

**SUPERSTAR COLLABORATIONS ANNOUNCED**

**FOR THE 53RD ACADEMY OF COUNTRY MUSIC AWARDS™**

**TOBY KEITH AND BLAKE SHELTON, ALAN JACKSON AND JON PARDI, AND**

**REBA MCENTIRE AND KELLY CLARKSON TO PERFORM**

 **“ACM FLASHBACKS” HONORING CLASSIC COUNTRY HITS FROM 1993**

**PLUS CAN’T-MISS PERFORMANCES BY**

**KANE BROWN WITH LAUREN ALAINA, AND KEITH URBAN WITH JULIA MICHAELS**

**DAN + SHAY, DARIUS RUCKER AND CHRIS YOUNG ADDED TO**

**PERFORMER LINEUP FOR COUNTRY MUSIC’S PARTY OF THE YEAR®**

**AWARDS TELECAST TO AIR LIVE FROM THE MGM GRAND GARDEN ARENA IN LAS VEGAS**

**ON SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2018 AT 8:00 PM ET/PT ON THE CBS TELEVISION NETWORK**

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*on April 15 at 8/7c on #CBS!*

Encino, CA (April 11, 2018) – The Academy of Country Music® revealed today an expanded lineup of superstar collaborations and must-see performances for the **53RD ACADEMY OF COUNTRY MUSIC AWARDS™**, Country Music’s Party of the Year®. The 53rd ACM Awards®, hosted by **Reba McEntire**, will broadcast LIVE from the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas on Sunday, April 15 (8:00-11:00 PM, live ET/delayed PT) on the CBS Television Network.

For the first time, the Academy of Country Music Awards will debut “ACM Flashbacks” to honor classic country music hits and/or the artists whose music continues to influence musicians and fans alike. With this new feature, the ACM Awards will celebrate hits from a specific year, or honor an individual artist and their accomplishments through unique collaborations and one-of-a-kind renditions of their iconic songs. This year, the awards telecast will honor three of country music’s hit songs from 1993 with **Toby Keith** and **Blake Shelton** performing Keith’s celebrated No.1 debut single “Should’ve Been a Cowboy,” **Alan Jackson** and **Jon Pardi** performing Jackson’s ACM Award-winning hit “Chattahoochee,” and **Reba McEntire** and **Kelly Clarkson** performing Reba’s GRAMMY® Award-winning hit “Does He Love You.”

Additional collaborations include **Kane Brown** and **Lauren Alaina** performing the multi-platinum, No. 1 hit “What Ifs,” **Keith Urban** and **Julia Michaels** performing Urban’s new single “Coming Home,” plus previously announced **Bebe Rexha** with **Florida Georgia Line** performing the chart-topping hit “Meant to Be.”

Also, **Dan + Shay**, **Darius Rucker** and **Chris Young** will join the lineup of previously announced solo performances by **Lauren Alaina**, **Jason Aldean**, **Kelsea Ballerini**, **Dierks Bentley**, **Luke Bryan**, **Kenny Chesney**, **Lady Antebellum**, **Miranda Lambert**, **Little Big Town, Midland**, **Maren Morris, Thomas Rhett**, **Blake Shelton, Carrie Underwood** and **Brett Young**. Previously announced presenters include **David Boreanaz**, **Drew Brees, AJ Buckley**, **Cam, Sam Elliot, Eve, Ashton Kutcher, Dustin Lynch, Nancy O’Dell**, **Rebecca Romijn, Max Thieriot** and **Lindsey Vonn**.

Tickets to the ACM Awards are now on sale at [www.axs.com](http://www.axs.com/). For more information on the ACM Awards and all ACM events including ACM Party for a Cause®, visit [www.ACMcountry.com](http://www.acmcountry.com/) and [www.PartyForaCause.com](http://www.partyforacause.com/). You can like Academy of Country Music on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/AcademyOfCountryMusic/) or follow on Twitter at [@ACMawards](https://twitter.com/ACMawards) and Instagram [@ACMAwards](https://www.instagram.com/acmawards/) for more immediate updates.

**About the Academy of Country Music Awards**

The 53rd 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 in Las Vegas on Sunday, April 15, 2018 at 8:00 PM live ET/PT on the CBS Television Network. Allen Shapiro, Mike Mahan, R.A. Clark, Barry Adelman and Mark Bracco are executive producers. Pete Fisher is executive producer for the Academy of Country Music.

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