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**COUNTRY ARTIST JOHN ARTHUR MARTINEZ
TO SHARE AUTOGRAPHS & SHOWCASE NEW ALBUM
AT CMA FEST 2009**

Austin, TX — John Arthur Martinez, whose country sound and quiet charisma charm audiences, will attend the CMA Fest and Fan Fair in Nashville starting Thursday, signing autographs for his jAmFans and friends and showcasing fan favorites and cuts from his upcoming album, PURGATORY ROAD (August 2009).

During the week, Martinez will join first-season “Nashville Star” co-participant Buddy Jewell at his fan club party and the Indie Outlaw Showcase and add his voice to the 6th Annual Stars for Hope: A Benefit for the Lupus Foundation of America at BB King’s Blues Club.

Martinez is scheduled to make the following appearances at CMA Fest 09:

Thursday, June 11:

11 a.m.-noon, Exhibit Hall, Nashville Convention Center: autograph signing at his jAmFan Booth;

1-4 p.m., Buddy Jewell Fan Club Party, Lakeshore Christian Church, 5434 Bell Forge Lane E. in Antioch, Tenn.;

Friday, June 12:

1-3 p.m., jAmFan Booth, Exhibit Hall, NCC: autograph signing;

6-9 p.m., Indie Outlaw Showcase, Ms. Kelli’s, 207 Printers Alley, Nashville, 615.255.4423: also with Mike Rodgers, Michael Peterson and Buddy Jewell (benefit for Middle Tennessee Golden Gloves);

Saturday, June 13:

1-2 & 3:30-4:30 p.m., jAmFan Booth, Exhibit Hall, NCC: autograph signing;

2:45-3:15 p.m., Durango Boot Acoustic Corner, Exhibit Hall, NCC;

Sunday, June 14:

Noon-3 p.m., jAmFan Booth, Exhibit Hall, NCC: autograph signing;

5-6 p.m., dinner with jAmFan club volunteers; and

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Monday, June 15:

7 p.m., 6th Annual Stars for Hope: A Benefit for the Lupus Foundation of America (Mid South Chapter) also with Chris Young, Brent Keith and others at BB King's Blues Club, 152 2nd Ave. in Nashville. Tickets are \$20 at the chapter office (615.298.2273), at www.firstgiving.com/lupusmidsouth or at the door (615.256.2727).

The musical road traveled by Texas-born Martinez has been long and arduous, but every dip and turn — and detour, such as the one he took that led to a second-place finish on TV's "Nashville Star" in 2003 — has enhanced and infused his singing and songwriting. From both family and famous musical influences absorbed as a kid to college coffee-house gigs that cemented his destiny to perform, his unflagging enthusiasm, talent and quiet charm have served him well.

Now, with an upcoming release, Martinez continues flying down the highway: having performed at the Grand Ole Opry and across the United States and Europe with the likes of Pat Green, Dwight Yoakum, Todd Snider (his college friend), Randy Travis, Rueben Ramos, Randy Rogers and Asleep at the Wheel; and trips to Nashville that resulted in the co-writing with Alex Harvey and Mike Blakely of "Seguro Que Hell Yes," which landed on Flaco Jimenez self-titled GRAMMY Award-winning album.

His own CDs include the independently released SPINNING OUR WHEELS (1998) and STAND YOUR GROUND (2001) and LONE STARRY NIGHT (2004), which features "A Home Made of Stone," one of the original compositions he introduced on "Nashville Star."

Because of his extensive background in tennis, Martinez enjoys giving of his time and talent to international efforts by the Andy Roddick Foundation.

Interview times are available as well as press kits and review CDs.
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