

## CBA Hall of Fame Application Form : Entry # 3151

### Name of Nominee

Rick Jackson

### Media Nominee Worked In:

Radio

### Total No. of Years Worked in Colorado Broadcasting

52

### Status:

Living

### Nominee's Contact Information

#### Nominee's Email

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#### Nominee's Address

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### Nominee Information

#### Nomination Type

Nominator

#### Nominator Name

Gina Whitt

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### Nominee Details

#### Nominee's Work History

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<b>Company/Call Letters</b>	<b>Position Held</b>	<b>Year Started</b>	<b>Year Ended</b>
KBRN/Brighton, CO	On-air	1974	1975
KERE/Denver, CO	On-air afternoon drive	1975	1978
KLDR/Denver, CO	On-air sports	1978	1979
KYGO-FM/AM Denver, CO	On-air morning drive; music director; program director	1979	1992
Rick Jackson's Country Classics KYGO-FM/AM Denver, CO	Syndicated nationwide program	1984	present

### Description of Merit

#### Contributions to Profession:

NAB Futures Committee (2 years)  
North Carolina Broadcast Association Member/President (15 years/2 years)  
Charlotte Broadcast Association Member/President (12 years/2 years)  
San Diego Broadcast Association Member/ President (6 years/2 years)

#### Broadcast Career Highlights:

Since 1984, owner/writer/producer/talent of nationally syndicated, weekend program, "Rick Jackson's Country Classics," first broadcast on KYGO in Denver, the NAB Marconi award winner for "Legendary Station" in 2024.  
First morning personality on KYGO FM, Denver, (1980 -1989).  
Appointed General of WBT AM/FM, 1992. It was rare to move from programming to the GM chair back then and the most significant development in his career.  
Working for Jefferson Pilot Communications Company (later Lincoln Financial Communications Company) whose high standards and strong resources provided outstanding support for employees, customers and clients alike.  
On the radio in Denver for 52 consecutive years, the last 46, on KYGO AM/FM/HD2.

#### Broadcast Recognition & Awards:

Denver Post reader poll, "Best Radio Personality in Denver", 1986.  
Radion Ink Magazine award, "Best Large Market General Manager", WBT AM/FM & WLNK FM, Charlotte, NC, 2003.  
NAB Marconi award, "Best Large Market Radio Station", GM/KSON, San Diego CA, 2012.  
Country Radio Seminar/CRS induction to "Country Radio Hall of Fame", 2026

#### Local, State, or National Broadcast Activities:

NAB Futures Committee, 1998.  
NCAB Board, 1993 - 2009, President, 2002-2004.  
Charlotte Area Broadcast Association Board 1993 - 2005, President 2000-2002.  
San Diego Broadcast Association 2010 - 2015, President 2012-2014.

#### Community Service:

Charlotte Rotary Club board, Paul Harris award and board member 1996 - 2009.  
Charlotte Piedmont BBB board member 1998 - 2009, President, 2002-2004,  
Charlotte Assistance league board 2000 - 2009, President, 2006-2008.  
Denver Juvenile Diabetes Foundation fund raising broadcasts generating over \$25,000 during marathon broadcasts of Rick Jackson's morning show in 1991 and 1992.

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### Reason Nominee Should Be Chosen:

Rick is a Denver native and grew up listening to KIMN and KHOW radio in the 60's and 70's when great personalities like Pogo Pogue, Danny Davis, Steve Kelly and Hal Moore and Charlie Martin ruled the airwaves of the Mile High City. Along with Bob Call, Rick was an inaugural member of the KYGO staff in 1980, hosting the morning show for more than a decade and eventually ascending to the positions of music director and program director. In 1984, Rick began hosting a classic country weekend show for KYGO that quickly became the highest rated weekend show in Denver and garnered interest from stations in other markets. In 1986, "Rick Jackson's Country Hall of Fame" national syndication was launched, (later, "Rick Jackson's Country Classics"), with KYGO serving as flagship station and eventually airing on over 160 stations across the country. With the remarkable success of his career, both on the air and in management Rick has become an effective ambassador for Colorado broadcasters. Already a "Country Radio Hall of Fame" inductee, Rick is honored to be considered for, "The Colorado Broadcasters Hall of Fame".

### Supporting & Additional Material Uploads

#### Recommendation Letters

- [Andy-Denemark-letter-of-recommendation.pdf](#)
- [Don-Rittel-letter-of-recommendation.pdf](#)

### Notes



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