

Wayne Horsburgh sings at the Hodag Country Festival. "It's one of the biggest festivals in the US and I was proud to appear there for my ninth time since 1989." So says Wayne Horsburgh, award-winning Australian country music entertainer, of the massive Hodag Music Festival in Rhinelander, Wisconsin.

The Hodag Festival - now in its 30th year - has provided a stage to some of American country music's greatest performers. In addition to Horsburgh, Tammy Wynette, Neal McCoy, Rhonda Vincent, Garth Brooks, and Brad Paisley all share the distinction of being listed as "Past Hodag Performers." And these days, each yearly event draws nearly 45,000 visitors to the small, northern Wisconsin town.

"It really is an incredible experience to sing to such a huge crowd and be on the bill with so many of the new country acts and legends."

The festival runs for four hot July days. This year, Horsburgh performed Saturday, sharing the bill with Rodney Atkins, Chris Young, Kellie Pickler, Gary Nichols and Neal McCoy. Other 2007 performers included Mickey Gilley, Trace Adkins and Montgomery Gentry.

"A lot of young people were intrigued and enjoyed the yodeling songs I did. It's something they just don't get to hear anymore these days and the reaction was really wonderful. They thought it was great ."

Continuing a winning pattern, Horsburgh returned to the Great Lakes Region on July 28, this time for filming a segment on MidWestCountry Theater in Sandstone, Minnesota. The performance will be broadcast to the 35 million North American viewers of RFD-TV.

And beginning September 13, Wayne Horsburgh will join the perennial favourite, The HorseCreek Band, during Silver Dollar City's season-long *Festival of American Music & Crafts (And Salute To the Great American Cowboy)*.

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