# FAR & Away 2015

Boiled down to its essence, this is what I gleaned from 58 pages of reports than define ideosyncratic. As just one example, in the Female Artists category, no less than 45 women were nominated, only seven clearing the bar. JC

## **ALBUM OF THE YEAR**

1 Jason Isbell: Something More Than Free 2 James McMurtry: Complicated Game 3 JD McPherson: Let The Good Times Roll 4 The Honeycutters: Me Oh My 5 Chuck Hawthorne: Silver Line 6 Eilen Jewell: Sundown Over Ghost Town 7 John Moreland: High On Tulsa Heat 8 Ray Wylie Hubbard: The Ruffian's Misfortune 9 The Bellfuries: Workingman's Bellfuries

#### **DEBUT ALBUM**

1 Rodney Rice: Empty Pockets & A Troubled Mind 2 The Deslondes 3 Chris Stapleton: Traveller **4 Jason James** 5 Jeremy Pinnell: OH/KY 6 Sam Outlaw: Angeleno 7 Sam Gleaves: Ain't We Brothers 8 Chuck Hawthorne: Silver Line 9 Todd Grebe & Cold Country: Citizen **VARIOUS ARTISTS/TRIBUTE ALBUM** 

1 Brennen Leigh Sings Lefty Frizzell

2 Cold And Bitter Tears; The Songs Of Ted Hawkins 3 Still the King: Celebrating The Music Of Bob Wills & The Playboys 4 Six Pack To Go: Workin' Songs For The Drinking Class 5 Darrell Scott: 10; Songs Of Ben Bullington 6 Peter Cooper: Depot Light; Songs Of Eric Taylor 7 Link of Chain; The Songs Of Chris Smither

### **REISSUE/HISTORIC ALBUM**

1 Bob Dylan: The Cutting Edge 2 Joe West & The Sinners: Jamie Was A Boozer 3 Wes McGhee: Bead Mountain: Bad Roads & Borders 4 Son Volt: Trace 5 Bruce Springsteen: The Ties That Bind 6 Richard Dobson: Mankind Plus 7 Honky Tonk Song: The Don Law Story 1956-1962 **LIVE ALBUM** 1 Drive-By Truckers: It's Great To Be Alive! 2 Eilen Jewell: Live At The Narrows 3 VA: Another Day, Another Time; **Celebrating The Music Of Inside Llewyn Davis** 4 Dukes Of Dixieland: Live At 2015 New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival 5 Greg Trooper: Live At The Rock Room

6 Leonard Cohen: Can't Forget

#### **FEMALE ARTIST**

1 Eilen Iewell 2 Brennen Leigh **3 Amanda Pearcy 4 Kacey Musgraves 5 Beth McKee** 6 Sarah Gayle Meech 7Lindi Ortega **MALE ARTIST** 1 Jason Isbell 2 Chris Stapleton 3 Joe Ely 4 Ray Willie Hubbard **5 James McMurtry** 6 Chuck Hawthorne 7 JD McPherson 8 Rodney Rice 9 John Moreland **10 Rod Picott** GROUP 1 The Bottle Rockets 2 The Deslondes **3 The Black Lillies** 4 Dave Alvin & Phil Alvin **5** The Honeycutters **6** The Bellfuries **INSTRUMENTALIST** 1 Larry Campbell 2 Alison Brown **3 Danny Barnes 4 Lyle Brewer SONGWRITER 1 James McMurtry** 2 John Moreland 3 Ray Wylie Hubbard 4 Joe Elv **5 Rod Picott** 6 Eilen Jewell 7 Jason Isbell 8 Kevin Gordon 9 Amanda Pearcy 10 Amanda Ann Platt **BEST IN THE INDUSTRY** 1 Jenny Finlay (Jenny Finlay Promotions)

2 Devon Leger & Mindie Lind (Hearth Music) 3 Mike Sosin (Bloodshot Records) 4 Lindsay Reid (Thirty Tigers) **5 Bill Wence (Bill Wence Promotions)** 6 Joe Swank (Swank Promotions) 7 Al Moss (Al Moss Promotion)