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**KACEY MUSGRAVES, LEE BRICE AND
TROY CASSAR-DALEY**

**First round of artists announced to perform at
the 5th Annual CMC Music Awards 2015**

Country Music Channel is thrilled to announce the hottest young country artist **Kacey Musgraves** (USA) and two time Grammy Award winning singer/songwriter will be making her way to Australia for the first time to perform at the **5th Annual CMC Music Awards 2015**.

Joining her and adding heat to a stellar line up of performances at the awards are an array of international and local artists including **Lee Brice** (US) and Australian superstar **Troy Cassar-Daley**, with further artists to be announced.

Texas born Musgraves is a star on the rise since her gold selling album debut album in 2012, "*Same Trailer, Different Park*" and has since earned herself an impressive two Grammy Awards, two CMA Awards and ACM Award for Album of the Year, as well as over 30 major music award nominations.

Musgraves has the world at her feet and has captured the attention of the greats in Country music, opening a show for Willie Nelson in 2012, joining Lady Antebellum in Europe, as special guest on Little Big Town's *The Tornado Tour*" and touring with Kenny Chesney on his *No Shoes Nation* tour. More recently she was invited by Katy Perry to join her on her 2014 US Tour.

Lee Brice, known as the reliable chart-topping Nashville hit maker, also makes his first trip to Australia to perform at the 5th Annual CMC Music Awards 2015.

Brice released his debut album, "*Love Like Crazy*" in 2009; the title track reached #3 on the Billboard Country Chart and set a record as the longest-charting song in that chart's history. In 2012, he topped his own success with "*Hard 2 Love*", an album that went Gold and featured three #1 Country singles, including *I Drive Your Truck*, which won Song of the Year at both the CMA and ACM Awards.

Brisbane based **Troy Cassar-Daley** will perform at the awards before the debut of his latest studio album "*Freedom Ride*", which involves a collaboration with Paul Kelly, who steps up as vocalist and Jimmy Barnes who joins Cassar-Daley for a duet.

It was the epic nine month Brian Young tour of the outback in 1989 that gave a NSW North coast teenager the push he needed to set off and take up the vagabond life of a singer. He released his first EP "*Dream Out Loud*", in 1994 and was nominated for his first Golden Guitar for Best Male Vocalist the same year. Cassar-Daley has since won many awards, including ARIA & APRA awards, 26 Golden Guitars, Gold and Platinum records and a legion of loyal fans.

Foxtel and CMC (Country Music Channel) have partnered with **Tourism and Events Queensland** to bring the **CMC Music Awards** to Queensland for the next three years. **Tourism and Events Queensland** has also secured the largest international Country Music festival in the Southern Hemisphere, **CMC Rocks**.

Kacey Musgraves, Troy Cassar-Daley and Lee Brice will thrill audiences again, performing at **CMC Rocks QLD 2015**. Now in its eighth year; **CMC Rocks** has established itself as the biggest International Country and Roots Festival outside of North America and one of the premiere events on the Australian music calendar.

The 5th Annual CMC Music Awards 2015, hosted by **Morgan Evans**, allows fans the opportunity to vote for their favourite Australian Country music artists and will be held at **Queensland Performing Arts Centre (QPAC)** in **Brisbane** on **Thursday March 12** and telecast **Thursday, March 19 at 8pm on CMC** and **Saturday, March 28 at 9.30pm on FOX8**

CMC Rocks QLD 2015 is held at Willowbank Raceway, on the Cunningham Highway near Ipswich, on **Friday March 13 - Sunday March 15**.

CMC Rocks QLD 2015 festival ticket holders can register to attend the **5th Annual CMC Music Awards 2015** by heading to countrymusicchannel.com.au

Festival tickets on sale now. **Buy tickets at:** cmcrocks.com

Voting for the **5th Annual CMC Music Awards 2015** closes Sunday March 1.
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