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IHEARTRADIO CELEBRATES COUNTRY MUSIC STARS AS PART OF THE 8TH ANNUAL CMC MUSIC AWARDS

Wednesday, March 13, 2018 - **iHeartRadio Australia is celebrating the best Australian and International country music stars** as part of Foxtel's 8th Annual CMC Music Awards.

The 8th Annual CMC Music Awards will be held on Thursday, March 15th at The Star Gold Coast, broadcast LIVE on Foxtel's CMC from 8.30pm AEDT and will be hosted by multi-award winning country music trio **The McClymonts**.

iHeartRadio is a sponsor of the coveted CMC International Artist of the Year Award and finalists in the category this year include: **Kelsea Ballerini, Luke Bryan, Miranda Lambert, Darius Rucker, and Keith Urban**.

Award-winning Australian country music star **Amber Lawrence**, host of **Amber Nights on [iHeartCountry Australia](#)**, will be covering all the action live on the red carpet for CMC social platforms on the night. Amber will also be performing alongside US country stars Old Dominion and Brothers Osborne, and local favourite Travis Collins at the awards.

Geraint Davies COO of iHeartRadio Australia said: "iHeartRadio is delighted and honoured to be involved with one of Australia's most iconic country music events, the CMC Music Awards. We are excited to see Amber Lawrence, our own iHeartRadio Country Australia ambassador is not only performing, but also nominated for two awards – CMC Female Artist of the Year and CMC Duo of the Year with Travis Collins."

iHeartRadio Australia's Content Director Brett "Nozz" Nossiter said: "I am proud that iHeartRadio is presenting The CMC International Artist of the Year Award at this year's CMC Music Awards. It's one of Australia's iconic country music events and this

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sponsorship extends our close partnership with CMC and our commitment to bringing country music fans closer to the music and artists they love.”

General Manager of Foxtel’s Arts & Music Channels, Fraser Stark said:

“This is the second year that iHeartRadio has come on board to help promote the Annual CMC Music Awards and we are very grateful for the support. Both CMC and iHeartRadio are truly passionate about country music so it makes sense that we team up to promote the genre in Australia for its growing community of excited fans. That the deal includes access to one of CMC’s favourite artists, Amber Lawrence, is a sweet bonus.”

Listen to Amber Nights, hosted by Amber Lawrence, and enjoy all your favourite country music from artists you love at **iHeartCountry Australia** - [here](#).

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Its KIIS network consists of Sydney’s KIIS 1065 with Kyle & Jackie O, Melbourne’s KIIS 101.1 with Jase & PJ, Adelaide’s Mix102.3 with Jodie & Soda, Brisbane’s 97.3FM with Bianca, Terry & Bob and Perth’s 96FM with Paul & Lise. The National Drive Show across all stations is Will & Woody.

Its Pure Gold network consists of Sydney’s WS FM101.7 with Jonesy & Amanda, Melbourne’s GOLD104.3 with Christian O’Connell, Brisbane’s 4KQ with Laurel, Gary & Mark and Adelaide’s Cruise 1323 with John Dean.

The Edge is available on FM as The Edge 96.ONE in Sydney and nationally via iHeartRadio and DAB+. The Edge Breakfast hosts are Mike E & Emma.

ARN also launched iHeartRadio, the world’s fastest growing digital service, to the Australian market in 2013 and the platform has had over 1,541,000 downloads of the app. iHeartRadio is a free, all-in-one radio, music streaming, podcast and live events platform. In addition to being able to access their favourite music from around the globe, audiences can access their favourite stations in Australia from ARN, the ABC, SBS and Fairfax, as well as stations from New Zealand and the USA.

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