

## Entertainers honor country music

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** — The legacy of country music is sacred, country music star **Marty Stuart** and radio host **Garrison Keillor** said at the groundbreaking for the new home of the Country Music Hall of Fame.



**STUART**  
country singer

“This is holy land,” Stuart said Thursday, clutching a guitar used by the legendary “Singing Brakeman” **Jimmie Rodgers**.

The ceremony at the construction site of the \$37 million dollar museum and library opened with music by a “guitar marching band,” and featured performances by **Randy Scruggs**, **Bryan White**, **Kathy Mattea** and **Vince Gill**. The 136,000-square-foot building is expected to open in 2001.

Keillor, who is helping raise money for the construction, led the audience in a standing ovation at the end of Gill’s performance.