



# MISSOURI MUSIC HALL OF FAME ELECTED 2012

## BRITT SMALL

BRITT SMALL'S CAREER BEGAN WHEN HE WAS 14-YEARS OLD, AND AFTER SERVING AS AN ARMY PARATROOPER IN VIETNAM, HE RETURNED TO ATTEND NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY. IN 1973, HE FORMED THE BAND "FESTIVAL" WITH SOME OF HIS MUSIC FRATERNITY BROTHERS AND THEY HIT THE ROAD. OVER THE NEXT 28 YEARS "BRITT SMALL & FESTIVAL" RELEASED 18 ALBUMS, AND SEVERAL MUSIC VIDEOS. THE 12-PIECE BAND TRAVELLED OVER TWO MILLION MILES FROM COAST TO COAST AND BORDER TO BORDER IN THEIR 1954 GREYHOUND SCENICRUISER BUS. BRITT HAS BEEN CALLED "THE MUSICAL VOICE OF AMERICA'S VETERANS" AND HAS MADE IT HIS LIFE'S WORK TO SPREAD AWARENESS OF THE VETERANS' PLIGHT AND TO RAISE AMERICAN SPIRITS THROUGH SONG. "BRITT SMALL & FESTIVAL" PERFORMED AT THE DEDICATIONS OF THE VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL IN WASHINGTON, D.C., THE THREE FIGHTING MEN STATUE, THE VIETNAM WOMEN'S MEMORIAL, AND THE KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL. FOR THESE EFFORTS, BRITT HAS RECEIVED A PROCLAMATION FROM THE US CONGRESS, AND SEVERAL STATE PROCLAMATIONS, INCLUDING THE STATE OF MISSOURI. AS A PART OF HIS CONTINUED DEDICATION TO THE USE OF MUSIC AS AN ARTISTIC AND EDUCATIONAL EXPRESSION, BRITT HAS CONTINUED TO PERFORM AT SCHOOLS, V A HOSPITALS, AND CARE CENTERS.

BRITT SMALL IS INDUCTED INTO THE MISSOURI MUSIC HALL OF FAME AS PART OF THE CLASS OF 2012 ON SEPTEMBER 1ST AT PHIL WELCH STADIUM, ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI.