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WESTWOOD ONE  
ANNOUNCES  
PLATINIUM COUNTRY ARTIST  
MIRANDA LAMBERT  
TO HOST 43<sup>rd</sup> ACADEMY OF COUNTRY MUSIC AWARDS  
NOMINATIONS SPECIAL

-- Airing Saturday, May 10- Sunday, May 11, 2008 --

**New York, NY – May 6, 2008** – Westwood One (NYSE: WON), the Official Radio Network of the Academy of Country Music Awards (ACMs), is proud to announce that this year's leading female ACM nominee Miranda Lambert will host Westwood One's Academy of Country Music Awards Nominations Special, airing the weekend of May 10th, 2008. The 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Academy of Country Music Awards will be broadcast live from the MGM Grand Casino in Las Vegas, NV, Sunday, May 18, 2008 (8:00-11:00 PM, live ET/delayed PT) on the CBS Television Network.

Westwood One's ACM Nominations Special previews this year's ACM nominees with music and interviews from George Strait, Kenny Chesney, Carrie Underwood, LeAnn Rimes, Sugarland and more. The two-hour special also features highlights from last year's show including acceptance speeches from previous winners such as Brad Paisley .

Stations airing Westwood One's ACM Nominations special include: KFRG-FM, Los Angeles; WUSN-FM, Chicago; WXTU-FM, Philadelphia; KSCS-FM, Dallas; WUBL-FM, Atlanta; WYCD-FM, Detroit; KILT-FM, Houston; WQYK-FM, Tampa; KMLE -FM, Phoenix; KMPS-FM, Seattle; WDSY-FM, Pittsburgh; WSIX-FM, Nashville; KUPL-FM, Portland; and more.

Two-time Grammy Nominee, Platinum Artist and current ACM Top New Female Vocalist -- with this much artillery under her belt it's no surprise singer/songwriter Miranda Lambert packs a pretty hard punch. Lambert first exploded onto the country music scene in the summer of 2004 with the radio hit "Me and Charlie Talking" off her platinum debut *Kerosene*, which debuted at #1 on the country charts (only the sixth time a new artist entered at the top) and went on to earn Lambert nominations for the CMA's Horizon Award, the ACM's Top New Female Vocalist Award and also a Grammy. In 2005, at the 40th Annual ACM Awards in Las Vegas, Lambert won the Cover Girl Fresh Face of Country Music Award. Lambert's sophomore record, *Crazy Ex-Girlfriend*, like *Kerosene* before, debuted at #1 on the Nielsen SoundScan Country chart in May 2007, and has become a unanimous critics' favorite. It graced nearly every 2007 year-end list including *Rolling Stone*, *Blender*, *Time*, *Entertainment Weekly* and *USA Today*. The 8th Annual *Nashville Scene* Country Music Critics' Poll handed her a paramount victory including Artist of the Year, Best Songwriter, Best Album and Best Female Vocalist. Lambert won the Best New Female award at the 2007 ACM Awards and leads female nominations for this year's ACMs with 3 nods including Top Female Vocalist; Album of the Year for her second album, *Crazy Ex-Girlfriend*, which produced the hit "Famous in a Small Town", a contender for Single Record of the Year.

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