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Blake Shelton, Eric Church, and Lainey Wilson Kick-Off Performance Rollout for Milestone 60th Academy of Country Music Awards

Hosted by Reba McEntire, the Country Music Celebration 60 Years in the Making Returns Exclusively on Prime Video Live from Ford Center at The Star in Frisco, TX on Thursday, May 8 at 8 p.m. EDT / 7 p.m. CDT / 5 p.m. PDT

The Excitement is Just Beginning with Many More Legendary Performances to be Revealed Soon – Tickets for This Star-Studded Country Music Event are Available at [SeatGeek](#)



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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — March 24, 2025 — The Academy of Country Music (ACM), Prime Video, and Dick Clark Productions (DCP) announced the first round of powerhouse performers for the landmark **60th Academy of Country Music Awards** including **Blake Shelton, Eric Church, and Lainey Wilson**, with many more unforgettable performances to be revealed in the coming weeks. Hosted by 16-time ACM Award-winning entertainment icon **Reba McEntire**, the 60th ACM Awards will stream live exclusively for a global audience across 240+ countries and territories on Prime Video and the Amazon Music channel on Twitch on Thursday, May 8, 2025, at 8 p.m. ET / 7 p.m. CT / 5 p.m. PT from the Ford Center at The Star in Frisco, Texas, the world headquarters of the Dallas Cowboys. Tickets are now available at [SeatGeek](#).

The monumental show will celebrate six decades of Country Music and feature unforgettable performances by the genre's most legendary and multi-award-winning stars. Six-time ACM Award recipient and former ACM Awards host **Blake Shelton** will take the stage as his top ten single "Texas" continues to rise up the charts. Seven-time ACM Award recipient **Eric Church** will perform on the heels of his newest album, *Evangeline Vs. The Machine*, dropping May 2. Reigning Entertainer of the Year and 12-time ACM Award recipient **Lainey Wilson** will return to the ACM Awards stage after winning the Academy's highest honor in 2024.

This Emmy-nominated, star-powered experience will feature unprecedented performances, exclusive collaborations, and unexpected moments from the biggest Country Music stars of the past, present, and future, all while celebrating the genre's most iconic and emerging talent. A limited number of tickets to the 60th ACM Awards are available for purchase on [SeatGeek](#), offering fans exclusive entry into a nonstop party

packed with performances by their favorite Country stars and seats closer to the action than ever.

Established in 1966, the Academy of Country Music Awards is the longest-running Country Music awards show and made history in 2022 as the first major awards ceremony to exclusively livestream, in collaboration with Prime Video. The 60th Academy of Country Music Awards is produced by Dick Clark Productions (DCP). Raj Kapoor is executive producer and showrunner, with Patrick Menton as co-executive producer. Damon Whiteside serves as executive producer for the Academy of Country Music, and Jay Pense and Barry Adelman serve as executive producers for DCP. John Saade will also continue to serve as consulting producer for Amazon MGM Studios.

Nominations for the 60th ACM Awards will be announced on **Thursday, March 27, 2025**, with additional performers, presenters and ACM Awards week events announced in the coming weeks. The **Media Credential Application** to cover the ACM Awards in Frisco, Texas is now available [HERE](#).

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About the Academy of Country Music:

Founded in Southern California in 1964 as a regional trade organization, the ACADEMY OF COUNTRY MUSIC (ACM) has grown in the 60 years since into a leading association for the Country Music industry. Headquartered in Nashville, TN and boasting record-high membership of more than 5,000 worldwide, the Academy serves as a powerhouse advocate for Country fans, artists, and all facets of the business, as well as a supporter of philanthropic work through charitable partner ACM LIFTING LIVES, dedicated to improving lives through the power of music and providing aid in times of need, with a focus on health initiatives. 2025 is a landmark year for the Academy with the 60th ACM Awards, hosted by entertainment icon Reba McEntire, returning to the world headquarters of the Dallas Cowboys in Texas for a third consecutive year and streaming live for a global audience on Prime Video. The Academy also remains relentlessly committed to creating a more inclusive environment for underrepresented groups in Country Music, from the boardroom to the stage, and proudly presents ACM LEVel Up, a two-year professional development and enrichment curriculum for rising leaders, among other initiatives. For more information, visit [ACMcountry.com](#) or [ACMLiftingLives.org](#).

About Dick Clark Productions:

Dick Clark Productions (DCP) is the world's largest producer and proprietor of televised live event entertainment programming including the "Academy of Country Music Awards," "American Music Awards," "Billboard Music Awards," "Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve with Ryan Seacrest," "Golden Globes," "So You Think You Can Dance," from 19 Entertainment and DCP, and "Streamy Awards." Dick Clark Productions owns one of the world's most extensive and unique entertainment archive libraries with more than 60 years of award-winning shows, historic specials, performances, and legendary programming. Dick Clark Productions is owned by Penske Media Corporation, in a subsidiary joint venture between Penske Media and Eldridge. Dick Clark Productions is a Penske Media company. For more information, please visit [DickClark.com](#).

About Prime Video:

Prime Video is a first-stop entertainment destination offering customers a vast collection of premium programming in one app available across thousands of devices. On Prime Video, customers can customize their viewing experience and find their favorite movies, series, documentaries, and live sports – including Amazon MGM Studios-produced series and movies Red One, Road House, The Lord of the Rings: The Rings of Power, Fallout, Reacher, The Boys, Cross, and The Idea of You; licensed fan favorites; Prime member exclusive access to coverage of live sports including Thursday Night Football, WNBA, and NWSL, and acclaimed sports documentaries including Bye Bye Barry and Kelce; and

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