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**RISING COUNTRY ARTIST KATIE ARMIGER TO LAUNCH 24-CITY SUMMER CONCERT TOUR AT SIMON PROPERTY GROUP MALLS ACROSS THE NATION**

*Seventeen-year-old Singer/Songwriter to Showcase Her Critically Acclaimed Second Album “Believe” on Her First National Tour with The Simon dTOUR – Country Music Tour*

**INDIANAPOLIS, May 27, 2009** – For music fans, the summer’s next sensation could be as close as the neighborhood mall as [Simon Property Group, Inc. \(NYSE:SPG\)](#), [Great American Country \(GAC\) Television, F.Y.E.](#), and [Cold River Records](#) today announced [Katie Armiger](#) will headline her first tour making stops in 24 cities at Simon malls nationwide June 23<sup>rd</sup> through August 16<sup>th</sup>. The tour, sponsored by GAC and F.Y.E., will have Katie performing at Simon malls in major cities including Houston, San Diego, Denver, Orlando, Los Angeles, and Nashville.

As an extension of the *Simon dTOUR Live* series, the young Houston native will perform 45-minute sets, featuring a voice that is well beyond her years and has earned her acclaim as a rising country artist. After each show, Katie will sign autographs and accompany one lucky concert-goer on an unforgettable shopping spree, courtesy of Simon malls and [Buckle](#), provider of the official tour wardrobe.

Rarely do you hear of a young artist whose vocal ability and talent is compared to the likes of seasoned country artists like Sara Evans and Martina McBride but Katie Armiger, who burst onto the country music scene last year with her debut album, has done just that. Now one year and two albums later, Katie is set to hit the road on her first headlining national tour in support of her critically acclaimed second album *Believe* on the Simon dTOUR-Country Music Tour.

“I am so excited to have the opportunity to go on my first headlining tour and partner with Simon, GAC, and F.Y.E.,” said Katie. “It’s going to be such an amazing experience to get my music out there and perform in malls across the country this summer. I cannot wait.”

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Katie, who has taken the country music world by storm, is ready to take on Simon malls nationwide this summer. She has set several records for the highest chart numbers ever

seen by an independent female artist on R&R and Music Row. Katie also recorded one of the highest download weeks ever seen by a country Discovery Artist on iTunes. She has been featured in numerous publications as an artist to watch including People Magazine, Country Weekly, The Tennessean, Cosmo Girl, Seventeen.com, AOL's The Boot, the Houston Chronicle, and ElleGirl.com. Katie launched a wildly successful web series with GACTV.com entitled *Kapturing Katie*, following her life leading up to the release of her second album *Believe*. Due to the success of the web series GAC teamed up with her for their most successful nationwide sweepstakes "Kapturing a Love Song with Katie Armiger" where a lucky winner got to write and record a song with Katie. The single, "I Guess That's Love," written by Katie, country music group Love and Theft, and the sweepstakes winner Stephen Shumacher, is available now on iTunes. To the relief of all those that support Katie she has shown no signs of slowing down and will now be coming to a mall near you.

"We're excited about the opportunity to work with Katie and Cold River Records," said Cathi Weiner, senior vice president at Simon Brand Ventures, the company's business-to-consumer division. "Katie's music embodies the spirit so familiar to our 'tween' and teen shoppers, and we think her presence on our *Simon dTOUR – Country Music Tour* stage will provide her fans and her soon-to-be fans with the kind of summer entertainment that makes youthful memories in years to come."

During the concerts, 'tweens' and teens will have the chance to win [Simon Visa Gift Cards](#) and one-on-one shopping experiences with Katie at The Buckle.

**KATIE ARMIGER Simon dTour – Country Music Tour:**

June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Santa Rosa, CA (San Francisco)	Coddington Mall
June 25 <sup>th</sup>	Mission Viejo, CA	The Shops @ Mission Viejo
June 26 <sup>th</sup>	Westminster, CA (Los Angeles)	Westminster Mall
June 27 <sup>th</sup>	San Diego, CA	Fashion Valley
June 30 <sup>th</sup>	Phoenix, AZ	Arizona Mills
July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Denver, CO	Colorado Mills
July 7 <sup>th</sup>	Oklahoma City, OK	Penn Square Mall
July 8 <sup>th</sup>	Hurst, TX (Dallas/Ft. Worth)	North East Mall
July 9 <sup>th</sup>	Cedar Park, TX (Austin)	Lakeline Mall
July 10 <sup>th</sup>	San Antonio, TX	Ingram Park Mall
July 11 <sup>th</sup>	Katy, TX (Houston)	Katy Mills
July 15 <sup>th</sup>	Nashville, TN	Opry Mills
July 17 <sup>th</sup>	Kennesaw, GA (Atlanta)	Town Center @ Cobb
July 18 <sup>th</sup>	Orange Park, FL (Jacksonville)	Orange Park Mall
July 21 <sup>st</sup>	Orlando, FL	The Florida Mall
July 25 <sup>th</sup>	North Wales, PA (Philadelphia)	Montgomery Mall
July 29 <sup>th</sup>	Toms River, NJ	Ocean County Mall
August 1 <sup>st</sup>	North Attleboro, MA (Boston)	Emerald Square Mall

August 4 <sup>th</sup>	Mentor, OH (Cleveland)	Great Lakes Mall
August 5 <sup>th</sup>	Ann Arbor, MI	Briarwood Mall
August 6 <sup>th</sup>	Indianapolis, IN	Castleton Square Mall
August 7 <sup>th</sup>	Gurnee, IL (Chicago)	Gurnee Mills
August 13 <sup>th</sup>	Greendale, WI (Milwaukee)	Southridge Mall
August 16 <sup>th</sup>	St. Paul, MN	Maplewood Mall

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#### **About Simon Property Group**

[Simon Property Group, Inc.](#) is an S&P 500 company and the largest public U.S. real estate company. Simon is a fully integrated real estate company which operates from five retail real estate platforms: regional malls, Premium Outlet Centers®, The Mills®, community/lifestyle centers and international properties. It currently owns or has an interest in 386 properties comprising 262 million square feet of gross leasable area in North America, Europe and Asia. The Company is headquartered in Indianapolis, Indiana and employs more than 5,000 people worldwide. Simon Property Group, Inc. is publicly traded on the NYSE under the symbol SPG. For further information, visit the Company's website at [www.simon.com](http://www.simon.com).

#### **About Simon Brand Ventures**

Simon Brand Ventures (SBV), Simon's business-to-consumer arm, is pioneering the transformation of shopping centers into a medium where consumer brands can build relationships with Simon shoppers who make over 2.8 billion visits each year. Simon's vast franchise of market-leading shopping centers nationwide provides SBV the foundation to monetize the distribution system through numerous consumer ventures. SBV has engaged in a number of consumer business initiatives, including the Simon Visa Giftcard®, launch of Simon platform programs such as Simon DTour Live®, Simon Kidgits Club® and Simon Super Chefs Live!®; a national media delivery channel including static, digital and experiential marketing and advertising vehicles, including the OnSpot Digital Network; and multiple national and local marketing alliances with Coca-Cola, Visa U.S.A. and Cingular Wireless, among others.

#### **About Great American Country (GAC)**

Great American Country is the leader in country music entertainment, and delivers to viewers the widest variety of country music, its artists and the lifestyles they influence. GAC broadcasts original country music programming, music performance specials, live concerts and music videos. GAC is available in more than 55 million households and online at <http://www.GACTV.com>. GAC is owned by Scripps Networks, the leading developer of lifestyle-oriented content for television and the Internet, including [HGTV](#), [Food Network](#), [DIY Network](#) and [Fine Living Network](#). Scripps Networks is based in Knoxville, Tenn., with offices in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Detroit, Atlanta and Nashville, and is a unit of Scripps Networks Interactive (NYSE:SNI).

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