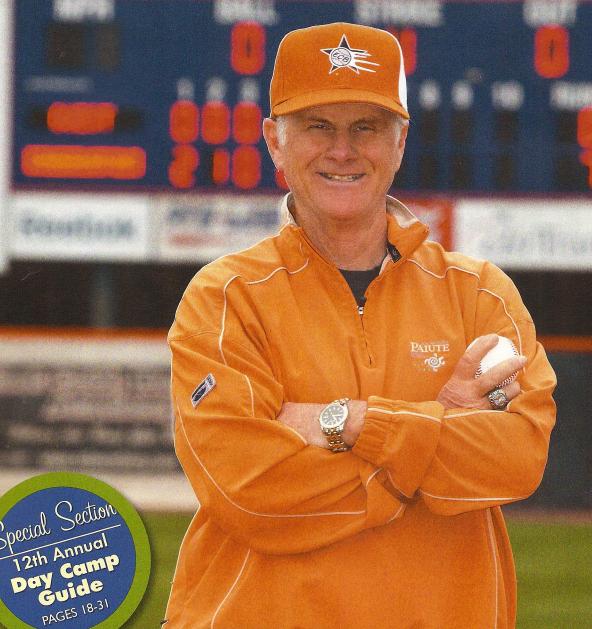
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## **East Cobber Nominated for Best Female Country Artist in Georgia**



▲ Angela Reign

Angela Reign is a little bit country and a little bit rock n' roll, and she couldn't be happier. Until two years ago, she was in management consulting earning a high income with childhood dreams of becoming a singer behind

Then at a party, she was asked to sing with Stan Roberts, ex-Nashville guitarist. Roberts was so impressed by her talents that he offered to come out of retirement to be

her guitarist. After discussions with her family, she decided to pursue her dreams as a singer and see how far it would take

And, boy, has it worked. Her first original single, cowritten with Roberts, was played on the Atlanta radio station 94.9 The Bull for six weeks because of listener votes. Angela formed a band and now performs regularly on the country circuit. Angela recently was nominated for Best Female Country Artist by the GA Music Awards. The awards will be presented in June.

"I didn't as much pick country as it picked me," she shares. "I did some early recording that ended up on country radio. I love country, but anyone who's seen me live knows we're as much a rock band as we are country. I am trying to find the intersection of the two, and our upcoming CD is a good example of this style."

Angela has performed more than 85 times at the top southeast music venues. She is a regular at The Strand Theatre, Hemingway's in Marietta, Jimmy Mac's, and Wild Bill's. In fact, her most popular song, "I Wanna Ride the Bull", has been turned into a line dance at Wild Bill's.

Family support has made the transition easier on Angela. Her husband, Mike, is business manager of the band. "He's as much a part of the band as anyone who plays an instrument, and we couldn't do this without him," adds Angela.

An East Cobb resident, she also sings the National Anthem at their son's 8th grade football games at Pope High School and is a cameo performer with their daughter's school choir at Tritt Elementary.

Angela grew up singing in choir and musical theater, but chose college instead of Broadway. She was a high school biology teacher before becoming a business consultant. When asked what advice she would give to others who would like to change course and pursue their dreams, she says that you can't be afraid to fail.

"Even with the success with which we've been blessed in so short of time, we've stumbled along the way," says Angela. "We keep listening to what the fans are telling us and we keep getting back on stage and entertaining crowds. No success comes without hard work and a willingness to hear 'no' a lot more than you hear 'yes.'"

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