



**THE 43rd ANNUAL ACADEMY OF COUNTRY MUSIC® AWARDS
COUNTRY MUSIC'S PARTY OF THE YEAR™
TO BE HELD SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2008
AT MGM GRAND IN LAS VEGAS**

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SHOW TO BE TELECAST LIVE AT 8 PM ON THE CBS TELEVISION NETWORK

ENCINO, CA (December 3, 2007) – Today the Academy of Country Music is announcing that the **43rd ANNUAL ACADEMY OF COUNTRY MUSIC AWARDS** ceremony honoring country music's top talent as well as the industry's hottest emerging talent, will be broadcast **LIVE** from the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas Sunday, May 18, 2008 at 8:00 PM live ET/delayed PT on the CBS Television Network.

This is the first year the **ACADEMY OF COUNTRY MUSIC AWARDS** will take place on a Sunday, the third year the show will be based at MGM Grand and the sixth year the show will be held in Las Vegas.

“Las Vegas is an ideal place for the Academy to showcase country music's best and we couldn't be happier to have the show on a Sunday night,” said Bob Romeo, Executive Director of the Academy of Country Music. “We look forward to returning to the MGM Grand for the show and—as has become our tradition—we have multiple nights of country music scheduled on Fremont Street, a star-studded Motorcycle Ride and our world famous post awards concert, the All-Star Jam. It is truly Country's Night To Shine®.”

For event ticket information, room packages and availability at MGM Grand, call (800) 929-1111 or (702) 891-7777 or log onto www.mgmgrand.com.

About the Academy of Country Music

Founded in 1964, the **ACADEMY OF COUNTRY MUSIC** is an artist and industry-driven organization, that provides the financial resources to ensure the on-going philanthropic work of its Charitable Fund. The Academy of Country Music Charitable Fund promotes and supports music education and humanitarian programs that transform the human spirit. Through its charitable donations, the ACMCF works towards promoting Learning Through Music and Healing Through Music. The Academy is comprised of more than 4,500 professional members and more than 40,000 associate members and is headquartered in Encino, Calif.

About the Academy of Country Music Awards

The 43rd **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, May 18, 2008 at 8:00 PM live ET/delayed PT on the CBS Television Network. The show is executive produced by R.A. Clark, and produced by Barry Adelman. The executive in charge of production is Bob Bardo, and the executive in charge is Francis LaMaina.

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

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