



## LANCE SMITH - BIO

Lance Smith was born in Huntsville, AL and grew up in the south but moved across the country with his family and eventually settled in Franklin, TN which is where he still calls home. One thing he discovered from his travels is that the world is a peculiar place and there are many different characters out there, all with stories to be told. This is where he finds his love for books, poetry and movies. However, acting wasn't always the plan for Lance.

Since the lion pipe dream Lance has been busy hosting CMT's highest rated television show, "Top 20 Countdown," as well as penning his debut children's book, *The Old Man and the Cat*.

The "bug", as they say, bit him in church. Close to the end of high school, Lance was asked to perform in The Passion Play. After the 20 plus performances to thousands of people, he decided the silver screen was where he needed to be.

Los Angeles was calling and with the support of friends and family he answered. In '99 Lance moved west as most aspiring actors do. L.A. was a quick training ground for what was soon to come. After working as an extra on most television sit-coms and various other programs he landed an audition that would take him away from Hollywood.

He spent the next six months touring the country with one of the largest musical acts around, The Dixie Chicks. Lance, along with Nathan Blackburn of MTV's Real World, set out every night, between acts, for over 90 shows to pump up a crowd of fifteen thousand or more. Little did he know this high energy show was preparing him for something that would take him back home to Nashville.

At the end of the tour, before he could return to life in Hollywood, Country Music Television, a division of MTV Networks, was holding a

nation wide search for on-air talent. His work on Los Angeles sets and his enthusiasm in front of young country fans had made him ready to become CMT's first VJ.

Now, seven years later, you can find Lance hosting a variety of shows on one of the fastest growing networks on television. Lance currently hosts CMT's highest rated show "Top 20 Countdown," and is a correspondent on "Insider." He also does CMT syndicated radio and is a children's author.

Lance's debut children's book, *The Old Man and the Cat*, will be released in October. 10% of all book profits will go to the Boys and Girls Club of America.

#### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

Author:

*The Old Man and the Cat* - October 2008

Producer:

1. "CMT Top 20 Countdown" (consulting producer) (9 episodes, 2007-2008)

- Episode dated 3 January 2008 (2008) TV episode (consulting producer)

- Best of 2007 (2007) TV episode (consulting producer)

- Episode dated 13 December 2007 (2007) TV episode (consulting producer)

- Episode dated 6 December 2007 (2007) TV episode (consulting producer)

- Episode dated 29 November 2007 (2007) TV episode (consulting producer)

(4 more)

Actor:

1. Delta Farce (2007) .... Sgt. Adams
2. Larry the Cable Guy: Health Inspector (2006) .... Drysdale

Self:

1. "CMT Insider" .... Himself – Correspondent / ... (27 episodes, 2005–2008)

– Episode dated 29 April 2008 (2008) TV episode .... Himself

– Episode dated 5 April 2008 (2008) TV episode ....  
Himself/Correspondent

– Episode dated 22 March 2008 (2008) TV episode .... Himself–  
Correspondent

– Episode dated 1 March 2008 (2008) TV episode ....  
Himself/Correspondent

– Episode dated 16 February 2008 (2008) TV episode .... Himself –  
Correspondent

(22 more)

2. CMT: 40 Sexiest Music Videos (2008) (TV) .... Himself

3. "CMT Top 20 Countdown" .... Himself – Host (9 episodes, 2007–2008)

– Episode dated 3 January 2008 (2008) TV episode .... Himself – Host

– Best of 2007 (2007) TV episode .... Himself – Host

– Episode dated 13 December 2007 (2007) TV episode .... Himself – Host

– Episode dated 6 December 2007 (2007) TV episode .... Himself – Host

– Episode dated 29 November 2007 (2007) TV episode .... Himself – Host

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4. CMT 100 Greatest Videos (2008) (TV) .... Himself

5. "CMT at Summerfest 2007" (2007) TV mini-series .... Himself/host

6. 2007 CMT Music Awards Red Carpet (2007) (TV) .... Himself – Host

7. "Karaoke-Dokey" .... Himself – Host (4 episodes, 2007)

- Tim and Faith (2007) TV episode .... Himself – Host
- Toby Keith (2007) TV episode .... Himself – Host
- Shania Twain (2007) TV episode .... Himself – Host
- Dolly Parton (2007) TV episode .... Himself – Host
- 8. CMT: The Greatest – 20 Sexiest Videos of 2006 (2006) (TV) .... Himself
- 9. CMA Red Carpet 2006 (2006) (TV) .... Himself – Host
- 10. "Toyota Presents: CMT at Summerfest" (2006) TV mini-series ....  
Himself – Host
- 11. CMT: The Greatest – Sexiest Southern Women (2006) (TV) .... Himself
- 12. CMA Red Carpet Live from NYC (2005) (TV) .... Himself – Host
- 13. Academy of Country Music Pre-Show (2004) (TV) .... Himself – Host
- 14. CMT Flame Worthy Video Music Awards Pre-Party (2004) (TV) ....  
Himself – Host
- 15. CMT Who Wouldn't Wanna Be Here Spring Break Special (2004) (TV)  
.... Host
- 16. CMA Awards Red Carpet Preview (2003) (TV) .... Himself – Host
- 17. CMA Awards Red Carpet Preview (2002) (TV) .... Himself – Host
- 18. CMT Flame Worthy Video Music Awards Pre-Party (2002) (TV) ....  
Himself – Host
- 19. "CMT Most Wanted Live" .... Himself – Co-host (1 episode, 2001)
- Episode dated 13 June 2001 (2001) TV episode .... Himself – Co-host