



American Idol Sings Netball America's Praises at Madison Square Garden

(May 7, 2010 – New York City) – Netball America announced today, Season 7 American Idol finalist, Michael Johns, will be performing the American national anthem when Netball showcases at Madison Square Garden in NYC May 16th. The WNBA New York Liberty season opener is expected to be sold out with an estimated crowd of 14,000.

"I'm excited to support Netball America, their mission of developing the sport to get it into schools and, of course, to perform in front of a sold out WNBA game at an iconic American venue," said Michael Johns. Netball America ticket holders will get a chance to shoot Netball hoops with Michael. He will also promote the game at the Netball America promotional booth prior to the game, signing autographs and taking photos with fans. Tickets are available from NetballAmerica.com.

Netball is played by more than 20 million people in over 70 countries, yet it remains relatively unknown in America. That is all about to change as Netball America shines the spotlight on some of the country's top Netball players to demonstrate how the game is played, recruit American players, and raise the profile of Netball in America before, during and after the WNBA game. Tickets to the event is available for purchase at www.netballamerica.com. Netball America offers its members the ability to participate or volunteer at these great exhibition events and we welcome further inquiries and new members at info@netballamerica.com.

Netball America, a not-for-profit association, is on a crusade to promote active lifestyles, positive peer pressure and healthy role models for all youth. Support this mission by [purchasing](#) a ticket to the event or [donate](#) a ticket to the George Washington Carver High School, located in Queens.

"Michael Johns is a huge supporter of Netball and great ambassador of the sport; rumor has it he is a pretty good Netball player himself! Netball America hopes to promote active, healthy living, and to have such an enthusiastic celebrity at such a major event as the WNBA game in New York, is a big win for us. Netball encourages participation, communication and team work, while being able to demonstrate Netball to basketball fans and recruit young American's to the sport," said Sonya Ottaway, President of Netball America Inc.

New York, Sunday May 16th – Madison Square Garden
3:30 - 3:40 pm Netball demonstration
4:00 pm: NY Liberty V's Chicago Sky
7:00 – 9:00 pm Netball Game

Tickets to both the Netball and Basketball for the general public are available at www.netballamerica.com.

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About Netball America Inc.

Netball America is a not-for-profit (501c(3)) association committed to the promotion of Netball throughout the United States. Netball America currently has members located in 17 states across the country and is dedicated to the development and growth of Netball in the USA with an emphasis on participation, individual progress, team unity, good health and education of youth. Netball America seeks to have Netball included into the core curriculum of educational systems throughout the USA.

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