

10 THINGS YOU CAN SEE AT THE GRAND OLE OPRY THAT YOU CAN'T SEE ANYWHERE ELSE



**NEW STARS, SUPERSTARS, AND LEGENDS
OF A MUSICAL GENRE ON ONE STAGE**



ALL THE MUSIC UNDER THE COUNTRY UMBRELLA IN ONE SHOW

If the Opry was an iPod, you'd see everything on its "shuffle" playlist from Carrie Underwood to Ricky Skaggs to Loretta Lynn.



A RITE OF PASSAGE LIKE NO OTHER

Darius Rucker on being invited to play the Opry: "Are you kidding me? I've been waiting for that my whole life."



"A BACKSTAGE LOOK"

On most days of the year (and even immediately after most shows), the Opry House is open for backstage tours featuring a look at — among other notable spots — some of the venue's 18 uniquely-themed dressing rooms.



ONE-OF-A-KIND LIVE RADIO

The Opry isn't just a show, it's the world's longest-running radio show.



QUITE A CONNECTION

The Opry offers many in the audience close-up views or photos of their favorite artists and sometimes the opportunity to chat with artists during musical breaks.



COUNTRY MUSIC ROYALTY

More than 15 members of the show's current cast have also been enshrined in the Country Music Hall of Fame.



THE CIRCLE

A six-foot circle of wood sits center stage at the Grand Ole Opry House, removed from the Ryman Auditorium when the show moved from the historic Ryman in 1974. "You think about people like Hank Williams, who stood on that spot of wood, and Mr. Acuff, and, of course, George Jones," says Opry member Alan Jackson. And just about anybody you can think of who has made country music has been on that stage. That's what makes you so nervous – to think about the historical part of the Opry and how it's played such a part in country music."



COUNTRY MUSIC'S BIGGEST FANS SITTING BESIDE YOU

As Opry member Brad Paisley says, "Pilgrims travel to Jerusalem to see the Holy Land and the foundations of their faith. People go to Washington to see the workings of our government, and the foundations of our country. And fans flock to Nashville to see the Grand Ole Opry. It's been the living, breathing heart of our music for 85 years."



OPRY MOMENTS

With no less than eight feature acts and no less than 50 musicians on any one show, the possibilities for artists joining forces on a song – either planned or spontaneous – are endless.