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#### FAIR WELCOMES 2009 TOP NEW FEMALE COUNTRY VOCALIST

TULARE — On Sunday, Tulare County residents can get a sneak peak of the first entertainer to join the 2009 Tulare County Fair entertainment line-up by tuning in to watch the 44th annual Academy of Country Music Awards.

During the show Julianne Hough, ACM's 2009 Top New Female Vocalist, will perform music from her self-titled debut album, just as she will on Friday, Sept. 18, at the Tulare County Fair. The award show begins at 8 p.m. on CBS from Las Vegas.

"We're extremely excited that Julianne Hough will be at this year's fair," said Geoff Hinds, Chief Executive Officer of the Tulare County Fair. "She is a great example of the type and caliber of entertainment that people will be able to enjoy during this year's fair."

Hough is one of the many musical acts that will make up the fair's free Budweiser concert series. All concerts will begin at 8 p.m. on the Budweiser Stage.

Hough, also known as a professional dancer on "Dancing with the Stars," was voted Top New Female Vocalist by fans earlier this year. She will receive her award during the show for her self-titled debut album. The album was a No. 1 hit on the Billboard Country Chart and reached No. 3 on the Billboard Top 200. It includes singles such as "That Song in My Heart" and "My Hallelujah Song."

Hough is also up for ACM's Top New Artist of the Year, which is voted on by fans. Voting for this award will close on Sunday, with the winner being announced live during the show. Viewers will also get the chance to watch the up and coming country group Gloriana, which is scheduled to open for Hough at the Tulare County Fair. For more on Gloriana, visit [acmcountry.com](http://acmcountry.com).

Fairgoers will "Let the Good Times Roll," Sept. 16-20 at the 2009 Tulare County Fairground in Tulare. For more information on the 2009 Tulare County Fair, call 686-4707, visit [TulareFair.org](http://TulareFair.org) or stop by the fair Administration Office at 215 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. in Tulare. New this year - get information on the 2009 Tulare County Fair on social networking sites such as Twitter, Facebook and MySpace.

