

Kenny Chesney



Kenny's Background

- *Kenny was born on March 26, 1968 in Knoxville, Tennessee.*
- *He was raised in Luttrell.*
- *He went to college at East Tennessee State in Johnson City.*
- *He played his music in local places called Chuckie's Trading Post and Quarterback's Barbecue.*
- *He said, "That he was about the only one playing tunes of George Jones and Hank Jr."*

How Kenny Got Started

- An awakening of sorts came when he went into the Classic Recording Studio in Bristol, Va.
- He recorded an album's worth of songs he'd written. When he pressed up a thousand copies, sold them all at his shows and made enough to buy a new Martin guitar.
- A month after graduating from college with a degree in advertising, he headed down I-40 west to Nashville in early 1991.
- The going was slow the first couple of years. He made the rounds of the publishing companies without much success.
- He went to see the only person he knew in the business, producer Kyle Lehning, who told him, "You've definitely got something, but it ain't there yet."
- The only steady gig he could find playing music was in a down and dirty honky-tonk called the Turf.
- This was on Nashville's storied Lower Broadway before the area was gentrified. In 1992, the head of publisher/writer relations at BMI set up an audition with Opryland Music Group. Chesney came out of the audition with a songwriter's contract.

When Kenny Was First Discovered Big Time

- **A year or so later, an appearance at a songwriter's showcase led to a contract with Capricorn Records, which had recently started a country division.**
- **He'd had only a couple of modest chart singles when the label closed its Nashville office. But one of his 1994 singles, a song he wrote called "The Tin Man," stirred considerable interest up and down the Row, despite making it only to No. 70 on *Billboard's* country singles chart.**

Kenny's First Songs

- *All I Need to Know*
(1995)
- *Me and You* (1996)
- *I Will Stand* (1997)
- *Everywhere We Go*
(1999)

Kenny's Singles

- **Team of Destiny**
- **How Forever Feels [CD5/Cassette Single]**
- **I Will Stand [Cassette Single]**
- **That's Why I'm Here [#2]**
- **That's Why I'm Here [#1]**
- **Me & You [Cassette Single]**
- **Back in My Arms Again**
- **Granpa Told Me**
- **All I Need to Know [Cassette Single]**
- **Fall in Love**
- **Somebody's Callin'**
- **Tinman**
- **Whatever It Takes**
- **She's Got It All**

All the CD's Kenny Has Produced

- **When the Sun Goes Down**
- **All I Want for Christmas Is a Real Good Tan**
- **No Shoes, No Shirt, No Problems**
- **Greatest Hits**
- **Everywhere We Go**
- **I Will Stand**
- **Me & You**
- **In My Wildest Dreams**
- **All I Need to Know**

Kenny's Awards

- 2004 - CMA - Album of the Year
- 2004 - CMA - Entertainer of the Year
- 2004 - CMT Flameworthy Video Music Awards - Hottest Video of the Year
- 2004 - CMT Flameworthy Video Music Awards - Male Video of the Year
- 2003 - Academy of Country Music - Single of the Year
- 2003 - Academy of Country Music - Top Male Vocalist
- 2002 - CMT Flameworthy Video Music Awards - Male Video of the Year
- 2002 - CMT Flameworthy Video Music Awards - Video of the Year
- 1997 - Academy of Country Music - Top New Male Vocalist

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