



SPARTA, TENNESSEE BLUEGRASS HALL OF FAME



2009 INDUCTEE

BENNY MARTIN



In honor of his distinguished career in bluegrass music, including accomplishments and contributions to the heritage of bluegrass music which have brought honor and recognition both to himself and to the City of Sparta, Tennessee

MAY 23, 2009

Influenced some of the greatest fiddlers known today with his distinctive “double-stop” style

Professional bluegrass career spanned over five decades

Performed with nearly every pioneer of bluegrass music, including Flatt & Scruggs, Bill Monroe, Don Reno, The Stanley Brothers and Jimmy Martin, as well as country stars such as Roy Acuff

Star of the Grand Ole Opry

Inventor of the 8 string fiddle

Credited with coining the phrase “Music City U.S.A.” for which Nashville, TN is known worldwide

2005 inductee into the International Bluegrass Music Association’s Hall of Fame

