



SPARTA, TENNESSEE BLUEGRASS HALL OF FAME

2009 INDUCTEE

BLAKE WILLIAMS

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

Worked for two of the forefathers of bluegrass music
(Lester Flatt & the Nashville Grass, 1979; and Bill Monroe & The Blue Grass Boys, 1981-1991)

Performed on the first bluegrass album to win a Grammy Award
(Southern Flavor: Bill Monroe & The Blue Grass Boys, 1989)

Performed for presidents Ronald Reagan and George Bush, Sr.

Performed at the Grand Ole Opry for 21 consecutive years

Performed at Carnegie Hall and the Kennedy Center

Featured in "Masters of the 5-String Banjo," written by Tony Trishka & Pete Wernick, 1988

A faithful promoter of bluegrass music and his hometown of Sparta, Tennessee, while performing as a founding member of the Williams & Clark Expedition bluegrass band

