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NEWS RELEASE

Lonestar shines on Blackstar during Canadian Rodeo Tour Championship

Calgary – The Calgary Stampede is pleased to announce that country music super-band, Lonestar, will take the stage at the Blackstar Saloon on Saturday, October 3, during the 2009 Canadian Rodeo Tour Championship.

With mega-hits “Amazed” and “I’m Already There”, Lonestar has become one of the few country bands to successfully crossover to the pop charts. In 1999, “Amazed”, their biggest hit, reached Number One on both the country charts and the Billboard Hot 100, making Lonestar the first country act to top both charts since 1983.

“We’re thrilled to have a sensational act like Lonestar joining us for this year’s fall rodeo,” says Paul Rosenberg, Calgary Stampede vice-president of programming. “The Blackstar Saloon will feature outstanding talent on both Friday and Saturday evening, and Lonestar’s unique country style will cap off a great weekend of music.”

The Blackstar Saloon will also feature Canadian country music acts, Jason Greeley, Shane Chisholm and Karen Lee Batten.

The Canadian Rodeo Tour Championship is set for October 2, 3 and 4 in the Stampede Corral, with the Blackstar Saloon next door in Hall A of the BMO Centre. Rodeo tickets are required to access the Blackstar Saloon and are available online at www.calgarystampede.com or by calling the Stampede Ticket office at 403-269-9822.

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