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## **Dierks Bentley to Host ACM Charity Motorcycle Ride, Concert**

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The weekend of the 50th ACM Awards keeps getting bigger. Dierks Bentley has been announced as the host of the ACM Charity Motorcycle Ride and Concert, to be held on April 18.

The ride will begin at motorcycle dealerships in Dallas, Texas, and Grand Prairie, Texas; Will Hoge will perform at the Dallas kick-off, and Joey Hyde will play in Grand Prairie. Both rides will end in Carrollton, Texas, where Bentley, Montgomery Gentry, Thompson Square, James Otto and Dee Jay Silver, among others, will perform. Former Dallas Stars player Craig Ludwig will serve as the emcee.

“One of the first times I was in Las Vegas for the ACMs, I did the Lifting Lives motorcycle ride, and it was fun,” Bentley says. “This year, we have some time on Saturday, so I’m going to get a bike out there and do some riding and raise money for a great cause. It’s fun. When you can ride motorcycles and actually help make money by riding motorcycles, that’s such a win-win situation.”

Proceeds from the event will benefit ACM Lifting Lives, local child abuse advocacy groups and military philanthropies.

The 2015 ACM Awards weekend is going to be a busy one for Bentley. He will also perform at the third annual ACM Party for a Cause, along with Miranda Lambert, Sam Hunt and others, which will be held at Globe Life Park in Arlington, Texas, with proceeds also benefiting ACM Lifting Lives.

Bentley is going into the 50th ACM Awards with seven nominations, including ones for Male Vocalist of the Year and Song of the Year, the latter for "I Hold On."

Tickets for the ACM Motorcycle Charity Ride and Concert are on sale now at the ACM website. Tickets are \$75.

The 2015 ACM Awards will air live from AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas, on April 19 at 8PM ET on CBS.