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COUNTRY'S HOTTEST PARTY at PHEASANT RUN RESORT

*Gretchen Wilson, John Rich, Cowboy Troy & Jeffrey Steele
bring up the lights at the Mega Center*

ST. CHARLES, III. (January 19, 2009) –Pheasant Run Resort, the Midwest's largest entertainment resort, located less than an hour from downtown Chicago in charming St. Charles, Ill., welcomes another evening of sizzling Country music with ***Country's Hottest Party*** on February 28, 2009. This star-studded line-up at the resort's Mega Center is one not to be missed, according to Diane Rosenthal, General Manager of Pheasant Run Resort. Hot acts include Gretchen Wilson, John Rich (of Big & Rich), Cowboy Troy and Jeffrey Steele, as well as a US99 sponsored after show party, included in the ticket price, with a live performance by Cross County Junction.

Illinois native, Wilson, who has enjoyed a meteoric rise in the Country music world, went from talented obscurity to overnight phenom. Her first single, ***Redneck Woman***, spent six weeks on the charts at #1. ***Here for the Party*** sold more than 5 million copies and she has won numerous awards including a Grammy and ACM, and best female vocalist nominations from CMA and AMA. Globally, her concerts play to large and enthusiastic crowds. Wilson maintains an active philanthropic role performing to raise money for organizations such as St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and the Children's Miracle Network.

Texas native, John Rich, has most recently been known as the one-half of duo **Big & Rich**. An award-winning songwriter and judge on the ***Nashville Star*** as well as host of the hit series, ***Gone Country***, Rich created his own musical movement affectionately known as the MuzikMafia. His writing credits include the hits, *Save a Horse Ride a Cowboy*, *Lost in This Moment*, *Redneck Woman* and *Here for the Party* among many others.

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Special opening guest at *Country's Hottest Party* is the compelling Jeffrey Steele. His unique manner of making a connection with his audience has earned him numerous songwriting accolades such as 2003 Songwriter of the Year and most recently being recognized for more than 20 million airplays. His song writing credits include the Rascal Flatts tunes *My Wish*, *What Hurts Me Most*, *Me & My Gang* and their most recent number one hit, *Here*. Some of his other hits include Montgomery Gentry's *Gone*, *My Town* and *Something to be Proud of*. He's also written songs for Trace Adkins, Tim McGraw and Faith Hill. Steele also has been a judge on ***Nashville Star*** with John Rich of Big & Rich.

The tall and lanky Cowboy Troy has made his mark with a different blend of Country music. His style, a convergence of country, rap and rock, has given birth to the nickname "hick-hop." His song, *I Play Chicken with the Train*, became the number one country download at the iTunes music store. He is a popular host of USA's *Nashville Star* and known for his respect and fairness to contestants.

"Country's Hottest Party will be a high-energy show from start to finish," added Rosenthal.

Concert goers looking for the best seats in the house and hoping to make a weekend get-away of the evening are encouraged to inquire about Pheasant Run Resort's popular *Live in Concert* packages. The resort's ***premier seating*** concert package includes deluxe overnight accommodations, two premium seating concert tickets, two drink tickets and Sunday brunch for two the next day. Package also includes access to resort amenities such as the indoor/outdoor pools, fitness center, Kids Klub and more. From \$345. Additional concert tickets are available upon request at an additional cost.

Tickets are on sale for **Country's Hottest Party** through Ticketmaster and the Pheasant Run box office and range in price from \$55. to \$89. per ticket. Doors open at 6:00 PM for the 7:00 PM show.

Concert goers might also enjoy one of the many dining options available at Pheasant Run Resort. Enjoy an elaborate dinner buffet in the airy setting of a Garden Atrium. Lunch and dinner is now being served at the resort's newest restaurant, **Jambalaya**, featuring a Cajun inspired menu with matching atmosphere, or guests might prefer grabbing a burger in the Clubhouse Lounge and seeing the sports highlights before heading into the show. For an elegant dinner, Harvest Restaurant always delights and the regionally inspired menu changes seasonally.

To check on future Pheasant Run Resort entertainment, go to:

www.myspace.com/pheasantrunconcerts or www.pheasantrun.com/concerts.

Located less than an hour from downtown Chicago in historic St. Charles, Ill., Pheasant Run Resort, a member of Preferred Hotel Group's Summit Hotels & Resorts portfolio of properties, is the Midwest's largest entertainment resort and offers 473 spacious rooms, several restaurants and dining options, the Mario Tricoci Hair Salon & Spa, productions by Chicago's acclaimed Noble Fool Theatricals, Zanies Comedy Club, 36 holes of championship golf and practice center, three pools, a fitness center and more than 100,000 square feet of meeting space including 45 meeting rooms, two expo centers, four distinct ballrooms, 320-seat tiered amphitheater and state-of-the-art training center. For general information about the resort, call 800.4.PHEASANT or visit www.pheasantrun.com.

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