

Nebraska Association of Fair Managers (NAFM)

2019 ASSOCIATE OF THE YEAR

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THE ASSOCIATE OF THE YEAR AWARD IS A BIT MIS-LEADING BECAUSE IT IS NOT AN AWARD WE GIVE OUT ANNUALLY. WHILE THIS PLACE IS FILLED WITH MANY GREAT ASSOCIATE BUSINESSES, IT IS TIME AND COMMITMENT TO AIDING THE FAIRS OF NEBRASKA AND THE NAFM THAT ELEVATE AN ASSOCIATE TO BE HONORED WITH THIS AWARD TO WHAT IS ESSENTIALLY OUR HALL OF FAME.

THAT CAN BE VIA CONSISTENT SPONSORSHIP OF OUR CONVENTION OR IT CAN BE THROUGH A COMMITMENT OF TIME USING THE ASSOCIATE'S SKILLS AND THE DONATION OF THOSE TALENTS TO BETTER OUR CONVENTION. MOST ARE ALSO GREAT MENTORS TO NEWER ASSOCIATES AND CONSIDERED LEADERS OF OUR MEMBERSHIP.

WE BELIEVE OUR ASSOCIATE OF THE YEAR DOES NOT KNOW THEY ARE ABOUT TO BE RECOGNIZED WITH THIS AWARD, BUT WILL PROBABLY FIGURE THIS OUT IN THE FIRST FOUR WORDS.

BORN IN VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, OUR ASSOCIATE SUMMERED WITH FAMILY IN NEBRASKA UNTIL ABOUT THE AGE OF 7 WHEN THE FAMILY MOVED HERE PERMANENTLY. A GRADUATE OF ORD HIGH SCHOOL, OUR ASSOCIATE EARNED A DEGREE AT KEARNEY STATE COLLEGE AND AFTER GRADUATION SPENT TWO YEARS TEACHING K-12 VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC IN ELWOOD.

WHILE OUR ASSOCIATE SPENT THE NEXT 17 YEARS AS A MARKETING AND SALES EXECUTIVE FOR VARIOUS RADIO STATIONS ACROSS CENTRAL NEBRASKA, THIS WHOLE TIME OUR ASSOCIATE CONTINUED HER PASSION FOR MUSIC BY LEADING AND PERFORMING IN SEVERAL POPULAR LOCAL AND REGIONAL BANDS.

BY 1990, OUR ASSOCIATE OF THE YEAR HAD FORMED HER OWN PRODUCTION COMPANY AND IN 1993 LAUNCHED A NEW CONCEPT FOR A TALENT SHOW TO FIND AND FEATURE THE TALENT THAT YOU CAN FIND ACROSS NEBRASKA. REMEMBER, WHILE TALENT SHOWS HAVE BEEN AROUND FOREVER, THIS WAS LONG BEFORE THE DAYS OF AMERICAN IDOL, THE VOICE AND OTHERS. USING LOCAL CIVIC CLUBS AS SPONSORS INITIALLY, THE HOST OF THE GALAXY OF STARS TALENT SHOWS BECAME COUNTY FAIRS WHERE OUR ASSOCIATE OF THE YEAR PROMOTED, PRODUCED AND HOSTED THESE TALENT SHOWS AND TRAINED OTHERS IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES ON HOW TO DO IT. SINCE 2005 EACH YEAR THE STATE SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS ROUNDS HAVE AND CONTINUE TO BE HELD AT THE NEBRASKA STATE FAIR.

IN 2006, OUR ASSOCIATE MOVED TO NASHVILLE TO PURSUE HER MUSICAL CAREER BUT IN A BROAD AREA RANGING FROM ARTIST DEVELOPMENT, MANAGEMENT, SONGWRITING, RECORDING, PROMOTION, EVENT AND SHOWCASE PLANNER AND JUST ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE SHE DREAMS UP.

FINALLY, SINCE 2013 SHE HAS VOLUNTEERED COUNTLESS HOURS ON COORDINATION, SCHEDULING, PRODUCING AND HOSTING OUR NAFM SHOWCASE. WORKING WITH OUR PARTNERS AT SURE SOUND AND LIGHTING, OUR ASSOCIATE OF THE YEAR HAS RAISED THE QUALITY OF THE PRODUCTION VALUE OF OUR SHOWCASE AND TRUST ME THERE IS MORE TO COME.

WHETHER BORN IN CANADA OR LIVING IN TENNESSEE, THERE IS NO DOUBT OUR ASSOCIATE OF THE YEAR'S HEART REMAINS HERE IN NEBRASKA.

OUR 2019 NAFM ASSOCIATE OF THE YEAR IS WYNNE ADAMS OF GALAXY OF STARS AND WYNNE PRODUCTIONS, INC.\*

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