid was inducted into the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame in 2005.

In addition to Ronnie Milsap, Reid has had his songs recorded by Bonnie Raitt, Anita Baker, Bette Midler, Prince, George Michael, Nancy Wilson, Etta James, Kenny Loggins, Kenny Rogers, Ann Murray, Wynonna Judd, Alabama, Joe Cocker, Tanya Tucker, Willie Nelson, Collin Raye, Tim McGraw, and Josh Turner to name a few. Among the songs that Mike has composed are *I Can't Make You Love Me* /Bonnie Raitt, *George Michael* and *Prince*, *My Strongest Weakness* and *To Be Loved By You* /Wynonna Judd, *In This Life* /Collin Raye and *Bette Midler*, *Sometimes I Wonder Why* /Anita Baker, *Forever's As Far As I'll Go* /Alabama and *Everywhere* /Tim McGraw.

Aaron Barker



Aaron Barker was born in San Antonio, Texas, and began his musical career in a "variety band". He stayed with his band for many years and played everything from Bob Wills to Bob Seger. Driving his bus from place to place, he began playing with original melodies and lyrics hoping to create his own songs.

Aaron's first attempt, *Baby Blue*, recorded by George Strait on the *If You Ain't Lovin', You Ain't Livin'* album, climbed to number one on the Billboard. Not knowing what this meant to his future, Aaron continued to work in the band and played songs for anyone who would listen. Aaron began developing his own sound, and refining his original material in small clubs and cafes where he would play on weekends. One night after a long father and son talk, he wrote *Love Without End, Amen*. Believing this would be a song that he would play for his family, Aaron decided to see what would happen if he sent it to George Strait. Strait recorded it and it stayed at the number one position in Billboard Magazine for five consecutive weeks.

Aaron has had many other songs recorded by artists like Clay Walker, Neal McCoy, Doug Supernaw, Lonestar, Willie Nelson and many other artists. Aaron says, "These are real stories about real life; I've lived a lot of life and I also drawn on the lives of people I have crossed paths with." His background and the knack for honest, heartfelt communication has molded Aaron Barker into a songwriter of depth and power, as well as making him a dynamic entertainer. Aaron was inducted into the Texas Heritage Songwriters Hall of Fame in 2007.

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Allen Shamblin

Allen Shamblin was born in Tennessee and grew up in Huffman, Texas, about 30 miles outside of Houston. After graduating with a Marketing degree from Sam Houston State University, Allen moved to Austin, Texas, where he worked as a real-estate appraiser by day and honed his songwriting skills by night. In August of 1987, Allen moved to Nashville, with 14 completed songs. His "story songs" with vivid detail and honest, earthy lyrics quickly caught the ear of the Nashville music establishment.

In 1989, it was Randy Travis' #1 version of *He Walked On Water*, which brought Allen to the forefront of the songwriting community. This began a string of award winning songs throughout the 1990's and on into the new millennium such as *Walk On Faith* /Mike Reid, *In This Life* /Collin Raye, *Life's A Dance* /John Michael Montgomery, *We Were In Love* /Toby Keith, *Where The Blacktop Ends* /Keith Urban and Dove Award winner *It's In God's Hands Now/Anointed*. *I Can't Make You Love Me*, a song co-written with Mike Reid and recorded by Bonnie Raitt, was also nominated for a Grammy Award.

In 2009, Allen was inducted into the Texas Heritage Songwriters Hall of Fame. Allen's #1 hit *The House That Built Me*, recorded by Miranda Lambert, was voted the CMA Song of the Year in 2010 and in 2011 Allen was also inducted into the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame. Allen has had more than 100 songs recorded by artists in several genres of music.

Additionally, Allen has also co-authored two children's books (*Don't Laugh At Me* and *A Chance To Shine*) with his friend and co-writer, Steve Seskin. *Don't Laugh At Me* has been translated into several languages and is being used by teachers throughout the United States and other parts of the world as an aid against bullying.

Allen currently resides on a small farm in Franklin, Tennessee with his wife Lori and their three children.