

TRACE ADKINS, JASON ALDEAN AND DIERKS BENTLEY HEAT UP THE “2009 CMT MUSIC AWARDS”

Country Music’s Only Fan-Voted Awards Tuesday, June 16

NASHVILLE – May 11, 2009 – Trace Adkins, Jason Aldean and Dierks Bentley have been added to the star-studded performance line-up for the 2009 CMT MUSIC AWARDS, which will premiere LIVE on Tuesday, June 16 at 8:00 p.m., ET/PT on CMT and CMT.com. Previously announced performers include Toby Keith, Brad Paisley, Rascal Flatts, Sugarland, Taylor Swift, Keith Urban and British rockers Def Leppard.

Fan voting for the 2009 CMT MUSIC AWARDS began on April 13 and ends today on CMT.com, where fans will select the top nominees in each of the categories. On Tuesday, May 19 at 10:00 – 10:30 a.m., ET/PT, Kellie Pickler and CMT’s Lance Smith will announce the four finalists in each of the categories during the 2009 CMT Music Awards Nominee Special. Fans can then vote online at CMT.com through June 14 to determine the winners of the 2009 CMT MUSIC AWARDS. The final nominees for VIDEO OF THE YEAR will be announced at the beginning of the live show and fans can vote at CMT.com and via text on their Verizon Wireless phones throughout the live broadcast (ET/CT only) to determine the night’s big winner.

Visit CMT's press-only web site www.cmtmusicawardspress.com for more information about the 2009 CMT MUSIC AWARDS and media credentialing

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*EDITORS: The 2009 CMT MUSIC AWARDS will premiere LIVE on Tuesday, June 16 at 8:00 PM, Eastern and 7:00 PM, Central; and at 9:00 PM, Mountain and 8:00 PM, Pacific (tape delayed).

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