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CMA Chief Executive Officer Tammy Genovese presents the CMA Media Achievement Award to Storme Warren, host of GAC's *Country Music Across America*, Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2007 on the red carpet, prior to "The 41st Annual CMA Awards" in Nashville. Photo courtesy of the CMA.

November 9, 2007 — Storme Warren, host and co-executive producer of GAC's *Country Music Across America*, received the 2007 CMA Media Achievement Award on the red carpet just before the 2007 CMA Awards Wednesday.

Storme was in the midst of producing *Country Music Across America*'s coverage of the star-studded event when CMA chief executive officer Tammy Genovese surprised him with the news that he was the recipient of the CMA Media Achievement Award.

"Shocked doesn't begin to express my emotions," he said. "I've always just felt lucky to have the opportunity to get close to the country music community. Now to be honored for doing something I absolutely love...yep, I'm stunned. Very blessed but stunned. CMA helped raise me in this business and they've been very patient parents."

The award recognized outstanding achievements in the media as they relate to country music. "Storme is very deserving of this honor," Tammy said. "He routinely goes above and beyond the call of duty and has built meaningful relationships with our artists and publicists. He has a personality that puts everyone at ease, but he is also a thought-provoking and prepared interviewer."

Growing up in Tulsa, Okla., Storme began his career in radio, answering request lines and pulling music for the disc jockeys at Tulsa radio station KELI in return for free albums and concert tickets. While at California State University Northridge, he worked as a freelancer for CNN and quickly worked his way up the ranks, becoming a segment producer for "Showbiz Today." He then moved to Nashville, where he worked with Jim Owens & Associates, producing country music programming for TNN, before partnering with GAC.

*Country Music Across America*, which premiered on GAC in 2003, delivers a weekly digest of artist profiles and country music news worldwide. The show is celebrating its 100th episode this month.

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