

2022 NEW TRIER ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT HONOREE

Justin Niebank

Class of 1974



Growing up in Glencoe Illinois, Justin Niebank began studying classical music while in grade school. He continued playing music throughout his time at New Trier East High School. After graduating from Ripon College in 1978, Niebank embarked on a career in popular music.

At first, Niebank was committed to being a performing artist but in time discovered the lifestyle was not to his liking. Luckily, after spending an enormous amount of time in recording studios, he found that the art of recording music was his true calling.

As a musician, recording engineer/producer and mixer, Niebank began making records in the mid 1980s. Splitting his time between Chicago, New York and London, he eventually landed in Nashville, Tennessee.

Since then, Niebank has had the good fortune of working with hundreds of artists that bridge multiple eras and genres: from Johnny Winter to Eric Clapton, Neal Diamond to Bob Seger, Sheryl Crow to Blues Traveler, George Jones to Dolly Parton, Bon Jovi to Steven Tyler, Blake Shelton to Keith Urban, and Vince Gill to Taylor Swift.

Along the way, Niebank has worked on over 200 number one records, has received three Grammys, two CMAs, and eight ACM awards. He also has been recognized with sixteen Music Row Awards (an acknowledgment for the most top ten records in a given year).

With his wife, Kathy, Niebank has for thirty years lived on their farm up a hollow in rural Franklin, Tennessee.

Justin is an avid conservationist and outdoorsman and is a major contributing member of several conservation organizations.

