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## KENNY CHESNEY TO KICK OFF 2003 GREELEY STAMPEDE

**Greeley, CO.**— The Greeley Stampede announced the 2003 Stampede Concert Series Monday. Headlining the star-studded line-up is Kenny Chesney, who kicks off the 81<sup>st</sup> annual Stampede with special guest Deanna Carter on June 26, 2003.

Also announced as part of the concert entertainment set to appear at the Stampede is Trick Pony on July 4, Phil Vassar with Kellie Coffey on June 29 and the Rockin' Roadhouse combo of Joe Diffy, Tracy Lawrence and Mark Chesnutt on July 5.

“Chesney has become the most sought after ticket in country music,” said Stampede Committeeman Lew Hagenlock, “Chesney’s fun loving attitude is reflected in the title of his tour, *Margaritas’n’Senioritas*, that about says it all.” Chesney is a triple platinum country artist who was also recently named one of People Magazines 10 Sexiest Men Alive. Chesney’s long list of hit songs include “She’s Got It All,” “What I Need To Do,” “Me and You,” “I Lost It” and of his new album *No Shirt, No Shoes, No Problem*, “Young,” “A Lot Of Things Different” and “The Good Stuff.”

Deanna Carter, known best for her 1997 CMA Single of the Year “Strawberry Wine,” will open for Chesney on June 26. Carter is also famous for songs “We Danced Anyway” and “How Do I Get There” to name a couple. *The Deana Carter Collection* is her latest album, released by Capital records earlier this year.

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Trick Pony last played the Greeley Stampede two years ago on the K99 Free Stage as part of the Corral West/Wrangler Apparel Entertainment. They take the main stage in the Stampede Arena as the head liner for a huge finale to a July 4 celebration. Trick Pony stormed the country music scene with the epic country music hit “Pour Me” off their debut self titled album *Trick Pony*. Trick Pony has since release another album *On a Mission*, which has is getting rave reviews and producing major sales.

Phil Vassar has made a name for himself as a hit songwriter in Nashville for artist like Jo Dee Messina, Colin Raye and Tim McGraw. He is now hitting the country music scene performing his songs with a great reception from country music fans. “I’ve seen his show, it’s pure fun, he is an amazing musician,” said Kyle Holman. Vassar’s hits include “Carlene,” “Rose Bouquet,” “Just Another Day in Paradise,” “That’s When I Love You” and most recently “American Child.” Vassar was a nominee for the Country Music Association’s Horizon Award for the past two years, as well as winning the honor of Top New Male Vocalist at the Academy of Country Music Awards last year. He’ll take the stage on Family Day June 29 with Kellie Coffey. Coffey is an up and comer on the country music scene with her debut hit “When You Lie Next To Me,” and most recently “At the End of the Day.”

The Rockin’ Roadhouse tour of Joe Diffie, Mark Chesnutt and Tracy Lawrence cap off the Stampede concert series on July 5. This dynamic trio of hit makers has topped the country singles charts an astounding 42 times between all three, and has sold more than 22 million records.

Mark Chesnutt accounts for 12 of those #1 singles and 20 Top Ten hits, as well as four platinum and five gold records. His hits include “I Don’t Want To Miss A Thing,” “It Sure Is Monday,” “Almost Goodbye” and “Ol’ Country” to name a few.

Tracy Lawrence has sold more than 10 million albums since his debut album *Sticks and Stones* hit the country music scene. With a sound all his own, Lawrence has produce numerous country hits, including “If the Good Die Young,” “Texas Tornado,” “Time Marches On” and “Can’t Break It To My Heart.”

Joe Diffie has been nothing short of a country superstar for the past dozen years, and an end is nowhere in site. Joe began his illustrious career in the early 90’s with the smash hit, “Home.” Following “Home,” five of the first six singles went straight to #1, earning him numerous industry awards.

Throughout the 90’s, Joe produced hits songs “If The Devil Danced,” “Third Rock From The Sun,” “Pickup Man” and “A Night To Remember.” This pattern continued into 2002 with the title cut from the album “In Another World.”

<b>Kenny Chesney with special guest Deana Carter</b>	<b>Thursday, June 26</b>	<b>8:00 p.m.</b>
<b>TBA</b>	<b>Friday, June 27</b>	<b>8:00 p.m.</b>
<b>TBA</b>	<b>Saturday, June 28</b>	<b>8:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Phil Vassar with special guest Kellie Coffey</b>	<b>Sunday, June 29</b>	<b>8:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Trick Pony</b>	<b>Friday, July 4</b>	<b>8:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Rockin’ Roadhouse Tour</b>	<b>Saturday, July 5</b>	<b>8:00 p.m.</b>
<b>(Joe Diffie, Mark Chesnutt, Tracy Lawrence)</b>		

Pro Rodeo will also be a feature at the Greeley Stampede as has become the norm for over 80 years. Eight Pro Rodeos are set again for June 27 – July 4, with the July 4 performance being the Stampede Finals. The annual demolition derby will be held on July 6 at 3:00 p.m. Also back for the 2003 Stampede will be dinner theatre, the daily parade in the park, western art show, carnival and of course the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade.

**BOX OFFICE OPENING**

The Greeley Stampede will open the box office Monday, December 10—just in time for holiday gift giving. Box office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and is located in Island Grove Regional Park, 400 N. 14<sup>th</sup> Ave., Greeley. Ticket purchasers can also call the Stampede Box Office at 970-356-BULL (locally) or 800-982-BULL (nationally), or through TicketsWest in any King Soopers Store and select City Market Stores, or online at [www.ticketswest.com](http://www.ticketswest.com)

