

Donna Fargo

Donna Fargo established herself as an award-winning singer, songwriter, and performer with the first single release of a song she wrote called **"The Happiest Girl in the Whole U.S.A."** This song was also the lead song in her first album by the same name, which achieved platinum album status and earned her 3 Grammy nominations and a Grammy. Her second single release called **"Funny Face"** won Donna the title of the first woman in country music history to have back-to-back million-selling singles, both of which she wrote. Both songs reached beyond country and became pop hits also, and many hit singles and albums followed. Some of her credits include seven Academy of Country Music awards, five Billboard awards, four ASCAP awards, and two National Association of Recording Merchandisers awards for best-selling artist. She has also been honored by the Country Music Association, the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, and the Music Operators of America, and she was the first inductee into the North America Country Music Association's International Hall of Fame. In addition to the Robert J. Burton Award that she won for "Most Performed Song of the Year," her most coveted awards as a writer are her Million-Air Awards, presented to writers of songs that achieve the blockbuster status of one million or more performances. Together, Donna as the writer and her husband Stan Silver as the publisher, have six Million-Air Awards and thirty BMI Awards. Her performance on a show at Carnegie Hall interested the Osmond family enough to produce the syndicated television variety show, **The Donna Fargo Show**. The state of North Carolina honored Donna by naming a highway in her honor, followed by her induction into the North Carolina Music Hall of Fame. Her hometown of Mt. Airy further celebrated her legacy with a commissioned mural now proudly displayed in the downtown district.

Prior to achieving superstardom and becoming one of the most prolific songwriters in Nashville, Donna was a high school English teacher and head of the English Department in a progressive school in southern California. It is her love of the English language and her desire to communicate sincere and honest emotions that compelled Donna to try her hand at writing something other than song lyrics and melodies. Donna's inspirational books include **Trust In Yourself, To The Love Of My Life, I Prayed For You Today, 10 Golden Rules For Living In This Crazy, Mixed-Up World, I Thanked God For You Today, My Prayer For You, My Prayer For You, My Friend**, and now ... **Everything Is Possible With God..** Her writings also appear on Blue Mountain Arts greeting cards, calendars, and other gift items.

While Donna enjoys all types of writing, it's the music that makes her heart dance. Her latest single, **"Small Town Hillbilly Good-Time Saturday Night,"** celebrates the spirit of small-town America with the warmth, joy, and optimism that have become Donna's trademark. The release follows her **LIVE!!!** album, capturing the depth and authenticity of her enduring artistry. Building on the success of her 2022 EP, **All Because of You**, Donna also debuted her first novel, **Heartaches & Mind Storms**, expanding her creative storytelling beyond music. Adding to this milestone season, an exhibit in her honor opened at the Legends of Country Music Museum and her songwriting journey was featured in a Country Music Hall of Fame's Songwriter Session.

While deeply grateful for the honors and recognition she has received, Donna Fargo has never been one to live in the past. Her creative spirit continues to flourish, inspiring some of the most meaningful and exciting work of her remarkable career. With new music, new projects, and fresh inspiration, the future is filled with anticipation—because the best is truly yet to come.

Donna Fargo is **Distinctively Donna**—one of a kind.

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