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### ANTHEM AUDITION WINNERS SING RED, WHITE AND BLUE AT STATE FAIR

ALBUQUERQUE—September 3, 2009—Winners of the auditions to sing the National Anthem during the State Fair rodeo concerts and two other Fairtime events have been announced by the Events Department of EXPO New Mexico.

Out of the almost 50 singers who auditioned, the following were chosen:

<b>September 17</b>	38 Special Rodeo Concert	Dwayne Roberts, Mountainair
<b>September 18</b>	Aaron Tippin	Nita Lujan, Las Vegas, NM
<b>September 19</b>	Diamond Rio	Danielle Claypool, Tijeras
<b>September 20</b>	Jamey Johnson	Monica Otero, Albuquerque
<b>September 23</b>	Julianne Hough	Hi Tillery, Moriarty
<b>September 24</b>	Billy Currington	Jessica Gallegos, Kristy Gallegos & Christy Speakman, Albuquerque
<b>September 25</b>	The Lost Trailers	Melissa Proctor, Moriarty
<b>September 26</b>	Chuck Wicks	Valerie Delgado & Katrina Trujillo, Albuquerque

In addition to the Rodeo Concerts, on Thursday, September 24, Danielle Claypool will also sing the National Anthem for the opening of the Theme Day honoring Military & Veterans. And for the Gathering of Counties on Saturday, September 26, Albuquerquean Jesse Lopez will sing the anthem as well as the State Song "O Fair New Mexico." Both of these events will take place at the NMSF Pavilion Stage.

For more information, please contact the Events Office at 505 222-9700.