

Born and raised in Shreveport, LA, Kix Brooks cut his teeth on a variety of regional musical styles ranging from Cajun to Blues to Jazz to Country.

Brooks, a natural performer, began playing in clubs and other venues while in high school. He also began writing songs around that same time. After stints in New Orleans and Maine, he eventually landed in Nashville, where he joined Tree Publishing Company. Shortly thereafter, Brooks began to make a name for himself as a songwriter, with cuts by such artists as Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, John Conlee and Highway 101.

In 1990, Brooks teamed with Ronnie Dunn to form Brooks & Dunn. In the last 16 years, Kix and Ronnie have sold more than 30 million records, while racking up 80 major industry awards and 23 #1 hits along the way. Brooks & Dunn have won more CMA and ACM awards than any other duo in history.

In referring to Brooks' new role as host of American Country Countdown, John McConnell, Senior Vice President of ABC Radio Networks states, "The thing about Kix – not only is he a consummate entertainer, he loves what he does – and he has done it as completely as anyone I've ever seen. He knows the music. He knows the songs. He knows the people. He knows the life. But especially, he knows the stories – and the artists and fans just seem to take him places they wouldn't most other people."

"The idea of getting to bring the listeners into our world, to give them insight into where the music comes from and what our lives are like out here," says Brooks, "it's a great way to bring people even closer to what we do every week – and I love that! And besides," he adds with grin, "I do love to hear myself talk." When not on the road or in the studio, Brooks also lends his time and talents to various boards, including Vanderbilt Children's Hospital and Monroe Harding Children's Home. He has also served both as President and Chairman of the Country Music Association Board of Directors.