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## The Stars! The Hits! The Surprises! Here's Why You Should Watch the CMA Music Fest Special

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The annual ABC special always mixes up the performance order, but the actual concerts follow a fairly predictable order, starting with vintage stars and moving on to up-and-comers and A-listers, and finally, to the top acts. This year, Jason Aldean, Carrie Underwood, Blake Shelton and Luke Bryan held down the four coveted closing spots. All four packed a full-length concert's worth of energy into seven- or eight-song sets, leaning on their most crowd-pleasing hits but also mixing in new material.