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## NATIONAL ANTHEM AUDITION WINNERS ANNOUNCED

ALBUQUERQUE—August 10, 2011—The winners of the National Anthem auditions to sing the “Star-Spangled Banner” at the New Mexico State Fair rodeo concerts have been announced by EXPO New Mexico’s Events Office...

September 15 - Easton Corbin	April Zamora, Albuquerque
September 16 - Craig Morgan	Hannah Weeks, Rio Rancho
September 17 - Rodney Atkins	Danielle Claypool, Tijeras
September 22 - David Nail	Catherine Powdrell, Albuquerque
September 23 - Restless Heart	Faith Gallardo, Albuquerque
September 24 - Joe Diffie	Ashley Hubbell, Albuquerque

According to Linda Quintero-Dow, an EXPO Events Coordinator, “It was really tough picking out six winners from the 46 singers who auditioned... three had perfect scores. This annual competition to sing the National Anthem during the State Fair’s rodeo concerts has become so popular that we have to limit the number of auditions.” She says there were 13 people on the waiting list and 4 walk-ups one whom was from Colorado Springs! She advises anthem wannabes to start practicing now for next year!