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**BROOKS & DUNN, JAMIE FOXX, JACK INGRAM, ALAN JACKSON,
JAMEY JOHNSON, MIRANDA LAMBERT, MONTGOMERY GENTRY,
JOHN RICH, LEANN RIMES, BLAKE SHELTON AND LEE ANN WOMACK
TO PERFORM AT THE
GEORGE STRAIT – ACM ARTIST OF THE DECADE,
AN ALL STAR CONCERT SPECIAL**

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**SPECIAL TO AIR WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2009
ON THE CBS TELEVISION NETWORK**

*Tickets Still Available for
Taping on Monday, April 6, 2009
At the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas*

ENCINO, CA (March 23, 2009) – The Academy of Country Music announced today that **Brooks & Dunn, Jamie Foxx, Jack Ingram, Alan Jackson, Jamey Johnson, Miranda Lambert, Montgomery Gentry, John Rich, LeAnn Rimes, Blake Shelton and Lee Ann Womack** will perform at the television taping of **GEORGE STRAIT – ACM ARTIST OF THE DECADE, AN ALL STAR CONCERT SPECIAL** from the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas on Monday, April 6th, 2009 to air Wednesday, May 27, 2009 at 8:00 PM ET/PT on the CBS Television Network. The show, which pays tribute to “The King of Country” George Strait and his legendary 25-year career, will be produced for television by dick clark productions. Tickets are available now for the live concert event.

These country music superstars will join the previously announced performers **Faith Hill, Toby Keith, Tim McGraw, Sugarland, Taylor Swift and Keith Urban.**

The event will tape the day after the 44th ANNUAL ACADEMY OF COUNTRY MUSIC AWARDS which are produced for television by dick clark productions and will be broadcast LIVE from the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas, Sunday, April 5, 2009 at 8:00 PM live ET/delayed PT on the CBS Television Network.

Only four other acts have received the Artist of the Decade honor, including **Marty Robbins** in 1969, **Loretta Lynn** in 1979, **Alabama** in 1988 and **Garth Brooks** in 1998. This marks the first time the Artist of the Decade honor will be presented as a separate television special.

Tickets are still available to the public for this event for \$200, \$150 and \$100 through Ticketmaster.com and for any questions please email info@acmcountry.com. Proceeds of all sales benefit ACM Lifting Lives.

About the Academy of Country Music Awards

The 44th ACADEMY OF COUNTRY MUSIC AWARDS is dedicated to honoring and showcasing the biggest names and emerging talent in the country music industry. The show is produced for television by dick clark productions and will be broadcast LIVE from the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas Sunday, April 5, 2009 at 8:00 PM live ET/delayed PT on the CBS Television Network. Orly Adelson and R.A. Clark are executive producers, Barry Adelman is producer and Bob Bardo is executive in charge of production.

GEORGE STRAIT – ACM ARTIST OF THE DECADE is produced for television by dick clark productions. Orly Adelson and R.A. Clark are the executive producers; Barry Adelman the producer and Bob Bardo the executive in charge of production. Glenn Weiss is directing the special.