

Patty Loveless Biography

Grammy Award-winning music star Patty Loveless is known as one of the world's greatest country singers. The Tennessee-born singer grew up in a small town and climbed her way to the top, recording 14 albums with 40 singles on the *Billboard* Hot Country Songs charts and securing her place in history as a member of the Grand Ole Opry.



Patty discovered her passion for performing by watching her older sister, Dottie, perform at local venues. At age 11 she started strumming a guitar, at 14 she started touring with her older brother and during weekend summers in high school, she began traveling with Dolly Parton. Since the release of her first self-titled album in 1987, Patty has consistently rewarded her fans with new and creative music in her blend of honky-tonk and county rock style.

Patty has achieved many respected accolades including CMA's Top Female Vocalist (1996 and 1997); AMA's Favorite New Country Artist (1989); and CMA's Album of the Year (1995). She was inducted into the Grand Ole Opry in 1988 and Georgia's Music Hall of Fame in 2005. Her latest album, *Mountain Soul II*, was released on September 29, 2009.

Patty knows she owes her success, in part, to her loving family. That's why she is teaming up with Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc. on the DRIVE4COPD campaign, aiming to raise awareness about chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), a serious and debilitating lung disease that took the life of her sister.

Patty's sister Dottie died at the young age of 48 after a difficult battle with emphysema, a form of COPD. So now, Patty is lending her voice to the DRIVE4COPD campaign, a multi-year public health initiative designed to focus national attention on this common disease and screen the millions of people who may be at risk for it.

More information on Patty's role in the DRIVE4COPD campaign, including a free download of the campaign song she wrote, can be found at DRIVE4COPD.com.