

the {m} media collective **DIAMOND RIO** update

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**DIAMOND RIO TO TAKE PART IN FOX NEWS' "ALL AMERICAN NEW YEAR'S" EVE SPECIAL**

Nashville, Tenn. December 18, 2009... Multi-platinum selling group Diamond Rio will kick off 2010 as one of the performers for Fox News' "All American New Year" program airing on Fox News this New Year's Eve, stay tuned to [www.FoxNews.com](http://www.FoxNews.com) for air times.

The six time group of the year winners will be performing the patriotic "In God We Still Trust" from the Loveless Café in Nashville, Tenn. before a live audience as part of the channel's coverage. Matt Goss and Lee Greenwood are among the other performers.

In the midst of the holiday season, the multi-platinum selling group is recruiting for their sixth annual Team Rio in preparation for the Country Music Marathon and Half Marathon on April 24, 2010. To date, 133,000 training miles have been walked and over \$425,000 has been raised by the usual 230 total participants. Anyone interested in joining Team Rio can visit <http://www.teamrio.org/>.

Diamond Rio unveiled their 11th album *The Reason* on Word Records on Sept. 22. The autobiography "Beautiful Mess" from Thomas Nelson coincided with the album release. Formed in 1984, Diamond Rio features lead singer Marty Roe, guitarist Jimmy Olander, drummer Brian Prout, keyboardist Dan Truman, bassist/harmony Dana Williams and Gene Johnson on mandolin/harmony. The band signed with Arista in 1988 and embarked on one of the most successful careers in country music. The band has sold over 10 million albums earning three platinum and five gold records and won the Country Music Association's Vocal Group of the Year award four times as well as netting two Academy of Country Music Awards in the top Vocal Group of the Year category and thirteen GRAMMY® nominations. When they debuted in 1991 with the hit "Meet in the Middle," Diamond Rio became the first group in the history of country music to have a debut single reach No. 1. They continued to place 32 more singles on the Billboard chart, including "How Your Love Makes Me Feel," "Norma Jean Riley," "Beautiful Mess" and "Love a Little Stronger."

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