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**LADY ANTEBELLUM, MILEY CYRUS, JAMEY JOHNSON,
REBA MCENTIRE, JOHN RICH AND LEE ANN WOMACK
TO PERFORM AT THE
44th ANNUAL ACADEMY OF COUNTRY MUSIC® AWARDS
COUNTRY MUSIC'S PARTY OF THE YEAR™**

**TELECAST TO AIR LIVE FROM MGM GRAND IN LAS VEGAS
SUNDAY, APRIL 5th AT 8:00 PM LIVE ET/ DELAYED PT ON CBS TELEVISION NETWORK**

ENCINO, CA (March 26, 2009) –The Academy of Country Music announced today that **Lady Antebellum, Miley Cyrus, Jamey Johnson, Reba McEntire, John Rich** and **Lee Ann Womack** are scheduled to perform as part of the **44th ANNUAL ACADEMY OF COUNTRY MUSIC AWARDS**, hosted by **Reba McEntire**. They join previously announced performers Toby Keith, Miranda Lambert, Tim McGraw, Heidi Newfield, Rascal Flatts, Sugarland and Taylor Swift. The ceremony, which honors country music's top talent as well as the industry's hottest emerging artists, is produced for television by dick clark productions and will be broadcast LIVE from MGM GRAND in Las Vegas on Sunday, April 5th, 2009 at 8:00 PM ET/PT on the CBS Television Network.

Lady Antebellum is nominated for an Academy of Country Music Award for Top Vocal Group. The group won Top New Vocal Duo or Group last year.

Multi-platinum singer, songwriter and actress **Miley Cyrus** makes her Academy of Country Music Awards debut. Cyrus' current hit "The Climb," from the *Hannah Montana: The Movie* soundtrack is currently climbing the Billboard charts.

Jamey Johnson is nominated for five Academy of Country Music Awards, including Top New Male Vocalist, Album of the Year, Single Record of the Year and as an artist and composer for Song of the Year for "In Color." He previously won an Academy of Country Music Award in 2006 for Song of the Year for "Give It Away," which was recorded by George Strait.

Reba McEntire will return to host the Academy of Country Music Awards for a record eleventh time. She is nominated for Vocal Event of the Year for "Cowgirls Don't Cry" with Brooks & Dunn. McEntire has won twelve Academy of Country Music Awards.

John Rich is nominated for an Academy of Country Music Award for Top Vocal Duo. Big & Rich has been nominated for fourteen Academy of Country Music Awards including Rich's five nominations as a producer and two nominations as a writer.

Lee Ann Womack is nominated for an Academy of Country Music Award for Top Female Vocalist. She is a five-time Academy of Country Music Awards winner. She has previously won Single Record of the Year, Song of the Year, Top New Female Vocalist and twice for Vocal Event of the Year.

For up to the moment news about the show, please visit www.twitter.com/ACMAwards.

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.

For more information on the **ACADEMY OF COUNTRY MUSIC** and the **ACADEMY OF COUNTRY MUSIC AWARDS**, please visit www.acmcountry.com.

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