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**MUSIC ICON DOLLY PARTON & POP SUPERSTAR KATY PERRY
JOIN FORCES FOR A CAN'T-MISS PERFORMANCE AT THE
51ST ACADEMY OF COUNTRY MUSIC AWARDS®!**

**ACADEMY TO HONOR *DOLLY PARTON'S COAT OF MANY COLORS*
WITH THE TEX RITTER AWARD DURING THE TELECAST**

**BROADCAST LIVE FROM THE MGM GRAND GARDEN ARENA IN LAS VEGAS
SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2016 ON THE CBS TELEVISION NETWORK**

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Encino, CA (March 21, 2016) – Country Music's Party of the Year® just got bigger with music superstars **Dolly Parton** and **Katy Perry** added to the epic line-up of performers taking the stage at the **51ST ACADEMY OF COUNTRY MUSIC AWARDS!** This can't-miss duet will mark their first-ever live performance together. Additionally, 10-time ACM Award winner Parton will be honored with the **Tex Ritter Award** for her television movie, *Dolly Parton's Coat of Many Colors*. This award is given to a movie released and/or receiving major exposure during the preceding calendar year, featuring or utilizing country music.

The 51st Academy Of Country Music Awards, co-hosted by Luke Bryan and Dierks Bentley, is produced for television by dick clark productions and will be broadcast live from MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas, Sunday, April 3 at 8:00PM live ET/delayed PT on the CBS Television Network.

Dolly Parton's Coat of Many Colors aired on NBC in 2015, inspiring millions of viewers with its story of faith and family. Set in 1955 in the Great Smoky Mountains, the film showcases a poignant time in Parton's childhood, as her family struggles with loss, grapples with religion, and ultimately triumphs with the healing power of love. Alyvia Alyn Lind stars as the nine-year-old singer who was given a patchwork coat made by her mother, played by Jennifer Nettles. Ricky Schroder portrays Parton's father, along with Gerald McRaney as her grandfather. The movie was watched by more than 16 million viewers, making it one of the most-watched TV movies of all time. Past recipients of the Tex Ritter Award include *Beer For My Horses*, *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*, *Country Strong*, *Crazy Heart*, *O Brother, Where Art Thou*, *Sweet Dreams* and *Walk the Line*, among others.

Parton and Perry join previously announced performers, including **Jason Aldean, Kelsea Ballerini, Dierks Bentley, Luke Bryan, Cam, Kenny Chesney, Eric Church, Brett Eldredge, Sam Hunt, Tim McGraw, Thomas Rhett, Chris Stapleton, Carrie Underwood, Keith Urban, Chris Young** with **Cassadee Pope** and **Florida Georgia Line**. Additional acts and presenters will be announced in the coming weeks.

For more information on the ACM Awards and all ACM events, visit www.ACMcountry.com, like us on Facebook, or follow us on Twitter at @ACMAwards for more immediate updates.

About the Academy of Country Music Awards:

The 51st 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 broadcast LIVE from MGM Grand Garden Arena on Sunday, April 3, 2016 at 8:00 PM live ET/delayed PT on the CBS Television Network. Allen Shapiro, Mike Mahan, R.A. Clark, Barry Adelman and Mark Bracco are executive producers. Bob Romeo is executive producer for the Academy of Country Music.

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