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CITY OF MARYVILLE
FOOTHILLS FALL FESTIVAL

WILLIE NELSON, JOSH TURNER, AND FOREIGNER HEADLINE 2008 FOOTHILLS FALL FESTIVAL

*The Stage Is Set For Maryville, Tennessee's 9th Fall Festival,
Tickets Go On Sale July 18*

Maryville, Tenn. – The Award Winning Foothills Fall Festival has set the stage for **October 10, 11, and 12** and in partnership with Ruby Tuesday, Massey Electric, Clayton, DENSO, The US Army, and the City of Maryville is eager to announce the entertainment for this year's festival.

Willie Nelson, Josh Turner, and Foreigner will appear along with Jason Aldean, Billy Ray Cyrus, Jason Michael Carroll, The Road Hammers, and Julianne Hough.

Friday night brings legendary rock band, **Foreigner** whose repertoire includes the number one hit "I Want to Know What Love Is" along with many top of the charts singles like "Jukebox Hero," "Cold As Ice," "Hot Blooded," "Double Vision," and many more. Celebrating their 30th anniversary as a band, Foreigner is back, bigger, more powerful and explosive than ever. "This band is really enthusiastic and we worked very hard to reestablish Foreigner as a major force in the USA," says band founding member, Mick Jones

Saturday's entertainment gets underway with The Road Hammers, Billy Ray Cyrus, Jason Aldean and Josh Turner.

Billy Ray Cyrus has enjoyed success not only with his singing career and hits like "Some Gave All" and "Ready, Set, Don't Go," but also with his television and movie work. He is currently hosting the NBC reality show "Nashville Star" and filming "The Hannah Montana Movie" with his daughter Miley.

"Long Black Train" was the beginning of a string of number ones for **Josh Turner**. It is everyday life about which his music speaks - heartaches, happiness, fishing holes, and everything in between. His chart success and hits that keep on coming have built a career that's hotter than a firecracker.

A native of Macon, Georgia, **Jason Aldean** already has a platinum album to his credit and this second album is already classified gold. He has had six hits in the billboard country top ten including his number one song "Why". His music is influenced by country stars such as Hank Williams Junior, blues from Georgia's Otis Redding, and rock from artists like Guns and Roses. His up tempo high energy show will please old and young alike.

Sunday gets warmed up with **Julianne Hough**. A triple threat as a singer, actress and dancer, Julianne is already known to millions of fans as the two-time professional dance champion on ABC-TV's top-rated Dancing with the Stars. Though Julianne has been winning world dance titles since her early teens, her ultimate goal has always been a career in country music. Her newly signed deal with Universal Music Group Nashville is providing her the vehicle to realize that dream. "I've always wanted to sing country music," says the 19 year-old blonde. "I've grown up with country music. I love how real everybody is, not just the artists, but the fans."

Jason Michael Carroll who, just so long as it's country, finds his voice in any kind of song whether it's the poignancy of "Alyssa Lies," the blow-up-the-weekend revelry of "Honky Tonk Friends," or the sweeping desire of "Lookin' at You".

Closing the Foothills Fall Festival is legendary singer/ songwriter, bandleader, and movie actor **Willie Nelson**. Nelson has recorded more than 200 albums, winning eight Grammys, a President's Merit Award, a Grammy Legend Award and the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award. His legendary hits include "Always On My Mind," and "On The Road Again." Willie Nelson is celebrating his 75th birthday this year.

Mayor Joe Swann said, "This year's entertainment line up is sure to be a winner with everyone. Where can you get so many great headliner entertainers, free weekend -long activities for kids, great food, and lots of fun for the entire family at such a reasonable price? I suggest that people don't wait, but buy their tickets as soon as they go on sale this year since last year's sellout surprised many."

Tickets for this year's festival will go on sale July 18 and will be available at the Maryville Municipal Center, Blount County branches of First Tennessee and GreenBank, as well as through Tickets Unlimited. Charge by phone (865) 656-4444 or order online at knoxvilletickets.com. For a limited time, tickets for the three day festival will be \$35.00. A limited number of reserved seats will be available through Tickets Unlimited. More information about reserved ticket sales including seating charts will be available via the website July 1.

The Foothills Fall Festival, located in downtown Maryville, Tennessee is renowned for its world-class entertainment at Theater in the Park, arts and crafts on Broadway, children's activities in the award winning Greenbelt Park and a wide variety of foods throughout the festival. Admission to the Arts and Crafts and Children's Adventure Land is free. Concerts at Theater in the Park require a ticket. The hours of operation for this year's arts and crafts showcase and Children's Adventure Land are 12 – 6 on Friday and Sunday and 10 – 6 on Saturday. Volunteer applications are currently being accepted. The City of Maryville proudly presents the festival in partnership with Ruby Tuesday, GreenBank, First Tennessee, DENSO, Massey Electric, Clayton Homes, and The U.S. Army Recruiters. For more information, visit the Foothills Fall Festival website at www.foothillsfallfestival.com or call 865-273-3445.

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