

Leroy Van Dyke

Leroy Van Dyke, of “Auctioneer” and “Walk On By” fame and movie star is known around the world as an entertainer, recording artist, radio and television star, actor, auctioneer and veteran of the Las Vegas circuit. He has recorded over 500 songs, and probably holds the record for most repeat-performance bookings of any working, name country music entertainer. He has worked 40 to 70 fairs and livestock events per year for over five decades, in addition to a great variety of other engagements. In these 50 + years of performances, Leroy has never missed a show!



**Hosted the
CMA Awards the
year Earnest Tubb
was inducted
into the Hall of
Fame in 1965**

- Farm-born and raised Missourian and part-time rancher Self-penned “Auctioneer,” was written from inside a squadron tent while stationed in Korea. Became a multi-million seller
- Next multi-million seller was “Walk On By,” which stayed on the charts for 42 weeks, 19 weeks at No. 1 and was named by Billboard Magazine the biggest country music single in recorded history – and it was a Top 5 on the pop chart
- CMA Board of Directors during the planning and formation of the inaugural Fan Fair which took place at Nashville’s Municipal Auditorium in 1972
- He was selected by CMA to represent the organization in showcases at the Waldorf in NY, The Monteleone in New Orleans, The Edgewater Beach and The Conrad Hilton in Chicago, The Ambassador in Los Angeles and numerous CMA functions in Nashville
- He was the first entertainer to receive the prestigious CMA Founding President’s Award for contributing to the advancement and improved image of Country Music
- Became a member of the legendary Grand Ole Opry in 1962
- Now 86 and entering his 60th year in show business
- His first high-profile appearance was before fellow soldiers on a 1954 USO show headlined by Marilyn Monroe. It is also where he debuted “Auctioneer”
- Named by industry experts as the country music entertainer of the decade for the 1960s Lifetime Achievement Award
- Authored the Auctioneering Home-Study Course: Auctioneering - Motivation - Success
- Performs on a package show called the Country Gold Tour and is booked and managed by his wife of 35 years, Gladys. Their son Ben is the lead guitar player. Country Gold Tour is a seamless show boasting top classic-country talent with no down time between acts.
- In 2001, inducted into the North American Country Music Association International Hall of Fame