

# Gilford's Eric Grant Band wins Band of the Year and more

It was a busy day for the members of the Eric Grant Band at the New Hampshire Country Music Association Annual Award Show at the Circle 9 Ranch in Epsom.

The Gilford based band took home top honors in the Vocal Group category and band leader Eric Grant was selected as the top Male Vocalist of the Year in the New Country category. However, the largest cheers rang out when the six bandmates heard the words "the Eric Grant Band" as NHCMA President Jimmy Wood called out the winner of the Band of the Year competition.

The NHCMA Awards are the culmination of an annual competition to determine the state's best performers in a variety of country music categories. Artists are asked to perform in front of a panel of judges who then score the competitors on a variety of factors including quality of performance, originality, stage presence and star quality.

As he accepted the Band of the Year award, Grant spoke on the band's behalf thanking everyone involved



Eric Grant (inset) displays the three trophies he and his bandmates won at the New Hampshire Country Music Association Annual Awards on September 12th. The Eric Grant Band members are (l. to r.) Paul DiBasso, Dan Haney, Sherry Grant, Carlos Flores, Eric Grant and John Littlefield.

in his organization including the team behind the scenes and the friends and families that make it the bands accomplishments possible.

Grant noted, "I especially need to take a moment to say a special thank you to my wife, Erica. Without her support and inspiration, this dream of mine wouldn't be happening."

As Band of the Year, EGB will compete in the North American Country Music

Association International Competition held in Pigeon Forge, Tenn., in March 2011. They also will be entering the Northeast Invitational Country Showdown on Oct. 9 and 10 in Bedford, Mass.

The band plans an early 2011 release of original material and will be entering the studio in November to

continue their work on the project.

The Eric Grant Band is comprised of lead vocalist Eric Grant of Gilford, his

sister lead vocalist Sherry Grant of Gilford, keyboard player Paul DiBasso of Winnisquam, lead guitarist Carlos Flores of Nashua, bass

player Dan Haney of Bristol and drummer John Littlefield of Alton. More information can be found at [www.ericgrantband.com](http://www.ericgrantband.com).

## Gilford Varsity Scoreboard

Team	Date	versus	Score	Winning team
Football	Oct. 2	Epping	44-42	Gilford
Boys soccer	Sept. 28 Oct. 2	Franklin Belmont	9-0 5-0	Gilford Gilford
Girls soccer	Sept. 28 Oct. 2	Bow Belmont	1-0 1-0	Bow Belmont
Field Hockey	Sept. 28 Oct. 2	Franklin Somersworth	3-0 4-2	Gilford Somersworth
Girls volleyball	Sept. 29 Oct. 1	Hanover John Stark	3-1 3-0	Gilford Gilford

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