

10th Annual BMI Award Dinner

NEW YORK—123 writers and 68 publishers of 88 award-winning songs were presented with their Certificates of Achievement in pop music for 1961 by Broadcast Music, Inc., at the annual BMI banquet held last Wednesday at the Hotel Pierre in New York. Winners from all across the country, including the usual strong contingent from Nashville, were in attendance. Although everyone looked quite elite in his formal attire early in the evening, a most delightful informal atmosphere showed up vividly when the orchestra played "The Twist." In short order, the Twist was the big dance of the night. Below the camera catches birds-eye view of some of the many celebrities at the affair.



1) BMI president Carl Haverlin delivering the overture. 2) Sydney M. Kaye, Chairman of BMI's Board of Directors. 3) Composer-vocalist Jerry Fuller with wife Thomas. 4) Mr. & Mrs. Marv Holtzman. 5) King Twister Syd Nathan and Henry Glover. 6) Rendering the decision is Judge Burton, alias Robert Burton, BMI V.P.



1) Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Beinstock. 2) Mr. & Mrs. Gene Goodman. 3) Cash Box' Bob Austin, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Denny, Mrs. Bob Austin and Hank Cochran. Seated: Happy Godday, Howie Richmond and Mr. & Mrs. Al Brackman. 4) Roy Orbison, Wesley Rose, Francis Williams, Felice Bryant, Boudleaux Bryant and John Loudermilk. 5) Chase Webster, Jim Denny, Francis Williams, Roy Orbison and John Loudermilk. 6) Florence and George Pincus.



1) Marty Ostrow of Cash Box with BMI's Francis Williams. 2) Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Wexler. 3) Noel Ball and Chase Webster. 4) Mrs. Wesley Rose and Roy Orbison. 5) Ben Zavin and Marvin Cane. 6) Mr. & Mrs. Morty Craft.



1) Twistin' Gerry Goffin with his wife Carole King. 2) Howie Greenfield and Neil Sedaka. 3) Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Keller. 4) Francis Williams and Bob Burton. 5) Syd Nathan and Rudy Toombs. 6) Mr. & Mrs. George Paxton and Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Cane.



1) Paul Anka's sister who accepted the award for Paul. 2) George Pincus, Barry Mann and his wife, Johnny Tillotson and his guest and Irwin Pincus. 3) Bob Burton, Gene Aberbach, Donnie Kirshner, Al Nevins, Mrs. & Mr. Lou Levy, and Julian Aberbach. 4) Sid Parnes and Marilyn Miller, Barbara Kroner and Mike Stewart. 5) Luther Dixon, Florence Goldberg and Marvin Schlachter. 6) Ivan Mogull and his guest.



1) Emil LaViola and his wife, Don Kirshner and his wife, Al Nevins, Artie Ripp and Lou Adler. 2) Mike Stewart and Bob Sauer. 3) Paul Case and Mr. & Mrs. "Doc" Pomus. 4) Alan Kallman and George Goldner. 5) Francis Williams and Bill Downer. 6) Jerry Lieber, Doc and Mrs. Pomus.