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Clint Black to headline Flowood Fest, Diamond Rio opens

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FLOWOOD- Grammy Award winner and mega-selling country music artist Clint Black will head-

line this year's Flowood Family Festival.

Diamond Rio will open the show at 6:45, with Black set to take the stage at 8:30 p.m.

Admission is free, and the festival gates will open at 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 14.

The event, held behind the Flo-

wood YMCA at 694 Liberty Park Drive, will also feature Space Jumps, Kids Karaoke, music by DJ Trix, a petting zoo, concessions and much more, including a fireworks finale at 9:45 p.m.

The City of Flowood and the Flowood Parks and Recreation Department are sponsors of the Festival. For more information, visit cityofflowood.com online or call the Parks and Recreation Department at 601-992-4440.

Black has racked up numerous awards since launching his career in 1989 with *Killin' Time*, which was named Album of the Year by the Academy of Country Music. The Academy also named him Top Male Vocalist and Top New Male Vocalist in 1989, and he won Single of the Year with "A Better Man" the same year. His duet with Lisa Hartman Black, "When I Said I Do," was awarded Vocal Event of the Year in 1999.

Through the years, Black has landed more than 30 songs, including 22 that reached No. 1, on the US Billboard Country charts.

Black was named Favorite Country New Artist in 1990 at the American Music Awards, and the Country Music Association presented him with the Horizon Award and named him Male Vocalist of the Year in 1989 and 1990, respectively.

Black took home a Grammy Award for Best Country Collaboration with Vocals for "Same Old Train."

He hit the No. 1 slot on the US Country charts with "A Better Man", "Killin' Time", and "Nobody's Home" in 1989, and with "Walkin' Away" in 1990.

Diamond Rio has achieved much success since their founding

in 1982.

Their debut single "Meet in the Middle" went to No. 1 on the Billboard Hot Country Songs chart, and they hit No. 1 four other times, with "How Your Love Makes Me Feel" (1997), "One More Day" (2001), "Beautiful Mess" (2002), and "I Believe" in 2003.

The band has been named Top Vocal Group twice, in 1991 and 1992, by the Academy of Country Music, and Vocal Group of the Year four times by the Country Music

Association, in 1992, 1993, 1994, and 1997. *Common Thread: The Songs of the Eagles*, was named Album of the Year by the Country Music Association in 1994.

Diamond Rio has been nominated for Grammy Awards three times, and won a Grammy in 2011 (Best Southern, Country or Bluegrass Gospel Album) with *The Reason* in 2011.

Like Black, Diamond Rio are Grand Ole Opry inductees.



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