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## ROYAL WADE KIMES TO PERFORM AT 135th NRA ANNUAL MEETINGS & EXHIBITS OPENING CEREMONY

Opening Ceremony Slated for Friday, May 19, 2 p.m. at the Midwest Airline Center in Milwaukee

(NASHVILLE, May 5, 2006) -- Country and Western artist Royal Wade Kimes will be the guest star performer at the Opening Ceremony for the 2006 National Rifle Association (NRA) Annual Meetings and Exhibits to be held in Milwaukee, Wis. An avid hunter and shooter who supports the 2nd Amendment, Kimes has gained a huge following for writing "In My Land," a song known as the 2nd Amendment Anthem, which appears on his album "A Dyin' Breed." The show will be produced by Nancy Martin, who represents international advertising agency Ackerman McQueen.

Kimes is a two time winner of the Academy of Western Artists' Will Rogers Award and Platinum songwriter. His critically acclaimed "Cowboy Cool" album was voted Best Alternative Western CD in the True West magazine Best of the West readers' poll and was voted one of the top five CDs of 2004. The track "I'm a Cowboy" from "Cowboy Cool" debuted at Number One on the Power Source Magazine Western Chart for July 2005. His recent Christmas record "Snow" received top reviews from Country Weekly, True West Magazine, The Celebrity Cafe, CountryReview.com, Country Stars Online, Christmas Reviews.com and many more. Kimes is a spokesperson for National Day of the Cowboy, a day set aside by Congress to pay homage to our Western history.

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The NRA Annual Meetings and Exhibits will present one of the largest and best displays of firearms, accessories and related items in the country. Manufacturers and their representatives will be on hand to discuss technical issues, handle arms and equipment and find out all the latest information. Extensive private collections will be displayed by NRA affiliated gun collector clubs. Hunting Guides and Outfitters will also exhibit in an exclusive outfitter section of the

The 2006 NRA Annual Meetings and Exhibits will take place at the Midwest Airlines Center located at 400 West Wisconsin Avenue, the U.S. Cellular Arena located at 400 West Kilbourn Avenue, the Hilton Milwaukee City Center, located at 509 West Wisconsin Avenue, and the Hyatt Regency Milwaukee located at 333 West Kilbourn Avenue. The exhibits in the Midwest Airlines Center will be open from Fri. May 19 through Sun. May 21. The hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. continuously on Fri. and Sat. and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sun.

## <u>Websites</u>

For more information, visit the following websites:

http://www.royalwadekimes.com

http://www.nra.org

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