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Ticket On Sale Announced for 61st Academy of Country Music Awards & Surrounding Events, ACM Awards Returns to Las Vegas on May 17, 2026 Live from MGM Grand Garden Arena, Exclusively on Prime Video

ACM Lifting Lives Country on the Green: Riley Green & Friends to be held at Topgolf Las Vegas with Proceeds Benefiting ACM Lifting Lives ACM Next Wave: Country's Beach Bash to be held at Mandalay Bay Beach Pre-Sale Tickets will be Available on Wednesday, February 25 at 10:00 a.m. PT by Signing up for ACM A-List General On-Sale Starts Friday, February 27 at 10:00 a.m. PT at AXS.com



Nashville, TN — February 23, 2026 —Today, the Academy of Country Music (ACM), Dick Clark Productions (DCP), and MGM announced ticket on-sale information for the 61st Academy of Country Music Awards and ACM Awards week events. The 61st ACM Awards show will take place at the world-renowned MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas, Nevada **Sunday, May 17, 2026**. The show will continue the groundbreaking legacy of the ACM Awards being the first-ever major award show to livestream exclusively and stream live on Prime Video. ACM Awards week events include "ACM Lifting Lives Country on the Green: Riley Green & Friends" at Topgolf Las Vegas Friday, May 15 and "ACM Next Wave: Country's Beach Bash" at Mandalay Bay Beach Saturday, May 16. ACM Awards and ACM Awards week events pre-sale tickets will be available beginning 10:00 a.m. PT/12:00 p.m. CT/1:00 p.m. ET Wednesday, February 25. General on-sale will be available beginning 10:00 a.m. PT/12:00 p.m. CT/1:00 p.m. ET Friday, February 27 at ***AXS.com***.

ACM A-LIST TICKET PRE-SALE: Tickets for the ACM Awards and ACM Awards Week events will be available for**ACM A-List subscribers** beginning 10:00 a.m. PT/12:00 p.m. CT/1:00 p.m. ET Wednesday, February 25. To gain access to presale tickets before they go on sale to the general public, sign up for the ACM A-List free email newsletter and you'll be sent a pre-sale code that will grant you access to purchase tickets in advance of the public on-sale.

GENERAL PUBLIC TICKET ON-SALE: Tickets will go on sale to the general public at 10:00 a.m. PT/12:00 p.m. CT/1:00 p.m. ET on Friday, February 27 at ***AXS.com***.

ACM AWARDS WEEK EVENTS

- **ACM LIFTING LIVES COUNTRY ON THE GREEN: RILEY GREEN & FRIENDS** Set against the iconic backdrop of Topgolf Las Vegas, "ACM Lifting Lives Country On The Green: Riley Green & Friends" will take place Friday May 15, 2026, for an unforgettable, up-close concert experience staged inside the venue's outfield. The event will be headlined by Riley Green with additional performers to be announced in the coming weeks. This intimate evening of live country music begins at 8:00 PM (timing subject to change). Tickets are available at $200 for VIP Early Access to General Admission doors and $150 for General Admission. Proceeds benefit ACM Lifting Lives, the philanthropic partner of the Academy of Country Music dedicated to improving lives through the power of music.
- **ACM NEXT WAVE: COUNTRY'S BEACH BASH:** ACM Next Wave: Country's Beach Bash is a reimagined fan-favorite outdoor concert experience set against the iconic Mandalay Bay Beach and Wave Pool, featuring dynamic performances from Country Music's rising stars. The event will take place Saturday May 16, 2026 at Mandalay Bay Beach. Tickets are available starting at $150 for VIP and $75 for General Admission.

A stellar lineup of Country Music's best, to be announced across all events in the coming weeks. Media credential applications to cover the award show and surrounding events in Las Vegas will become available in late March, details to be posted at www.ACMcountry.com.

The ACM Awards' historic 60th anniversary show in 2025 delivered an unforgettable night hosted by Reba McEntire and featured powerhouse performances and appearances from over 40 artists, including Alan Jackson, Backstreet Boys, Brooks & Dunn, Chris Stapleton, Ella Langley, Eric Church, Jelly Roll, Keith Urban, Lainey Wilson, LeAnn Rimes, Miranda Lambert, Rascal Flatts, Wynonna Judd, and more. The broadcast reached audiences in over 240 countries and territories, solidifying the ACM Awards' place as a global music phenomenon.

Returning to the Sunday night timeslot, the 61st ACM Awards promises to build on the momentum of its milestone year, celebrating the artists, collaborations, and moments that continue to shape Country Music. Follow the Academy of Country Music on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and TikTok, join the conversation with #ACMawards, and sign up for the FREEACM A-

List to be the first to know the latest news and for exclusive pre-sale opportunities.

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. Since forming its partnership for the 57th ACM Awards, the show has been hosted by legends Dolly Parton, Garth Brooks, and Reba McEntire, featured the biggest collaborations with superstar pairings such as Ed Sheeran and Luke Combs, Dua Lipa and Chris Stapleton, Rascal Flatts and Backstreet Boys, and became the first Country Music awards show to be nominated for an Emmy® Award.

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 over the past 60 years 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 continues to be a landmark year for the Academy, with the success of the 60th ACM Awards, hosted by entertainment icon Reba McEntire, which returned to the Dallas Cowboys' world headquarters in Texas for a third consecutive year and streamed live to 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 ACM LIFTING LIVES
ACM Lifting Lives® is the philanthropic partner of the Academy of Country Music dedicated to improving lives through the power of music, harnessing the strength of the Country Music industry to provide aid to those in need. The nonprofit supports the overall well-being of individuals working in the industry, rising to meet the needs of the community, using music to improve lives and amplify the industry's impact, and advancing stories that highlight the goodwill generated within Country Music. The philanthropic partner is proud to support individuals working in the Country Music industry and organizations that leverage music therapy as a means of healing. Through partnerships with artists and strong ties in the music industry, ACM Lifting Lives® funds music health programs while also serving members of the music community who face unexpected hardships through its Diane Holcomb Emergency Relief Fund. With generous donations and the support of artists and fans, ACM Lifting Lives has funded national music therapy programs serving various mental and physical health organizations. Recipients include patients at children's hospitals and other healthcare facilities, recovering veterans, people with Williams Syndrome, and individuals with mental illness. The Academy of Country Music and ACM Lifting Lives® have a 50-year history of charitable giving and since 2006, ACM Lifting Lives® has given more than $12 million dollars to more than 150 worthy causes. For more information, please visit www.ACMLiftingLives.org.

ABOUT DICK CLARK PRODUCTIONS
Dick Clark Productions (DCP) is the world's largest owner and producer of televised live event entertainment programming including "The Golden Globes," the largest awards show in the world to celebrate the best of film, television and podcasting, "American Music Awards," "Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve," the No. 1 entertainment special in America, "Golden Eve," "Academy of Country Music Awards," "Billboard Music Awards," "Rising Stars of Country Music," Emmy®-winning series "So You Think You Can Dance," and "American Bandstand," the iconic and groundbreaking cultural phenomenon that defined a generation. Dick Clark Productions also possesses 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. 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 programming from partners such as Apple TV+, Max, Crunchyroll and MGM+ via Prime Video add-on subscriptions, as well as more than 500 free ad-supported (FAST) Channels. Prime members in the U.S. can share a variety of benefits, including Prime Video, by using Amazon Household. Prime Video is one benefit among many that provides savings, convenience, and entertainment as part of the Prime membership. All customers, regardless of whether they have a Prime membership or not, can rent or buy titles via the Prime Video Store and can enjoy even more content for free with ads. Customers can also go behind the scenes of their favorite movies and series with exclusive X-Ray access. For more info, visitwww.amazon.com/primevideo.

ABOUT MGM GRAND GARDEN ARENA
The MGM Grand Garden Arena is home to concerts, championship boxing and premier sporting and special events. The Arena offers comfortable seating for as many as 16,800 with excellent sightlines and state-of-the-art acoustics, lighting and

sound. Prominent events to date have included world championship fights between Evander Holyfield and Mike Tyson as well as Floyd Mayweather vs. Canelo Alvarez as well as Floyd Mayweather vs. Manny Pacquiao; and concerts by The Rolling Stones, Madonna, Elton John, Bruce Springsteen, Paul McCartney, Bette Midler, George Strait, Justin Timberlake, Beyonce, U2, Lady Gaga, Bruno Mars, Coldplay, Alicia Keys, Jimmy Buffett and the Barbra Streisand Millennium Concert. The MGM Grand Garden Arena also has been home to annual events including the Academy of Country Music Awards, the Billboard Music Awards, the Latin GRAMMY Awards, iHeartRadio Music Festival, Pac-12 Men's Basketball Championship and Frozen Fury NHL pre-season games hosted by the Los Angeles Kings.

ABOUT MANDALAY BAY
Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino is set on 120 lush acres featuring Mandalay Bay Beach, a tropical pool paradise with real sand. The Michelob ULTRA Arena, award-winning restaurants, exhilarating entertainment, unique shopping, Shark Reef Aquarium and the 2-million-square-foot convention center combine to make Mandalay Bay a captivating Las Vegas resort destination. The resort offers three distinct hotel experiences: Mandalay Bay with 3,211 luxurious rooms and suites reflecting a modern tropical ambiance; Four Seasons Hotel, offering 424 rooms and suites; and the luxury all-suite W Las Vegas. Mandalay Bay is operated by MGM Resorts International (NYSE: MGM).For more information and reservations, visit mandalaybay.com, call toll free at (877) 632-7800, or find us onInstagram, Facebook and X.

ABOUT TOPGOLF
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ABOUT RILEY GREEN
ACM and CMA Award winner, Riley Green has been compelling Country music fans to raise a drink, shed a tear, and, above all, celebrate where they are from, since first releasing his self-titled EP in 2018. His songs like the No. 1 2X-PLATINUM hit "There Was This Girl," the 3X-PLATINUM-certified heart-tugger "I Wish Grandpas Never Died," and his chart-topping collab with Thomas Rhett, "Half Of Me," have made Riley synonymous with what Country Music does best: making listeners feel something with his no-gimmick, relatable writing and classic feel. An avid sports fan, former athlete (Jacksonville State University quarterback) and outdoorsman, Riley is riding a wave of success after receiving four Academy of Country Music awards, being previously named a MusicRow Breakout Artist of the Year, a CMT "Listen Up Artist," and one of CRS's 2020 New Faces. Combs joined Riley on his PLATINUM No. 1 single "Different 'Round Here (Ft. Luke Combs)," the title track to Riley's 2019 debut album that he re-recorded with Combs after seeing how fans connected to it. The singer-songwriter's third studio album, Don't Mind If I Do, produced by Dann Huff, arrived on his birthday, October 18, via Nashville Harbor Records & Entertainment, with more of the signature Riley Green fans have come to know and love from the good ol' boy who still lives in his hometown of Jacksonville, AL. Most recently, Green released the deluxe version, Don't Mind If I Do (Deluxe), which includes six brand new tracks. Currently on an incredible hot streak, Green's well-earned confidence in his work shines through across the 18-track set with five of the tracks being solely written including standouts "Jesus Saves," the 3X-PLATINUM "Worst Way" and the title track—which finds Green reuniting with his "you look like you love me" duet partner. Please see dates and learn more at rileygreenmusic.com.

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