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**JASON ALDEAN, DIERKS BENTLEY, BILLY RAY CYRUS,
JAMIE FOXX, JENNIFER LOVE HEWITT, JACK INGRAM, MARTINA MCBRIDE,
MATTHEW MCCONAUGHEY, MARISA MILLER, KELLIE PICKLER,
RASCAL FLATTS, DARIUS RUCKER AND BLAKE SHELTON
TO PRESENT 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

PERFORMERS

Trace Adkins
Lady Antebellum
Kenny Chesney
Miley Cyrus
Rascal Flatts
Jamey Johnson
Toby Keith
Miranda Lambert
Reba McEntire
Tim McGraw
Heidi Newfield
John Rich
George Strait
Sugarland
Taylor Swift
Carrie Underwood
Keith Urban
Lee Ann Womack

PRESENTERS

Jason Aldean
Dierks Bentley
Billy Ray Cyrus
Jamie Foxx
Jennifer Love Hewitt
Jack Ingram
Martina McBride
Matthew McConaughey
Marisa Miller
Kellie Pickler
Rascal Flatts
Darius Rucker
Blake Shelton

ENCINO, CA (April 2, 2009) –The Academy of Country Music announced today that ACM Award winner **Jason Aldean**, ACM Award Winner **Dierks Bentley**, actor and country artist **Billy Ray Cyrus**, Oscar and Golden Globe winner **Jamie Foxx**, actress **Jennifer Love Hewitt**, star of the CBS series “Ghost Whisperer,” ACM award winner **Jack Ingram**, actor **Matthew McConaughey**, star of the upcoming movie “Ghosts of Girlfriends Past,” five-time ACM Award winner **Martina McBride**, supermodel **Marisa Miller**, country artist **Kellie Pickler**, nine-time ACM Award winner **Rascal Flatts**, musician **Darius Rucker** and country artist **Blake Shelton** are scheduled to present at the **44th ANNUAL ACADEMY OF COUNTRY MUSIC AWARDS**. The ceremony, hosted by Reba McEntire, 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.

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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