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Mercury Recording Artist Jessie James to Sing National Anthem At NASCAR Sprint All-Star Race XXV

Verve recording artist Kenny Lattimore to sing "God Bless America"

HUNTERSVILLE, N.C. — May 7, 2009 — Sprint (NYSE: S) announced today Mercury recording artist Jessie James will sing "The Star Spangled Banner" for the 25th running of the NASCAR Sprint All-Star Race on May 16 at Lowe's Motor Speedway.

James, 20, recently released her hit single "Wanted," which she co-wrote with *American Idol* judge Kara DioGuardi, Mitch Allen and David Hodges. James also is known for the song "Blue Jeans," a song featured in the Touchstone film and Hollywood Records album soundtrack of the film "Confessions of a Shopaholic." This petite powerhouse will release her debut album this summer, which she has been recording in Los Angeles, New York and Nashville.

"I am so excited to be a part of the NASCAR Sprint All-Star Race," said James. "Singing the anthem is one of my favorite things to do. I have been singing the anthem for audiences since I was 9 years old, but this is definitely the biggest audience I have ever done it for! I am so flattered that Sprint and the NASCAR industry have given me this opportunity."

Kenny Lattimore, a Verve recording artist, will sing "God Bless America" before the start of the Sprint Showdown, the last-chance qualifier for the main event.

The soulful Lattimore's new album and Verve debut, *Timeless*, is a testament to the transcendent properties of classic songcraft, as well as a vehicle for the performing talents that have long made Lattimore one of the most popular vocalists in contemporary rhythm and blues. The 11 songs comprising *Timeless* cover a broad emotional palette, inspiring Lattimore to deliver some of the most sensitive and technically accomplished performances of his career.

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Tune in at 7 p.m. (EDT) Saturday, May 16, to Speed for NASCAR Sprint All-Star Race XXV at Lowe's Motor Speedway. Sprint customers can watch the race on their Sprint phones via NASCAR Sprint Cup Mobile. Tickets for the event start at \$25 and are available at www.lowesmotorspeedway.com or by calling 800-455-FANS.

Sprint customers also are encouraged to tune in to NASCAR Sprint Cup MobileSM at 5:30 p.m. (EDT) May 16 for exclusive access to a typically private race weekend tradition, the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series driver/crew chief meeting. This is a special one-time opportunity to listen to the full audio of the driver/crew chief meeting. The meeting audio will be available on NASCAR Sprint Cup Mobile for repeat listening through the following week. Text NASCAR to 7777 to download NASCAR Sprint Cup MobileSM on capable Sprint phones (standard text + data rates apply).

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