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**BARBARA MANDRELL TRIBUTE ALBUM OUT ON
OCTOBER 17!!!!!!**

***She Was Country When Country Wasn't Cool: A Tribute To Barbara Mandrell to
Release October 17 on BNA Records***

NASHVILLE, TENN. – October 12, 2006 – When Barbara Mandrell took the stage for her final musical performance on October 23, 1997, she probably didn't realize that less than a decade later, some of the artists she influenced would come together for a tribute in her honor. But that's exactly what is happening, and the result will be a collection of songs from one of the most significant performers of the 1970s, '80s and '90s. *She Was Country When Country Wasn't Cool: A Tribute To Barbara Mandrell* will be released October 17 on BNA Records.

Performing the album's title track, and Barbara's signature hit, are country superstars ***Kenny Chesney*** and ***Reba McEntire***. As a friend and influential force in her own career, it was McEntire who welcomed Mandrell to the stage at last year's ACM 40th Anniversary Celebration, where she was recognized as having accomplished the rare feat of winning the career progression of awards that, in Barbara's case, found her named Top New Female, Top Female and ultimately Entertainer Of The Year. Known as the Triple Crown Award, Chesney, following suit in the male categories, is also one of the six artists who have achieved that honor.

Some of the other tracks include Country Music Hall of Fame member and ***Alabama front man Randy Owen*** performing her 1980 Number One hit, "Years." ACM Top Female Vocalist ***Sara Evans*** performs the 1980 Top Five hit, "Crackers," while multi-platinum, hit maker ***Brad Paisley*** sings the 1983 Top Five single, "In Times Like These." Grand Ole Opry Member ***Lorrie Morgan*** recreates the Bicentennial year hit, "That's What Friends Are For."

Grammy winners ***Willie Nelson and Shelby Lynne*** share vocals on the 1974 classic, "This Time I Almost Made It," ***Dierks Bentley*** performs the 1986 Top Five song, "Fast Lanes and Country Roads," and ***Terri Clark*** sings the 1978 multi-week Number One single, "Sleeping Single In A Double Bed." Other artists on the album include ***LeAnn Rimes, Blaine Larsen, CeCe Winans, Gretchen Wilson***.

On the album Barbara said, "The moment Clint Higham and Joe Galante told me about this album, with artists that I respect, admire, and adore so much recording my songs, I was instantly filled with overwhelming emotion, gratitude and excitement. The loving kindness of these friends gave me such an emotional high, and I'm still there. I don't know if I'll ever come down." Renee Bell, SONY BMG Nashville A&R Senior Vice President said, "This is an exciting and diverse line-up of stars that have gathered to add their own distinctive sound and style to these memorable hits from Barbara's incredible career."

Among her many accolades, Barbara was the first artist to win the CMA Entertainer Of The Year for two consecutive years and has won multiple awards from the CMA, ACM, American Music Awards, Grammys, People's Choice Awards and a Dove Award. Her variety show, Barbara Mandrell and the Mandrell Sisters, on NBC drew millions of viewers weekly, and she has starred in numerous television shows, including her farewell performance at Nashville's Opry House, a sell-out concert titled "Barbara Mandrell and The Do-Rites: The Last Dance."

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I Was Country When Country Wasn't Cool-Reba McEntire & Kenny Chesney

Sleeping Single In A Double Bed-Terri Clark

If Loving You Is Wrong, I Don't Wanna Be Right-LeAnn Rimes

In Times Like These-Brad Paisley

The Midnight Oil-Gretchen Wilson

Crackers-Sara Evans

This Time I Almost Made It-Willie Nelson & Shelby Lynne

I Wish That I Could Fall In Love Today-Blaine Larsen

That's What Friends Are For-Lorrie Morgan

Fast Lanes And Country Roads-Dierks Bentley

Years- Randy Owen

He Set My Life To Music-CeCe Winans

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