

Mary Ann McCready

Mary Ann McCready grew up in Alliance, Ohio, the daughter of a mechanical engineer father and economist mother. She's lived in Nashville since graduating cum laude from Vanderbilt University. McCready entered the music industry as a publicity assistant at CBS Records Nashville, followed by multiple jobs and title changes within the company, eventually being named vice-president of sales and marketing, making her the first female to hold that title at a major record label.

Returning to school, she received her CFP certification from The College of Financial Planning in Denver. In 1989, she introduced Chuck Flood and Frank Bumstead to each other, which led to the founding of Flood, Bumstead, McCready & McCarthy, Inc. in 1990. As a founding owner of the financial and business management firm, she represents top names in the entertainment field. Among the firm's clients are winners of virtually every major award.

Well-respected and heavily lauded, McCready has been named to *Billboard* magazine's "Women In Music" list for the past six consecutive years and to their "Nashville Power Players" list in 2015 and 2016. In 2012 and 2015, she received the CMA's Standing Room Only (SRO) Award for Business Manager of the Year. Also in 2014, she was recognized at both the *Nashville Business Journal's* "Women of Influence" and "Women in Music City" events; and was named a SOURCE Award honoree. In 2014, 2015 and 2016 she was included on *The Hollywood Reporter's* "Top 25 Business Manager's Power List."

A tireless advocate for Nashville and the music industry, McCready was the first co-chair and is a current member of the Music City Music Council; is a trustee for the Country Music Hall of Fame and chairs the HOF's investment committee. Additionally, she is an audit committee member for MusicCares, a former treasurer for Leadership Music; a previous chairman of the Country Music Association's market development committee; a past board member of The National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences, the Better Business Bureau and Nashville Children's Theatre. McCready spearheaded the establishment of the CMA's Horizon Award as well as their Irving Waugh Award of Excellence and was the first female recipient of the CMA's Founding President's Award. In 2008, she was a guest at the Festival of Thinkers in Dubai.

She's also very involved with Abe's Garden, a nationally-recognized Alzheimer's Center of Excellence working to establish a national model of residential and day care programs for those suffering from Alzheimer's; a project very close to her heart. She is a passionate advocate for the W.O. Smith School of Music serving underprivileged children.

McCready remains a fierce champion and generous mentor for the continued growth and development of the music in "Music City" and believes Nashville is *the* world's epicenter of the music business.

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