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THE ACADEMY OF COUNTRY MUSIC PARTNERED
WITH WRANGLER NATIONAL FINALS RODEO
HELD DECEMBER 3-12, 2009
AT THE COX PAVILION IN LAS VEGAS

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***HEIDI NEWFIELD OPENED AND JOE NICHOLS CLOSED
THE ACADEMY OF COUNTRY MUSIC STAGE***

LAS VEGAS – December 15, 2009 – For the fourth consecutive year, the Academy of Country Music hosted the **Academy of Country Music Stage** at the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo (NFR) that was held in Las Vegas from Thursday, December 3rd through Saturday, December 12th. ACM winners along with new country artists took the Academy of Country Music Stage in the Cowboy Corral, a special area created by Las Vegas Events, to entertain NFR fans inside the Cox Pavilion before and after the events held at the Thomas & Mack Center. Performers included **Ash Bowers, Easton Corbin, Halfway to Hazard, LoCash Cowboys, Sean Patrick McGraw, David Nail, Heidi Newfield, Joe Nichols, Sunny Sweeney, and Josh Thompson.**

(Photo L-R: **MaryAnne Beaman**, Las Vegas Events, **Joe Nichols**, **Michelle Goble**, Academy of Country Music)

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