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R.W. HAMPTON'S 'FOR THE FREEDOM' NAMED 2006 WESTERN MUSIC ASSOCIATION SONG OF THE YEAR

Brian Ferriman, personal manager for Cimarron Sounds recording artist R.W. Hampton, is pleased to announce that Hampton's composition, *For The Freedom*, was named Song of the Year at the 2006 Western Music Association Awards ceremony held on Friday, November 17 at the Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

For The Freedom appears on Hampton's current Cimarron Sounds CD, ***I BELIEVE***. It was written by the Miami, New Mexico resident to express his appreciation and admiration for those of our young people who choose to serve their country upon graduating from high school. The narrator of *For The Freedom* is a young serviceman from the Sangre De Cristo region, stationed in a far off country and in harm's way, sending a message back to his family at home. Well aware of his danger, he wants to express his love for his family because he knows he just might not get the chance to express those feelings in person ever again. The narrator's message also conveys his deep sense of responsibility to his country. His patriotism resounds through the song's powerful chorus:

Raise the stars and stripes every morning
Say a prayer for me each night
Remember, remember, please always remember
It's for the freedom we love that I fight
It's for the freedom we love that I fight

On one level, *For The Freedom* is a deeply personal song for Hampton: his oldest son, Cooper, is a Marine infantryman currently serving in Washington, DC undergoing advanced training prior to his next posting. All three boys in Cooper's seven-person high school graduating class joined the service - a rite of passage played out regularly these days in many small rural communities across western America.

Hampton can be counted among America's foremost Western entertainers. His wonderfully rich baritone voice has been captured on ten CDs to date, among them two inspirational projects - including ***I BELIEVE*** - and one Christmas collaboration. But Hampton is more than just a gifted cowboy singer: he has a multi-faceted career, one that has seen him perform in a dozen Western movies, co-write and star in the one-man play, *The Last Cowboy*, narrate several national radio and TV spots, serve as the subject of a number of national print advertising campaigns and emcee several significant Western awards events. All this on top of being recognized nine times by various Western associations for his singing and songwriting.

Cimarron Sounds congratulates R.W. on his recent WMA award and wishes him continued success with his career.

More can be learned about R.W. Hampton at his website, www.rwhampton.com or at his MySpace page, www.myspace.com/rwhampton. For mp3s, CDs, press kits, interviews, and further information about R.W. Hampton, Cimarron Sounds or ***I BELIEVE***, please contact Brian Ferriman at Cimarron Sounds by phone at (615) 369-0810 or via email: cimarronsounds@savannahmusic.net.