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JIMMIE ALLEN, BROTHERS OSBORNE, ERIC CHURCH, DAN + SHAY, MICKEY GUYTON FEATURING BRITTNEY SPENCER AND MADELINE EDWARDS, CARLY PEARCE AND ASHLEY McBRYDE, AND BLAKE SHELTON TO PERFORM AT 'THE 55TH ANNUAL CMA AWARDS'

Luke Bryan Hosts Country Music's Biggest Night™ LIVE from Nashville Wednesday, Nov. 10, at 8/7c on ABC

The <u>Country Music Association</u> has announced the first round of performers for "The 55th Annual CMA Awards." Featuring first-time nominees taking the CMA Awards stage, as well as reigning CMA Awards winners, this year's performances will include Jimmie Allen, Brothers Osborne, Eric Church, Dan + Shay, Mickey Guyton featuring Brittney Spencer and Madeline Edwards, Carly Pearce and Ashley McBryde, and Blake Shelton. Hosted by Country Music superstar and "American Idol" judge Luke Bryan, Country Music's Biggest Night™ broadcasts LIVE from Bridgestone Arena in Nashville WEDNESDAY, NOV. 10 (8:00-11:00 p.m. EST), on ABC.

CMA New Artist of the Year nominee and current "Dancing with the Stars" contestant Allen will perform his hit "Freedom Was A Highway." Three-time CMA Award-nominated group this year Brothers Osborne will deliver a deeply personal performance from their CMA Album of the Year-nominated "Skeletons." Reigning CMA Entertainer of the Year and five-time nominee this year including Entertainer of the Year again, Church will perform his song "Heart on Fire" from his CMA Album of the Year-nominated "Heart." Reigning and two-time consecutive CMA Vocal Duo of the Year Dan + Shay, nominated again in the same category this year, will perform their hit "I Should Probably Go To Bed."

CMA New Artist of the Year nominee Guyton will welcome rising artists Spencer and Edwards for a collaboration not to be missed from Guyton's debut album, "Remember Her Name." Two-time nominee this year Pearce and three-time nominee this year McBryde will perform their heart-wrenching duet "Never Wanted to Be That Girl." And 10-time CMA Awards winner Shelton will bring his "Come Back as a Country Boy" to the CMA Awards stage.

Additional performers and presenters for "The 55th Annual CMA Awards" will be revealed in the coming weeks. Stay tuned to CMAawards.com for more details.

Winners of "The 55th Annual CMA Awards" will be determined in a final round of voting by eligible voting CMA members. The third and final ballot is open now for CMA members, with voting for the CMA Awards final ballot closing **Wednesday**, **Oct. 27** (6:00 p.m. CDT).

The application for media opportunities with "The 55th Annual CMA Awards" is now available on <u>CMApress.com</u>. The deadline to apply is **Wednesday, Oct. 27** (5:00 p.m. CDT).

"The 55th Annual CMA Awards" is a production of the Country Music Association. **Robert Deaton** is the executive producer; **Alan Carter** is the director, and **David Wild** is the head writer.

About the CMA Awards

The first "CMA Awards Banquet and Show" was held in 1967. The following year, the CMA Awards was broadcast for the first time – making it the longest running, annual music awards program on network television. The CMA Awards have aired on ABC since 2006. ABC is the network home of the CMA Awards and CMA's other two television properties, "CMA Fest" and "CMA Country Christmas."



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