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COUNTRY ARTIST JOSH TURNER TO PLAY AT THE 65TH ANNUAL CRAWFORD COUNTY FAIR, WITH SPECIAL GUEST PHIL VASSAR.

The 65th annual Crawford County Fair is proud to present nationally known country artist, Josh Turner, in concert on August 25th at 7:30pm with special guest Phil Vassar. The concert is being sponsored by the local Toyota Dealers – Palmiero Toyota, Meadville Allegheny Toyota, Franklin, & Dave Hallman’s Superior Toyota. The concert will be held at the Crawford County Fairgrounds, and tickets are \$30 on the track and \$25 in the grandstands. Tickets will go on sale Monday April 19th at 8:30am at 1-800-585-3737 or online at www.crawfordcountyfair.net. Tickets will be available at the Crawford County Courthouse at 8:30am on Tuesday, April 20th, 2010.

Josh Turner:

Since earning a standing ovation as an unknown singer on the Grand Ole Opry stage in 2001 with his impressive delivery of “Long Black Train,” Josh Turner has established himself as one of the most identifiable male vocalists in country music.

Named by People magazine as one of Country’s Hottest Stars, Grammy nominated Turner has celebrated back-to-back multi-week #1 radio singles (“Your Man,” “Would You Go With Me,” and “Why Don’t We Just Dance”) and back-to-back platinum albums, *Long Black Train* and *Your Man*, now certified Double Platinum. His last project, *Everything Is Fine*, was certified Gold in just four weeks. “Another Try,” a duet with Trisha Yearwood off that album, was nominated for the Academy of Country Music’s Vocal Event of the Year. Hit singles include “Would You Go With Me,” “Your Man,” “Firecracker,” “Me and God” and “Long Black Train.”

Turner, one of the youngest members of the distinguished Grand Ole Opry, was recently the youngest member to be inducted into Nashville’s Walk of Fame. With his



passion to support music and the arts, he launched *The Josh Turner Fund* which awarded its first scholarship this year. His new album, *Haywire*, hit stores in February and the first single, "Why Don't We Just Dance," just spent 4 weeks at #1.

In an industry where many artists seem to come and go quickly, Josh plans to work hard to stick around. "I don't ever want to take anything for granted," he says. "I've learned from certain people that it takes a lot of hard work, passion and love for what you do to have longevity in this career."

Phil Vassar:

Over the course of the past decade, Phil Vassar's unbounded energy and limitless talent have proven him, again and again, as one of Nashville's most prolific and versatile stars. "You have to wear many hats," Phil says, "when you're writing songs, playing, singing, producing. But I love being involved in all facets of music." It is this hands-on approach that's made Vassar a hands-down success as a songwriter, singer, musician, performer, and producer. His resume boasts six #1 hits for country artists including Alan Jackson, Tim McGraw, Jo Dee Messina, and Collin Raye, and three more as an artist in his own right. He's been named the ASCAP Songwriter of the Year twice and has taken top honors from the Academy of Country Music, *Billboard* and *MusicRow*. Now releasing his sixth album, *Traveling Circus*, Vassar approaches his uniquely piano-based, rhythm and blues-infused, infectiously buoyant brand of country music from the back-to-basics school of thought.

After co-producing his breakout debut album, *Phil Vassar*, which was RIAA certified gold and gave rise to his first #1 hit "Just Another Day In Paradise" in 2000, Vassar continued to work with such heavyweight producers as Byron Gallimore, Frank Rogers, Dan Huff and Mark Wright for his next three studio albums. But when it came time to begin cutting songs for the upcoming album, Phil felt that the time was right to fly solo for the first time. "This is my album," he states. "This time around, it's just me. Writing, mixing, mastering, playing—I was there for every second. It feels much more a part of me."

Firmly in the driver's seat of his own career, he has perfected his signature sound while venturing into new territory as a songwriter, an artist, and producer. "This is not just another project for me," Phil says. "This is my best album yet."

See Josh Turner and Phil Vassar at the 65th Annual Crawford County Fair, Wednesday, August 25, 2010. Get your tickets for this dynamite concert, Monday, April 19th at 10am.

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