

*The final nominees for the 2009 CMA Awards are:*

**ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR**

Kenny Chesney  
Brad Paisley  
George Strait  
Taylor Swift  
Keith Urban

**FEMALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR**

Miranda Lambert  
Martina McBride  
Reba McEntire  
Taylor Swift  
Carrie Underwood

**MALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR**

Kenny Chesney  
Brad Paisley  
Darius Rucker  
George Strait  
Keith Urban

**NEW ARTIST OF THE YEAR**

Randy Houser  
Jamey Johnson  
Jake Owen  
Darius Rucker  
Zac Brown Band

**VOCAL GROUP OF THE YEAR**

Eagles  
Lady Antebellum  
Little Big Town  
Rascal Flatts  
Zac Brown Band

**VOCAL DUO OF THE YEAR**

Big & Rich  
Brooks & Dunn  
Joey + Rory  
Montgomery Gentry  
Sugarland

**SINGLE OF THE YEAR**

**(Award goes to Artist and Producer)**

“Chicken Fried”

Zac Brown Band

Produced by Keith Stegall

Atlantic Records

“I Run To You”

Lady Antebellum

Produced by Victoria Shaw and Paul Worley

Capitol Records Nashville

“In Color”

Jamey Johnson

Produced by The Kent Hardly Playboys

Mercury Nashville

“People Are Crazy”

Billy Currington

Produced by Carson Chamberlain and Billy Currington

Mercury Nashville

“Then”

Brad Paisley

Produced by Frank Rogers and Chris DuBois

Arista Nashville

**ALBUM OF THE YEAR**

**(Award goes to Artist and Producer)**

*American Saturday Night*

Brad Paisley

Produced by Frank Rogers and Chris DuBois

Arista Nashville

*Defying Gravity*

Keith Urban

Produced by Dann Huff and Keith Urban

Capitol Records Nashville

*Fearless*

Taylor Swift

Produced by Nathan Chapman and Taylor Swift

Big Machine Records

*Love On The Inside*  
Sugarland  
Produced by Byron Gallimore, Kristian Bush, and Jennifer Nettles  
Mercury Nashville

*That Lonesome Song*  
Jamey Johnson  
Produced by The Kent Hardly Playboys  
Mercury Records

**SONG OF THE YEAR**  
**(Award goes to Songwriter(s))**  
“Chicken Fried”  
Zac Brown/Wyatt Durette

“I Told You So”  
Randy Travis

“In Color”  
Jamey Johnson/Lee Thomas Miller/James Otto

“People Are Crazy”  
Bobby Braddock/Troy Jones

“Then”  
Brad Paisley/Chris DuBois/Ashley Gorley

**MUSICAL EVENT OF THE YEAR**  
**(Award goes to each Artist)**  
“Cowgirls Don’t Cry”  
Brooks & Dunn featuring Reba McEntire  
Arista Nashville

“Down The Road”  
Kenny Chesney (with Mac McAnally)  
Blue Chair Records, LLC & BNA Records

“Everything But Quits”  
Lee Ann Womack (duet with George Strait)  
MCA Nashville

“I Told You So”  
Carrie Underwood featuring Randy Travis  
19 Recordings/Arista Nashville

“Old Enough”  
The Raconteurs featuring Ricky Skaggs and Ashley Monroe  
Third Man Records/Warner Bros. Records

“Start A Band”  
Brad Paisley (duet with Keith Urban)  
Arista Nashville

**MUSIC VIDEO OF THE YEAR**  
**(Award goes to Artist and Director)**

“Boots On”  
Randy Houser  
Directed by Eric Welch

“Love Story”  
Taylor Swift  
Directed by Trey Fanjoy

“People Are Crazy”  
Billy Currington  
Directed by The Brads

“Start A Band”  
Brad Paisley (duet with Keith Urban)  
Directed by Jim Shea

“Troubadour”  
George Strait  
Directed by Trey Fanjoy

**MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR**

Eddie Bayers– Drums  
Paul Franklin – Steel Guitar  
Dann Huff – Guitar  
Brent Mason – Guitar  
Mac McAnally – Guitar