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R.W. HAMPTON NAMED AWA WESTERN MUSIC MALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR

Cimarron Sounds is pleased to announce that **R.W. HAMPTON** has been named 2006 Western Music Male Vocalist of the Year by the Academy of Western Artists. The presentation to Hampton took place at the 2006 AWA Will Rogers Awards ceremony held on Tuesday evening, September 26, at the Charles Eisemann Center in Richardson, Texas.

Accepting this latest recognition from his peers, Hampton stated, "I'm very appreciative of the folks who voted for me. To receive an award in the likeness of the great Will Rogers is always an honor." This year's award marks the fourth time Hampton has been so honored by the AWA in the Male Vocalist category.

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 his current CD, *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 eight times by various Western associations for his singing and songwriting.

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

More can be learned about R.W. Hampton at his website, www.rwhampton.com. For mp3s, CDs, press kits, interviews, and further information about R.W. Hampton, Cimarron Sounds or *I BELIEVE*, please contact:

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