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**COUNTRY MUSIC SUPERSTAR BILLY RAY CYRUS PERFORMS
AT GRAND CASINO HINCKLEY**

HINCKLEY, Minn. – The 2008 CMT Awards host and multi-platinum recording artist **Billy Ray Cyrus** will perform his famous country hits like “Achy, Breaky Heart,” “Ready, Set, Don’t Go,” and “Could’ve Been Me” at the Grand Casino Hinckley Events & Convention Center on Friday, September 25, at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$20, \$25 and \$30 and are on sale now. To purchase tickets, visit the Grand Casino Hinckley or Grand Casino Mille Lacs box offices, call Ticketmaster at 800/745-3000, contact any Ticketmaster outlet, or visit www.grandcasinomn.com.

About Billy Ray Cyrus

Billy Ray Cyrus broke through in 1992 with the 9x-platinum smash hit album *Some Gave All*, which featured the hits, “Achy, Breaky Heart” and “Could’ve Been Me.”

Since then, he went on to sell more than 25 million albums worldwide and earned nearly 30 chart singles, including 15 Top 40 charts hits.

At the same time, he established himself as a successful actor in film and television, first as the title character in the syndicated drama *Doc*, then alongside his daughter Miley in the hit Disney Channel series *Hannah Montana*. Cyrus’s 2007 album – *Home At Last* – entered in the Top 20 on the Billboard Top 200, hitting number three on the Top Country Album chart, while “Ready, Set, Don’t Go,” a duet with daughter Miley, became a Top 5 country smash.

That same year, Cyrus was featured on the popular ABC hit show *Dancing with the Stars*. He and dance partner Karina Smirnoff made it through several rounds before being eliminated and placing fifth overall.

This past spring, Cyrus and daughter Miley debuted in the popular film *Hannah Montana The Movie*, which earned its place as number one at the box office and made \$32 million on opening weekend.

Cyrus recently released *Back to Tennessee*, his newest CD for Walt Disney Records. The album features 12 new tracks, including “Butterfly, Fly Away,” a moving duet between Cyrus and his daughter Miley.

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2009 Summer Concert Series

The complete slate of summer concerts at Grand Casino Mille Lacs and Grand Casino Hinckley includes:

- July 11** **John Kay and Steppenwolf** set the stage for heavy metal. Steppenwolf is best known for “Born to be Wild,” “Sookie, Sookie,” and the majestic “Magic Carpet Ride.” They’ll rock out at the Grand Casino Events & Convention Center at 8 p.m. **This show is sold out.**
- July 18** Grammy award-winning country music singer **Gretchen Wilson** and special guest **Josh Turner** will perform at the Grand Casino Hinckley Amphitheater at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$40, \$50 and \$55 and are on sale now.
- July 24 and 25** Country music star **Charley Pride** will bring his legendary style to the Grand Casino Mille Lacs Events & Convention Center at 7:30 p.m. both nights. Tickets are \$28 and \$36 and are on sale now.
- August 21** Tickets are on sale now for one of rock music’s greatest legends – **George Thorogood & The Destroyers** – along with Minnesota’s own **Jonny Lange** at the Grand Casino Hinckley Amphitheater. These “Bad to the Bone” rockers will take the stage on Friday, August 21, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$35, \$40 and \$45.
- August 22 and 23** Country music star **Blake Shelton** and a special guest will perform at the Grand Casino Mille Lacs Events & Convention Center on Saturday, August 22, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, August 23, at 5:30 p.m. Enjoy country hits like “Austin,” “Home,” and “The More I Drink.” Tickets are \$38 and \$42 and are on sale now.
- September 11** Legendary entertainer **Regis Philbin**, who is known for his enthusiastic manner and his ad-libs, makes his Grand Casino Hinckley debut on Friday, September 11 at the Grand Casino Hinckley Events & Convention Center at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$30, \$40, and \$45 and are on sale now.

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September 18 and 19 **Dwight Yoakam**, who helped return country music to its roots in the 1980s with his hard driving, rule-breaking sound, will perform at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, September 18 and Saturday, September 19 at the Grand Casino Mille Lacs Events & Convention Center. Tickets are \$42 and \$37 and go on sale Thursday, July 16, at 10 a.m.

To see more concert acts as they are booked, visit www.grandcasinomn.com. To purchase tickets, visit the Grand Casino Mille Lacs or Grand Casino Hinckley box offices, call Ticketmaster at 800/745-3000, contact any Ticketmaster outlet, or visit www.grandcasinomn.com.

About Grand Casino Hinckley

Grand Casino Mille Lacs and Grand Casino Hinckley, which are owned by the Corporate Commission of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians, are two of Minnesota's premier entertainment facilities, offering gaming, accommodations, dining, conference and banquet facilities, and live entertainment.

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