

**Nationally Known artists** – Those who achieved notoriety as performers

**Pioneer Artists** – Those who recorded or performed before 1950

**Gospel** – Those best known in and around the greater Blue Ridge Mountain region in the gospel field.

**Recordings Industry** – Recording engineers, producers and recording company personnel

**Sidemen and Regional Musicians** – Musicians best known for work with better known band leaders or as members of bands and significant artists of less than national notoriety.