

# City of Bristol Tennessee

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## **Randy Travis in Concert during Country Music Month** **at Bristol's Viking Hall**

Come out and hear the artist who has record sales of over 25 million, 22 number one hits, 6 Grammy awards, 6 Country Music Association awards and 7 Dove Awards...Randy Travis is a rare and lucky man who's been able to make his dreams come true. On Saturday, October 1, 2011 Randy will be in concert at Viking Hall Civic Center in Bristol Tennessee for one show only.

Darlene Cole, Venues Manager for the city stated, "Who do you think of when your heart is breaking and you hear the words, I told you so? Like most of us, you think of only one song, Randy Travis' hit titled, "I Told You So." Cole continued, "Words so simple, so poignant, yet so direct and cutting. That is what we have come to expect from the legendary Randy Travis and his music. With songs like, "If I Didn't Have You", telling of a person who would have been adrift in the cold world without the love of their life or the lyrics of another huge hit, "Forever and Ever, Amen" putting into words how sustaining true love can be and how it sometimes if we are lucky goes on forever."

Born in 1959 as Randy Traywick, he was the second of six children. At 16, Randy entered a talent show and from there his rocket ride to fame had been lassoed. Randy moved to Nashville and went to work at the famous nightspot known as the Nashville Palace where he cooked and washed dishes as well as sang on the stage.

While in Nashville, he had the opportunity to be turned down by nearly every record label, often more than once. Finally in 1985 he was signed to Warner Brothers Records where label executives changed his name to Randy Travis. He recorded his first single, "On the Other Hand" followed by the hit, "1982", and the rest is country music history. Randy opened for Conway Twitty at Viking Hall in the mid-eighties just as he was hitting his stride. Crowds went wild for this new young and good looking entertainer and showed their appreciation of his music and the simplicity of the lyrics by coming out in droves for not one but two sold-out shows in one day in the fall a year later.

This 6-time Grammy award winning artist is coming back to Bristol on Saturday, October 1, 2011 to help celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Viking Hall Civic Center. A special guest, Pam Tillis will be opening the show for Travis performing one of her greatest hits, "Maybe It Was Memphis". Tickets are on sale now in the Viking Hall Box Office located at 1100 Edgemont Ave. or tickets may be purchased on-line at [www.vikinghall.com](http://www.vikinghall.com). For more information, contact Viking Hall Box Office @ 423-764-0188.

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