



Tim McGraw Headlines Country Stampede

Julianne Hugh, Dierks Bentley, Blake Shelton, Kellie Pickler and Phil Vassar join McGraw at the 14th Annual County Music Festival.

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Country superstar **Tim McGraw** will be headlining this year's **Country Stampede**. The four-day country music festival is scheduled for **June 25-29, 2009 at Tuttle Creek State Park in Manhattan, KS.**

McGraw closed 2008 with unprecedented achievements as a musical entertainer, actor, author and entrepreneur. He appeared in the holiday film "Four Christmases," had a number one hit with "Let It Go" and released his first children's book "My Little Girl". McGraw has had 30 Number 1 singles and has sold 40 million albums worldwide.

Dierks Bentley, one of country music's most dynamic performers, recently released his new single "Feel That Fire" off the album of the same name. Bentley's success in the country music arena has been accentuated by his hits "Lot of Leavin' Left to Do," "Come a Little Closer," and "Settle For a Slowdown".

Blake Shelton made his debut in 2001, with the single "Austin". His charted singles include "The Baby," "Some Beach," and "Home". His current album "Startin' Fires" is in stores now.

Phil Vassar – the good-time, whirling devish-on-the-piano, hardest-working-man-in-country-music – has released his fourth album "Prayer of a Common Man". Already being acclaimed as his best disc ever, it features the hit "Love Is A Beautiful Thing," and adds several more layers of artistic expression to his deepening repertoire.

Kellie Pickler's self-titled album features her hits "Don't You Know You're Beautiful" and "Best Day Of Your Life". The American Idol contestant from 2005 took a top-six finish and spun it into a recording contract in Nashville and a successful recording career.

Julianne Hugh, two-time Dancing With the Stars champion, burst on the scene with her hit "That Song In My Head" and has followed it up with another hit in "My Hallelujah Song".

Other artists featured at this year's Country Stampede include Luke Bryan, Locash Cowboys, 38 Special, Aaron Watson, Zac Brown Band, Randy Rogers Band, James Otto, Sawyer Brown, Jonathan Singleton, Lane Turner, Wade Bowen, Jack Ingram, The Bellamy Brothers, The Lost Trailers, Sunny Sweeney, Colt Ford, and Gloriana.