

# AWARD OF APPRECIATION

**Arkansas State University Museum**  
hereby names

**Sonny Burgess**  
of Newport, Arkansas

**International Godfather  
of Rockabilly**

*Homegrown in Northeast Arkansas*

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*One of the original Rockabillys and progenitors of Rock and Roll*

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*Put the "raucous" in Rockabilly*

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*Inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame of Europe in 1999*

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*Inducted into the Rockabilly Hall of Fame in 2002*

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*Featured for 8 years on KASU's "We Wanna Boogie" Program*

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*Recipient of Honorary Doctorate of Music from Arkansas State University in 2011*

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*Has thrilled fans in Northeast Arkansas, US, and Europe for more than 60 years*

presented on the occasion of

**Arkansas State University Museum's**  
***Rockabilly Boogiefest***

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