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COUNTRY ROCK LEGEND KENNY CHESNEY TO PLAY THE NEW JOINT AT HARD ROCK HOTEL & CASINO SATURDAY, APRIL 25

Tickets On-Sale Saturday, February 7 at noon

February 2, 2009 (Las Vegas, NV)-Country great Kenny Chesney will be bringing his Sun City Carnival 2009 Tour to Las Vegas this spring and will be joined by Miranda Lambert & Lady Antebellum. Chesney will play **The New Joint at Hard Rock Hotel & Casino on Saturday, April 25**. Tickets go on-sale to the general public on February 7th at noon.

As the staging is getting built, the scrimms screened and the video shot and edited, Kenny Chesney is gearing up for his Sun City Carnival 2009 Tour. Following his Poets & Pirates Tour - the most attended tour in any genre of music for 2008 according to Pollstar - the man who's already sold out the home of the New England Patriots, Boston's Gillette Stadium, in less than 10 minutes is looking to pick up the tempo, rock a little harder and increase the fun, friends and music.

To that end, the 4-consecutive and reigning Academy of Country Music and 4-time and current Country Music Association Entertainer of the Year has looked at his tourmates very carefully - and invited trail blazer country star Miranda Lambert and CMA Horizon winners Lady Antebellum to join his Carnival for the entire summer!

"This tour is going to be a wild ride," laughs the singer/songwriter from Luttrell, Tennessee who's been joined onstage by Steve Miller, Eddie Van Halen, Joe Walsh, Kid Rock, Payton Manning and a tuba player. "Miranda came out and did a few shows with us, and the energy is the right stuff... She rocks hard, but she's country from a place most people forget it's coming from. And she knows how to have fun, which is as much a part of it as anything."

Lambert, whose platinum album *Kerosene* debuted at #1 on the country charts and whose *Crazy Ex-Girlfriend* won the ACM Album of the Year, is a Texas girl who can pack a punch. Known for her captivating awards show performances, frank songwriting and unbridled concerts, she holds down the second slot on the Sun City Carnival.

Lady Antebellum, who won the 2008 CMA Horizon Award and the 2008 ACM Best New Duo/Group Award, will kick off the party each night. Comprised of lead singer Charles Kelley, vocalist/guitarist/mandolinist Dave Haywood and lead singer Hillary Scott, the trio is also Grammy nominated for Best New Artist.

"You can't hear 'Love Don't Live Here' and not turn up the radio," says the man who's sold over a million tickets each of the past 7 summers. "That was a feel good record, and it seems to match the spirit Lady Antebellum puts out there. They're fresh and fun and are perfect to start this show."

"It's like throwing a party," Chesney admits. "You wanna get the mix just right... have the music that fits the mood... and I think these acts do that. I've been lucky to have people who've we brought out with us that are about show, about the fans - whether it was Keith Urban or Rascal Flatts, Montgomery Gentry or Carrie Underwood - all of those acts got it, connected and just made the summers they were out here with us everything you'd want a summer to be."

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With "Down The Road" quickly approaching Top 10 - looking to follow Chesney's multiple week #1 "Everybody Wants To Go To Heaven" from his all genre Top 200 debut Lucky Old Sun in - the summer looks to be hot and getting hotter. Having already sold out his first football stadium, look for a complete tour announcement shortly.

Tickets go on-sale Saturday, February 7 at noon for Kenny Chesney. Tickets are available at the Hard Rock Hotel Box Office, all Ticketmaster locations, online at Ticketmaster.com or charge-by-phone at 800-745-3000.

Produced by AEG Live.

The New Joint inherited its name from the legendary original Hard Rock venue and was designed by the renowned Montreal-based architectural design firm Scéno Plus. The New Joint will double in size while keeping the same atmosphere of the original venue and will carry on the up-close and authentic feel with the furthest seat in the house only 155 feet from the stage. The New Joint will be a multipurpose facility featuring a state-of-the-art sound system, an innovative lighting system, WiFi access throughout the venue, a full blogging station for press covering events, and 38 flat screens throughout the venue to guarantee the ultimate viewing experience. The New Joint's \$60 million project is part of the widely-publicized \$750 million expansion the Hard Rock broke ground on in 2007; slated for completion in late 2009.

About Hard Rock Hotel & Casino

The Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, owned and operated under Morgans Hotel Group and equity partner, DLJ Merchant Banking Partners, is a premier destination entertainment resort located on 16.7 acres situated strategically on Harmon Avenue, one of Las Vegas' fastest growing entertainment corridors. Built in 1995 and expanded in 1999, the property is currently undergoing another expansion set for completion in early 2010 more than tripling its current size. Hard Rock Hotel & Casino offers an energetic entertainment and gaming experience with the services and amenities associated with a boutique luxury resort hotel. The property is known for its innovative nightlife and music scene where such acts as The Rolling Stones, Coldplay, Alicia Keys, David Bowie, Snoop Dogg, Nine Inch Nails and The Killers have all performed. Features of the property include an 11-story Hard Rock Hotel tower with 647 guest rooms; a 30,000 square foot casino; The Beach Club with a swimming pool that was selected by the Travel Channel as one of "The Top 10 Pools" in the world; Rehab, the trendsetting Sunday afternoon pool party; Body English nightclub which was selected by Cosmopolitan Magazine as one of the "Top 25 Sexiest Places in the World"; The Joint concert venue; newly opened rock lounge Wasted Space, owned by motocross star Carey Hart; restaurants including the newly opened AGO, world-renowned Nobu, Pink Taco and Mr. Lucky's; three cocktail lounges; several retail stores; and Rock Spa, an 8,000 square foot spa, salon and fitness center. For room availability and additional information call 800.HRD.ROCK (800.473.7625) or visit www.hardrockhotel.com.

About AEG Live

AEG Live joined forces with Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in February 2007 as the exclusive promoter of all booking activities for the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino entertainment venue The Joint. AEG Live, the live-entertainment division of Los Angeles-based AEG, is dedicated to all aspects of live contemporary music performance, touring for a variety of programming, and multi-media production. AEG Live, the nation's second-largest concert promotion and touring company, is comprised of special event, broadcast and exhibition divisions, fourteen regional offices, and numerous state-of-the-art venues nationwide. The company's national promotion arm is currently producing tours and productions including Bette Midler "The Showgirl Must Go On" and Cher at The Colosseum at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas; and "Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs," an international tour of the artifacts of King Tut. Recent and upcoming promoted concert tours have included artists such as Celine Dion, Tina Turner, Justin Timberlake, Bon Jovi, Hannah Montana, Spice Girls, Prince, Christina Aguilera, Kenny Chesney, So You Think You Can Dance, Paul McCartney, High School Musical, American Idols Live and The Color Purple. Goldenvoice, the company's Southern California-based regional promotion division, created and operates the award-winning annual Coachella Valley Music & Arts Festival as well as Stagecoach: California's Country Music Festival. The company operates NOKIA Theatre at Grand Prairie in Texas, NOKIA Theatre Times Square, and recently opened NOKIA Theatre L.A. LIVE. For more information, go to <http://www.aeglive.com>.