



Dear Members of the Media,

In Minnesota, everyone's invited to the biggest and best end-of-summer celebration. The State Fair is everything that is Minnesota. It's a treasured tradition. It's an experience unlike any other. It's the Great Minnesota Get-Together.

The stories here are rich, real and endless. On every street, stage and midway ride, there's someone waiting to share a memory. In every historic building, barn stall, concession stand and competitive entry there's a story waiting to be written.

The 2008 Media Kit is designed as a State Fair encyclopedia—a reference for everything from new foods and attractions, to show schedules and special events, to fair facts and historical information. There are hundreds of story ideas within these pages and there are thousands more out on the fairgrounds.

It is my pleasure to assist you in covering news at the 2008 Minnesota State Fair. I hope you enjoy your coverage as much as I enjoy being part of the Great Minnesota Get-Together's magic.

Enjoy the Twelve Days of Fun Ending Labor Day,

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On the cover: See page 117 in the "What's New?!" section for more information on the 2008 commemorative art by Minnesota artist Edie Abnet.



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INTERVIEW ARRANGEMENTS

State Fair media relations staff is happy to help you make connections and coordinate interviews with concessionaires, exhibitors, free stage artists, attraction operators and State Fair staff. Please call Brooke Dillon at (651) 288-4381 or Brienna Schuette at (651) 288-4452 for contact information or interview arrangements. To make arrangements for free stage artist interviews or appearances, contact Tessa Johnsen at (651) 288-4455.

MEDIA PHOTO GALLERY

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ON-LINE PRESS ROOM

Our on-line press room is available to all media through the State Fair web site. To download State Fair news releases, political information, fact sheets, State Fair photos and copies of this media kit please visit http://www.mnstatefair.org/pages/press_room.html or click on the "press room" link at the bottom of our home page.

PHOTOGRAPHY ACCESS • GRANDSTAND

Photographers and videographers may access the Grandstand to photograph or film a brief portion of the evening's concert. Please note that access may be restricted depending on the artist. To photograph or film a Grandstand event, please contact Brigid McGough the afternoon of the show at (651) 288-4454. We will meet your photography staff outside the Grandstand prior to the show's start to escort them in and out of the venue.

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Located on West Dan Patch Avenue, across from Heritage Square
Open 24-Hours

For additional emergency services dial **9-911** from any State Fair phone.

ATTENDANCE HISTORY 1987-2007

	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991
	Aug. 27-Sept. 7	Aug. 25-Sept. 5	Aug. 24-Sept. 4	Aug. 23-Sept. 3	Aug. 22-Sept. 2
Thursday	85,221	87,414	70,933	72,998	71,242
Friday	108,223	109,426	101,498	101,472	96,665
Saturday	176,299	181,385	153,106	161,036	165,372
Sunday	180,911	175,622	172,225	142,531	147,805
Monday	124,684	127,208	115,017	104,980	105,494
Tuesday	97,850	109,731	105,033	92,234	87,982
Wednesday	104,920	99,836	96,666	117,904	97,569
Thursday	137,219	130,315	111,360	134,130	112,279
Friday	128,473	134,065	153,070	124,491	128,513
Saturday	184,642	179,329	207,259	200,665	196,658
Sunday	182,225	177,312	170,854	179,654	175,689
Monday	101,511	109,636	94,610	96,593	103,542
TOTALS	1,612,178	1,621,279	1,551,631	1,528,688	1,488,810

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
	Aug. 27-Sept. 7	Aug. 26-Sept. 6	Aug. 25-Sept. 5	Aug. 24-Sept. 4	Aug. 22-Sept. 2
Thursday	104,461	76,410	63,646	64,865	80,124
Friday	118,135	118,916	107,596	110,090	113,631
Saturday	164,029	171,963	146,450	158,045	169,353
Sunday	167,001	157,163	209,969	183,698	173,537
Monday	116,458	95,619	143,998	107,915	124,966
Tuesday	87,139	118,036	87,705	90,148	103,200
Wednesday	95,995	114,256	103,050	97,327	107,873
Thursday	131,099	112,207	116,611	155,183	135,537
Friday	119,960	142,843	108,075	159,106	150,748
Saturday	158,761	198,124	193,650	225,249*	203,293
Sunday	199,951	179,616	137,556	196,219	189,630
Monday	87,614	116,172	143,624	125,467	122,084
TOTALS	1,550,603	1,601,325	1,561,930	1,673,312	1,673,976

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
	Aug. 21-Sept. 1	Aug. 27-Sept. 7	Aug. 23-Sept. 3	Aug. 24-Sept. 4	Aug. 23-Sept. 3
Thursday	107,225	97,621	109,643*	99,436	103,099
Friday	115,078	123,225	116,426	116,370	110,994
Saturday	171,032	202,126	185,704	178,395	173,419
Sunday	181,627	193,518	199,754	179,573	174,275
Monday	122,956	136,400	121,749	129,749	134,922
Tuesday	99,190	94,776	103,521	104,574	110,376
Wednesday	103,758	90,150	83,758	101,780	90,405
Thursday	140,246	104,259	91,827	107,751	137,588
Friday	140,852	131,405	114,024	143,757	164,166
Saturday	202,259	202,787	187,851	207,787	221,637
Sunday	183,386	176,321	215,761*	179,943	205,853
Monday	115,845	136,446	144,432*	133,510	136,242
TOTALS	1,683,454	1,689,034	1,674,450	1,682,625	1,762,976*

ATTENDANCE HISTORY 1987-2007 cont.

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
	Aug. 22–Sept. 2	Aug. 21–Sept. 1	Aug. 26–Sept. 6	Aug. 25–Sept. 5	Aug. 24–Sept. 4
Thursday	92,134	107,884	101,915	101,632	75,910
Friday	107,874	121,743	129,827*	103,919	112,065
Saturday	170,825	177,325	175,115	171,503	167,634
Sunday	173,722	159,165	164,672	174,925	166,849
Monday	131,067	108,188	126,518	121,951	117,826
Tuesday	102,011	100,114	103,336	108,551	106,192
Wednesday	97,864	109,897	92,697	93,549	128,966*
Thursday	126,082	120,743	99,953	116,142	137,894
Friday	172,367*	179,052*	137,101	140,017	170,053
Saturday	213,476	214,276	204,934	174,544	194,032
Sunday	182,678	211,573	158,733	189,745	142,949
Monday	136,386	131,865	137,139	136,398	160,209*
TOTALS	1,706,486	1,741,825	1,631,940	1,632,876	1,680,579

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
	Aug. 23–Sept. 3	Aug. 21–Sept. 1	Aug. 27–Sept. 7	Aug. 26–Sept. 6	Aug. 25–Sept. 5
Thursday	79,192				
Friday	122,632				
Saturday	182,277				
Sunday	175,195				
Monday	108,732				
Tuesday	87,205				
Wednesday	114,355				
Thursday	127,898				
Friday	161,807				
Saturday	200,813				
Sunday	190,531				
Monday	131,041				
TOTALS	1,681,678				

* new attendance record

ATTENDANCE RECORDS

DAILY RECORDS

Day	Attendance	Year Established
Thursday	109,643	1999
Friday	129,827	2004
Saturday	202,126	1998
Sunday	209,969	1994
Monday	143,998	1994
Tuesday	118,036	1993
Wednesday	128,966	2006
Thursday	155,183	1995
Friday	179,052	2003
Saturday	225,249	1995
Sunday	215,761	1999
Monday	160,209	2006

CUMULATIVE RECORDS

Rank	Attendance	Year Established
1	1,762,976	2001
2	1,741,825	2003
3	1,706,486	2002
4	1,689,034	1998
5	1,683,454	1997
6	1,682,625	2000
7	1,681,678	2007
8	1,680,579	2006
9	1,674,450	1999
10	1,673,976	1996
11	1,673,312	1995
12	1,632,876	2005
13	1,631,139	2004
14	1,621,279	1988
15	1,612,178	1987

ATTENDANCE WORKSHEET 2008

DAY	RECORDS	2007	2008
Thursday	109,643 ('99)	79,192	_____
Friday	129,827 ('04)	122,632	_____
Saturday	202,126 ('98)	182,277	_____
Sunday	209,969 ('94)	175,195	_____
Monday	143,998 ('94)	108,732	_____
Tuesday	118,036 ('93)	87,205	_____
Wednesday	128,966 ('06)	114,355	_____
Thursday	155,183 ('95)	127,898	_____
Friday	179,052 ('03)	161,807	_____
Saturday	225,249 ('95)	200,813	_____
Sunday	215,761 ('99)	190,531	_____
Monday	160,209 ('06)	131,041	_____
RECORD TOTAL	1,762,976 ('01)	1,681,678	_____

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

Agriculture is the foundation of the Minnesota State Fair. According to the book *History of the Minnesota State Agricultural Society* (1910), the purpose of the first State Fair was “to 'boost' Minnesota. The theory was simple: once the outside world heard of the existence of bona fide agricultural societies in the territory, rumors of a frozen wasteland beyond Lake Superior would quickly fade away...such a place [of rich agricultural exhibition] must be a farmer's paradise!” Today, individuals continue the tradition of showcasing Minnesota's agriculture. People come from all over the state to show the very best in livestock, horses and crops. Far from a frozen wasteland, Minnesota is a national leader in agricultural exports.

While the State Fair welcomes Minnesotans from agricultural and non-agricultural backgrounds alike, the fair remains closely tied to the state's agricultural economy. The designation of an animal as a Minnesota State Fair Grand Champion is an honor that greatly increases the value of livestock. As State Fairs around the country struggle to attract entrants to livestock competitions, some fairs have brought in “show herds” in order to make barns appear full. However, the Minnesota State Fair continues to experience high entry rates and full barns.

Agrilympics

Celebrities compete in agricultural contests. Schedule of competition for 2008 includes:

- **Friday, Aug. 22**

- 2:30 p.m.: Celebrity Milking Contest, *located outside the northwest end of the Cattle Barn in the Moo Demonstration Area*

- **Tuesday, Aug. 26**

- 12:10 p.m.: Celebrity Farm Animal Calling Contest, *located outside the northwest end of the Cattle Barn in the Moo Demonstration Area*

- **Wednesday, Aug. 27**

- 1 p.m.: Wool Pack-O-Rama–Celebrity Division, *located at the Sheep Barn in front of the Baa Booth*

- **Thursday, Aug. 28**

- 12:15 p.m.: Celebrity Butter Carving Contest, *located outside the northwest end of the Cattle Barn in the Moo Demonstration Area*

- **Friday, Aug. 29**

- 2:30 p.m.: Agrilympics Medal Ceremony, *located outside the northwest end of the Cattle Barn in the Moo Demonstration Area*

Aisle of Breeds

Located in the center aisle of the Horse Barn

A myriad of horse breeds are showcased throughout the 12 days of the State Fair. Breeds may include: Peruvian, Norwegian Fjord, Paso Fino, Cleveland Bay, Pintabian, Pinto, Appaloosa, Percheron, Quarter Horse, American Bashkir Curly, Clydesdale, Paint, Rocky Mountain Saddlehorse, Standardbred and many more. See the *Where and When to See the Animals* brochure included with this media kit for additional information.

Barn Tours

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., *Poultry Barn, east entrance*

Free guided tours of the livestock complex are conducted daily. Tours begin every 20 minutes and last 30 to 40 minutes. Barn tours cease 30 minutes prior to barns closing on changeover days.

CHS Miracle of Birth Center

9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (3 p.m. on Labor Day), *Judson Avenue at Clough Street*

This agricultural education exhibit is the birthplace of approximately 200 animals including calves, lambs and piglets during the fair's 12 day run.

CHRISTENSEN FARMS STAGE SCHEDULE

Located just outside the CHS Miracle of Birth Center

• Thursday, Aug. 21

10 a.m.–2 p.m.: Minnesota Beef Council

2 p.m.: FFA Awards Ceremony

• Friday, Aug. 22

A-Maize-ing Corn Day, (Minnesota Corn Growers Association)

10 a.m.–6 p.m.: Minnesota Corn Production presentations

6:30–9 p.m.: MN FFA Talent Show

• Saturday, Aug. 23

Beef Day (Minnesota CattleWomen)

10 a.m.–6 p.m.: Programming will include story time, trivia and presentations from the MN Beef Ambassador and MN Beef Queen and Princess

• Sunday, Aug. 24

University of Minnesota Day

11 a.m.–6 p.m.: Presentations from the College of Food, Agriculture and Natural Resource Sciences

• Monday, Aug. 25

Minnesota Beef Day, (Minnesota Beef Council)

10 a.m.–2 p.m.: Beef Bytes with Terrific Trivia

• Tuesday, Aug. 26

MN Soybean Growers Day (MN Soybean Research and Promotion Council)

• Wednesday, Aug. 27

Minnesota Oink Day, (Minnesota Pork Board)

10 a.m.–6 p.m.: Programming will include trivia contests, children's book reading, appearances by Farmer Nelson and Perfect the Pig and more

• Thursday, Aug. 28

Minnesota Gobble Gobble (Minnesota Turkey Council)

10 a.m.–2 p.m.: Programming will include trivia, appearances by Tom and Tosh Turkey and an opportunity to join in the "Turkey Dance"

2 p.m.–6 p.m.: The Buzz About Honey (Minnesota Honey Producers)

• Friday, Aug. 29

Minnesota Dairy Day (Midwest Dairy Association)

9:30 a.m.: Who Wants to be a Mooo-llioniare?

- 10:30 a.m.: Story Time with Princess Kay of the Milky Way
- 11:30 a.m.: Appearance by Ragnar the Minnesota Vikings Mascot
- 2:30 p.m.: Who Wants to be a Moo-llioniare?
- 3:30 p.m.: Shake It Up, butter making with the butter heads
- 4:30 p.m.: Story Time with Princess Kay of the Milky Way

- **Saturday, Aug. 30**

- 10 a.m.–2p.m.: The Buzz About Honey (Minnesota Honey Producers)

- **Sunday, Aug. 31**

- Minnesota FFA Day

- **Monday, Sept. 1**

- noon: FFA Awards Program

CHS Miracle of Birth Center Vocabulary

- **Pig**

- Mother: Sow

- Father: Boar

- Baby: Piglet

- Number of piglets born at one time: 8 to 12

- Gestation period: 114 days

- **Chicken**

- Mother: Hen

- Father: Rooster

- Baby: Chick

- Number of eggs at one time: 12 to 15

- Incubation period: 21 days

- **Cattle**

- Mother: Cow

- Father: Bull

- Baby: Calf

- Number of calves born at one time: 1

- Gestation period: 275 days

- **Sheep**

- Mother: Ewe

- Father: Ram

- Baby: Lamb

- Number of lambs born at one time: 1 to 3

- Gestation period: 152 days

Demonstration Booths

BAA BOOTH

Aug. 21–28, weekdays 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., weekends 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., closed during changeover, *located near the south entrance of the Sheep Barn*

The Baa Booth is an educational exhibit where visitors judge wool, see unusual breeds of sheep and try their hand at shearing. Sheep shearing is done every day at 1 p.m. (except Aug. 27 when the Baa Booth hosts the Wool Pack-O-Rama Agrilympics event at 1 p.m).

MOO BOOTH–MILKING PARLOR

Weekdays 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., weekends 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., closed during changeover, *Cattle Barn, Judson Avenue*

Free milking demonstrations are presented at 10 a.m., noon, 2, 4 and 6 p.m. daily. (No demonstrations at 2 p.m. on Aug. 28 or 6 p.m. on Labor Day).

Moo Booth Schedule:

• **Thursday, Aug. 21**

- 10 a.m.: AMPI “Make It Better With Butter” Carving Contest
- 11:30 a.m.: Hand Milking
- 1:30 p.m.: Hand Milking
- 4:10 p.m.: Moo Quiz

• **Friday, Aug. 22**

- 10 a.m.: AMPI “Make It Better With Butter” Carving Contest
- 11:30 a.m.: Hand Milking
- 12:15 p.m.: Talk to the Animals
- 1:30 p.m.: Hand Milking
- 2:30 p.m.: Agrilympics Event–Celebrity Milking Contest
- 4:10 p.m.: Moo Quiz

• **Saturday, Aug. 23**

- 10 a.m.: AMPI “Make It Better With Butter” Carving Contest
- 11:30 a.m.: Hand Milking
- 12:15 p.m.: Talk to the Animals
- 1:30 p.m.: Hand Milking
- 2:30 p.m.: Milk Moo-stache Contest
- 4:10 p.m.: Moo Quiz

• **Sunday, Aug. 24**

- 10 a.m.: AMPI “Make It Better With Butter” Carving Contest
- 11:30 a.m.: Hand Milking
- 12:15 p.m.: Talk to the Animals
- 1:30 p.m.: Hand Milking
- 4:10 p.m.: Moo Quiz

• **Monday, Aug. 25**

- 10 a.m.: AMPI “Make It Better With Butter” Carving Contest
- 11:30 a.m.: Hand Milking
- 1:30 p.m.: Hand Milking
- 4:10 p.m.: Moo Quiz

• **Tuesday, Aug. 26**

- 10 a.m.: AMPI “Make It Better With Butter” Carving Contest
- 11:30 a.m.: Hand Milking
- 12:10 p.m.: Agrilympics Event–Celebrity Farm Animal Calling Contest
- 1:30 p.m.: Hand Milking
- 4:10 p.m.: Moo Quiz

• **Wednesday, Aug. 27**

- 10 a.m.: AMPI “Make It Better With Butter” Carving Contest
- 11:30 a.m.: Hand Milking
- 1:30 p.m.: Hand Milking
- 4:10 p.m.: Moo Quiz

• **Thursday, Aug. 28**

- 10 a.m.: AMPI “Make It Better With Butter” Carving Contest
- 11:30 a.m.: Hand Milking
- 12:15 p.m.: Agrilympics Event–Celebrity Butter Carving Contest
- 1:30 p.m.: Hand Milking
- 4:10 p.m.: Moo Quiz

• **Friday, Aug. 29**

- 10 a.m.: AMPI “Make It Better With Butter” Carving Contest
- 11:30 a.m.: Hand Milking
- 12:15 p.m.: Talk to the Animals
- 1:30 p.m.: Hand Milking
- 2:30 p.m.: Agrilympics Medal Ceremony
- 4:10 p.m.: Moo Quiz
- 4:30 p.m.: Butter Carve-O-Rama

• **Saturday, Aug. 30**

- 10 a.m.: AMPI “Make It Better With Butter” Carving Contest
- 10:30 a.m.: Yogurt & Cottage Cheese Eating Contest
- 11:30 a.m.: Hand Milking
- 12:15 p.m.: Talk to the Animals
- 1:30 p.m.: Hand Milking
- 2:30 p.m.: Milk Chug-a-lug Contest
- 4:10 p.m.: Moo Quiz

• **Sunday, Aug. 31**

- 10 a.m.: AMPI “Make It Better With Butter” Carving Contest
- 11:30 a.m.: Hand Milking
- 12:15 a.m.: Talk to the Animals
- 1:30 p.m.: Hand Milking
- 2:30 p.m.: Great Minnesota Moo-Off
- 4:10 p.m.: Moo Quiz

• **Monday, Sept. 1**

- 10 a.m.: AMPI “Make It Better With Butter” Carving Contest
- 11:30 a.m.: Hand Milking
- 1:30 p.m.: Hand Milking

OINK BOOTH

Weekdays 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., weekends 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., closed during changeover, *located at the east end of the Swine Barn*

An educational exhibit where visitors can judge a hog, pet a baby pig and test their knowledge of the swine industry. Pig Tales will be presented every day at 11 a.m.

Little Farm Hands

Sponsored by Cub Foods, Cargill, Butter Kernel, John Deere Company, Minnesota Corn Growers Association and Crystal Sugar

8 a.m. to 7 p.m., *Lee Avenue across from The North Woods*

Little Farm Hands at the fair is an agricultural education exhibit. Children become Little Farm Hands at this free, hands-on, make-believe attraction. Farm Hands, adorned with work aprons, help with farm chores, collect goods to sell at the Farmers' Market and then spend their earnings at the grocery store. Interview contacts: Michelle Fickett at (651) 288-4480 or Brooke Dillon at (651) 288-4381.

Old Iron Show

Daily, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., *Lee Avenue, north of Little Farm Hands*

Rare, valuable and fully operational antique farm equipment displayed.

Vocabulary–Agriculture Terms

A

Avian: pertaining to poultry and/or fowl

B

Barrow: a neutered male pig

Beef Cattle: breeds of cattle selected for their meat production

Boar: a male pig of any age

Bovine: pertaining to cattle

Breed: a group of animals with common ancestry, possessing certain inherited characteristics distinguishing them from other groups of animals

Breeding: the pairing of a male and a female of the same species to produce offspring

Broiler: a chicken of either sex about seven weeks of age

Buck: a male goat

Bull: a male cattle or bison of any age

C

Calf: the offspring of a cow

Calving: to give birth to a calf

Caprine: pertaining to goats

Cow: a female cattle or bison of any age

Crossbreed: an animal which is the combination of the best traits of two or more animal breeds

Cud: food that is brought up from the first compartment of the stomach to the mouth of a ruminant to be re-chewed (ruminants include cattle, goats, sheep, llamas, giraffes, bison, buffalo, deer, wildebeest and antelope)

D

Dairy Cattle: breeds of cattle suitable for milk production

Dam: the female parent of an animal

Doe: a female goat

Domesticated: animals tamed and tended by humans

Down: very fine, soft feathers

E

Ewe: a female sheep of any age

F

Farrowing: to give birth to piglets

Felting: the process of making a type of cloth from wool using agitation (matting and pressing the fibers) in combination with moisture

Fleece: the outer covering of wool on a sheep

Flock: a group of animals that live, travel or feed together

Forages: plants used for feeding by animals (alfalfa, hay, corn silage or hay crops)

G

Gilt: a female hog that has not borne a litter of piglets

H

Heifer: a young female of the cattle species that has not borne a calf

Hen: a mature female chicken or turkey

Homogenize: the process during which the particles of fat in milk are broken up, so cream (fat) does not separate and rise to the top

I

Incubation: the process of keeping eggs under controlled conditions of heat and moisture to permit fertile eggs to hatch

L

Lambing: to give birth to a lamb or lambs

Lanolin: a wax secreted by sheep to protect wool fiber; used extensively in cosmetics and lubricants

Layer: a female chicken producing eggs regularly

Litter: a number of offspring born at the same time from one sow

Livestock: domestic farm animals raised for production; examples include beef and dairy cattle, sheep, goats, swine and poultry

M

Molting: the shedding of feathers by poultry, accompanied by a reduction or ceasing of egg production for a short period of time

Monogastric: having only one stomach or stomach compartment (like humans)

O

Ovine: pertaining to sheep

P

Parturition: the act or process of giving birth

Pasteurization: the process of heating milk to kill disease-producing bacteria; this helps to prevent spoiling without destroying vitamins or changing taste

Piglet: a young pig

Poult: a young turkey

Porcine: pertaining to a pig or hog

Poultry: chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys and other domesticated birds raised for eggs and meat

Pullet: a female chicken up to six months of age

R

Ram: a male sheep of any age

Roaster: a young meat bird, ten to 12 weeks old weighing eight to nine pounds

Rooster: a male chicken of any age

Roughage: feeds high in fiber and low in total digestible nutrients such as hay and silage

Ruminant: an animal having a stomach with four compartments; its digestive process is more complex than that of animals having a true (or monogastric) stomach

S

Shearing: removal of wool from a sheep

Sheep: a grass-eating animal that produces meat and wool

Silage: an entire plant (stalk, leaves and grain), coarsely chopped, stored green, fermented and used for livestock feed

Sire: the male parent of an animal

Sow: a mature female hog

Steer: a neutered male of the cattle species

Swine: another name for hogs

T

Tom: a male turkey

W

Wether: a neutered male sheep

Wool grading: separating fleece into categories that reflect differences in fiber diameter, length and condition

HORSE SHOWS AND WARNER COLISEUM EVENTS

Paid Shows

The Texas Trick Riders will perform at all paid English and Western Horse Shows and the Minnesota State Fair Bullriding Show. The Trick Riders will also perform at two free horse shows on Monday, Aug. 25 and Monday, Sept. 1 at 12:30 p.m. Performances feature riders and horses demonstrating Roman riding, trick riding, whip cracking, trick horses and trick roping.

English Horse Shows featuring the Texas Trick Riders are scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 21 at 6:30 p.m.; Friday, Aug. 22 at 1 and 6:30 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 23 at 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, Aug. 24 at noon and 6:30 p.m.; Monday, Aug. 25 at 12:30 (free show) and 6:30 p.m.; and Tuesday, Aug. 26 at 6:30 p.m.

The Minnesota State Fair Bullriding Show featuring the Texas Trick Riders is set for Wednesday, Aug. 27 at 7 p.m.

Rodeos are Thursday, Aug. 28 at 12:30 and 7 p.m.; and Friday, Aug. 29 at 7 p.m.

Western Horse Shows featuring the Texas Trick Riders are scheduled for Friday, Aug. 29 at noon; Saturday, Aug. 30 at 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, Aug. 31 at 12:30 and 6:30 p.m.; and Monday, Sept. 1 at 12:30 p.m. (free show).

Ticket prices for all horse shows are as follows: Box Seats: \$10; General Admission, Adult (13 & over): \$8; General Admission, Kids (5-12): \$4; and Children under 5 are free.

Free English and Western Horse Shows

Free horse shows begin at 8 a.m. and are all day Wednesday, Aug. 20; Thursday morning and afternoon, Aug. 21; Sunday morning, Aug. 24; Monday, Aug. 25 at 12:30 p.m.; and Sunday morning, Aug. 31. On Monday morning, Sept. 1 the free show begins at 8:30 a.m. The Texas Trick Riders will not be presented at free shows, with the exception of the 12:30 p.m. performances on Monday, August 25 and Monday, Sept. 1.

LIVESTOCK COMPETITIONS

Barn Hours

9 a.m. to 9 p.m., (3 p.m. on Labor Day)

Closed during changeover (see information on changeover below).

Changeover

Changeover occurs in all livestock areas (except the Horse Barn) on Sunday, Aug. 24, Thursday, Aug. 28 and Labor Day, Sept. 1. During changeover, barns and areas of the livestock facilities close early to prepare for different breeds and classes to move into the barns. Facilities will close at 3 p.m. on Aug. 24 and Sept. 1, and at 2 p.m. on Aug. 28. The Horse Barn closes at midnight on Tuesday, Aug. 26 and reopens at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 27. Dates, times and locations of when animals are on display can be found in the *Where and When to See the Animals* brochure, available at all information booths and included with this media kit.

Featured Livestock Competitions

Llamas

Performance classes—Thursday, Aug. 28, 8:30 a.m.

Light and medium wool breed classes—Friday, Aug. 29, 8:30 a.m.

Heavy wool breed classes and open costume class—Friday, Aug. 29, 10 a.m.

Judging takes place in the Judging Arena.

Llama competitions include classes based on light, medium and heavy wool breeds of all ages, an open wool costume competition and several performance competitions including cart pulling and obstacle courses.

Miniature Horse Halter

Sunday, Aug. 24, 2 p.m., *Judging Arena*

In classes topping out at less than three feet in height, miniature horses are judged on walk and trot.

Stock Dog Trials

Monday, Aug. 25, 8 a.m. to noon, *Warner Coliseum*

Dog trials feature sheep dogs competing in timed events herding sheep around a course and into a pen.

Youth Competitions

4-H Purple Ribbon Auction

Saturday, Aug. 23, 6 p.m., *Judging Arena*

Youth participants in the 4-H Purple Ribbon Auction proudly showcase their award-winning animals. These animals and their owners have progressed from county fairs around the state to the State Fair, where they placed

among the top entrants. The promising young Minnesotans will receive proceeds from the sale of their animals at this auction. Visit www.mnpurpleribbonauction.org for more information.

Lamb Lead

Sunday, Aug. 24, 11:30 a.m., *Sheep Barn*

Children participating in the Lamb Lead create wool outfits for themselves and their sheep. Judging is based on the quality and creativity of their outfits as well as the presentation of their lamb. This adorable exhibition promotes sheep and wool production.

Livestock Judging Locations

Livestock competition takes place in several barns, the Exercise Ring, Judging Arena and the Warner Coliseum. These areas, especially the livestock barns, become crowded and congested during the fair. The following descriptions will make judging areas easier to find. Consult the *Where and When to See the Animals* brochure enclosed with this kit for the complete livestock judging schedule.

EXERCISE RING: Located south of the Warner Coliseum

JUDGING ARENA: Located on the west end of Judson Avenue, just west of the Horse Barn Annex

POULTRY BARN: Judging takes place on the east side of the Sheep and Poultry Barn. Rows of pens are often closed for judging.

SHEEP BARN: Judging takes place on the west side of the Sheep and Poultry Barn. This barn is labeled “Goat” during the last four days of the fair.

SWINE BARN: There are two rings in the Swine Barn, located roughly in the center of the building.

WARNER COLISEUM: Main entrance on Judson Avenue, directly across from the Sheep and Poultry Barn

What do judges look for?

Beef Cattle

Beef cattle are evaluated on the basis of meat production. Importance is placed on the animal’s size for its age and growth potential. Desired characteristics are ample substance of bone, length of leg and body, evidence of muscling in shoulder, rump, back and thigh, good skeletal conformation, sound feet and legs with no deformities, and muscular bodies with high fat content.

Dairy Cattle

Dairy cattle are judged using four major categories: 1) general appearance including femininity, harmonious correlation of parts, attractive carriage and graceful walk, 2) dairy character emphasizing long, flat, angular bones and smooth, flat muscles without extra fat, 3) body capacity, which must appear large in proportion to the size of the animal and provide ample digestive capacity, strength and vigor, 4) mammary system including a strongly attached, well-carried udder which can sustain heavy production and a long period of usefulness.

Sheep

Sheep are evaluated on the basis of breed type with the emphasis on such traits as color of face, ears and legs, size and carriage of ears, and wool covering face and legs. Their meat productivity is judged by size, overall dimension, scale and frame, weight for age and muscle content. Wool productivity is evaluated by the fineness, uniformity, freedom from debris and length of hair shaft. Average sheep produce about 15 pounds of wool in a year.

Swine

Swine are evaluated by their structural and skeletal conformation, strength through the back, depth of chest, lung capacity, width in back and rump represented by muscle (not fat), muscle structure, length of legs and body and smoothness of belly.

NEW COMPETITIONS

For new competitions and their display/judging locations, please see the listing on page 109 in the "What's New?" section of this media kit.

NON-LIVESTOCK COMPETITIONS & EXHIBITS

Bee & Honey

9 a.m. to 9 p.m., *located in the Agriculture Horticulture Building*

In recent years, the public has become increasingly conscious of the value of honey in the diet and the importance of bees and bee-keeping to agriculture. Experienced or amateur producers of honey and beeswax are invited to display their products in the honey show.

Demonstrations:

Cooking with Honey: Daily at 11, 11:30 a.m., noon

Looking in the Hive: Daily at 10:30 a.m., 12:30, 2:30, 4:30 & 6:30 p.m.

Honey Harvesting: Daily at 1, 2, 4, & 5 p.m.

Beeswax Rendering: Daily at 3 p.m.

Beeswax Candles: Daily at 3:30 p.m.

Christmas Tree Division Events

Located on the west end of the Agriculture Horticulture Building

• Thursday, Aug. 21

2 p.m.: What's the perfect Christmas tree for you?

5 p.m.: Step by Step - How to make beautiful bows by hand

• Friday, Aug. 22

2 p.m.: From the cone to your home: How we grow Christmas trees

4:30 p.m.: Why buy a real Christmas tree? It's the greener choice.

• Saturday, Aug. 23

11 a.m.: Why buy a real Christmas tree? It's the greener choice.

Noon – 4 p.m.: Santa Claus appearances (except during 2 p.m. parade).

2 p.m.: Photosynthesis and Christmas trees - what happens?

• Sunday, Aug. 24

Noon – 4 p.m.: Santa Claus appearances (except during 2 p.m. parade).

4:30, 6:30 p.m.: Wreath making demonstration

- **Monday, Aug. 25**
11 a.m.: Use the internet to find a Christmas tree grower
Noon–4 p.m.: Santa Claus appearances (except during 2 p.m. parade).
2 p.m.: Why buy a real Christmas tree? It's the greener choice
- **Tuesday, Aug. 26**
11 a.m.: Christmas trees are green in more ways than one
2 p.m.: Christmas trees and clean air: How our trees help the environment
- **Wednesday, Aug. 27**
11 a.m.: How we grow our beautiful Christmas trees
4:30 p.m.: What you might not know about Christmas trees
- **Thursday, Aug. 28**
2 p.m.: Why buy a real Christmas tree? It's the greener choice.
- **Friday, Aug. 29**
1 p.m.: Step by Step - How to make beautiful bows by hand
- **Saturday, Aug. 30**
10 a.m.: Where does your Christmas tree come from?
11 a.m.: Identifying conifers - What do I have? What should I plant?
Noon–4 p.m.: Santa Claus appearances (except during 2 p.m. parade).
- **Sunday, Aug. 31**
11 a.m.: Christmas tree magic
Noon–4 p.m.: Santa Claus appearances (except during 2 p.m. parade).
- **Monday, Sept. 1**
11 a.m.: Why buy a real Christmas tree? It's the greener choice
Noon–4 p.m.: Santa Claus appearances (except during 2 p.m. parade).
4:30 p.m.: Christmas trees and clean air: How Christmas trees help the environment

Beer Competition

Saturday, Aug. 23, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., *Education Stage*

2008 Minnesota State Fair Home Brew Competition

Any Minnesota brewer of legal age may enter this competition with their home-brewed beer. First and second round judging will take place at the State Fairgrounds Creative Activities Annex from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 16 and is not open to the general public. The final judging and Best-of-Show awards ceremony will be on Aug. 23 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. For more information, please visit www.mnbrewers.com/events/mnfair.

Creative Activities

9 a.m. to 9 p.m., *located in the Creative Activities Building*

The Creative Activities department presents an annual exhibition of the finest needlework, handicrafts, baking and canning that Minnesota has to offer. Participation is limited to Minnesota residents. In 2007, over 1,700 participants exhibited over 6,100 items (over 2,200 in baking and special contests alone).

Creative Activities Demonstration Kitchen schedule featuring Saint Agnes Baking Co.:

- **Thursday, Aug. 21**
 - 11 a.m.: Chef LaBeau, Chicken Wild Rice Salad
 - 1 p.m.: Ann Pagel Newman, Homemade Marshmallows
 - 3 p.m.: Mike Mitchelson, Twin Cities Best Restaurants
 - 5 p.m.: Chef Zoe Francois, No Knead Bread
- **Friday, Aug. 22**
 - 11 a.m.: Kim Ode, Edesia Cookbook Review
 - 1 p.m.: Kim Ode, Rye Breads
 - 3 p.m.: Pat's Tips, Fun with Pork
 - 5 p.m.: Author Jeff Hertzberg, Miracle Breads
- **Saturday, Aug. 23**
 - 11 a.m.: Rob Hahn, Everyday Wines
 - 1 p.m.: Sara Peterson, Designer Cupcakes
 - 3 p.m.: Pat's Tips, Fun with Chocolate
 - 5 p.m.: Healthy Eating, Mastel's Health Foods
- **Sunday, Aug. 24**
 - 11 a.m.: John Michael Lerma, Great American Pie Challenge
 - 1 p.m.: John Michael Lerma, Fun with Puff Pastry
 - 3 p.m.: John Michael Lerma, Church Basement Baking
 - 5 p.m.: John Michael Lerma, Blue Ribbon Canning
- **Monday, Aug. 25**
 - 11 a.m.: Laura Salveson, Ann Pillsbury
 - 1 p.m.: Laura Salveson, Ann Pillsbury
 - 3 p.m.: Deborah Gilson, Poetry and Panna Cotta
 - 5 p.m.: Tom Jensen, Eversharp Knives
- **Tuesday, Aug. 26**
 - 11 a.m.: Todd Churchill, Grass Fed Beef
 - 1 p.m.: Kiersa Notz, Twin Cities Chocolate Extravaganza
 - 3 p.m.: Kate Seitz, Saint Paul Illustrated
 - 5 p.m.: Kim Ode, Klecko Salt
- **Wednesday, Aug. 27**
 - 11 a.m.: Deanna Sande, Economic Cooking
 - 1 p.m.: Nancy Burgeson, Kid Cakes
 - 3 p.m.: Nancy Burgeson, Truffles
 - 5 p.m.: Cave Music, Spaghetti Opera
- **Thursday, Aug. 28**
 - 11 a.m.: John Michael Lerma, Great American Pie Challenge
 - 1 p.m.: Klecko, Key Lime Quick Bread
 - 3 p.m.: Debora Drower, Ice Cream
 - 5 p.m.: Patrick Pfundstein, Making Flour
- **Friday, Aug. 29**
 - 11 a.m.: Geralyn Carl, Ask the Judge
 - 1 p.m.: Geralyn Carl, Preserved Food Certification
 - 3 p.m.: Klecko, Russian Banana Bread
 - 5 p.m.: Cave Music, Spaghetti Opera

- **Saturday, Aug. 30**
 11 a.m.: Nancy Burgeson,
 Cake 101
 1 p.m.: Nancy Burgeson,
 Cupcakes
 3 p.m.: Nancy Burgeson,
 Cake 101
 5 p.m.: Nancy Burgeson,
 Cupcakes
- **Sunday, Aug. 31**
 11 a.m.: The Candy Queen,
 Super Simple Fondant
 1 p.m.: The Candy Queen,
 Cupcakes
- 3 p.m.: Mary Klecko, Blue
 Ribbon Biscotti
 5 p.m.: Mary Klecko, Blue
 Ribbon Biscotti
- **Monday, Sept. 1**
 11 a.m.: Klecko, Caviar
 Shrimp-Dog Biscuits
 1 p.m.: Klecko, Banana Whole
 Wheat-Dog Biscuits
 3 p.m.: Klecko & Mary Klecko,
 Zombie Cookies
 5 p.m.: Laura Bender & Mary
 Klecko, Wisconsin Muffin
 Tribute

Creative Activities Demonstration Area schedule:

- **Thursday, Aug. 21**
 Minnesota Knitters Guild,
 Minnesota Lace Society
- **Friday, Aug. 22**
 Twin Cities Decorative Artist
 Guild, Minnesota Lace Society
- **Saturday, Aug. 23**
 Miniatures, LadySlipper Needle
 Arts Society
- **Sunday, Aug. 24**
 LadySlipper Needle Arts Society,
 Quilts for Kids
- **Monday, Aug. 25**
 St. Paul Needleworkers and
 Embroiderers' Guild of America
 & Needlework Guild of America,
 Minnesota Quilters
- **Tuesday, Aug. 26**
 Polymer Clay Guild, Minnesota
 Quilters
- **Wednesday, Aug. 27**
 Upper Midwest Bead Society,
 American Sewing Guild
- **Thursday, Aug. 28**
 Wood Carving, American
 Sewing Guild
- **Friday, Aug. 29**
 Stained Glass Window and
 Lamp Demo - Glass Endeavors,
 Needlework Guild of MN &
 St. Paul
 Needleworkers/Embroiderers'
 Guild of America
- **Saturday, Aug. 30**
 Wood Carvers, Needlework
 Guild of MN & St. Paul
 Needleworkers/Embroiderers'
 Guild of America
- **Sunday, Aug. 31**
 Sew What's New
- **Monday, Sept. 1**
 Sew What's New

Creative Activities Center Display

9 a.m. to 9 p.m., *Creative Activities Building*

Members of the Midwest Miniature Guild are exhibiting furnished doll houses, roomboxes and other tiny displays that mirror real-life and imagined settings. Pieces range from authentic scaled-down houses, furniture and accessories to historic and fantasy rooms.

Crop & Farm Art

9 a.m. to 9 p.m., *located in the Agriculture Horticulture Building*

Crop art made from seeds, stems and other plant parts in natural colors on supporting backgrounds without the use of paints and dyes. Linda Paulson, the daughter of late crop artist, Lillian Colton will demonstrate crop art creations.

Fine Arts Competition, Invited Show and Demonstrations

9 a.m. to 9 p.m., *located in the Fine Arts Center*

The Fine Arts department presents an annual art exhibition that is the result of a juried competition. Participation is open to all living residents of Minnesota, and each may submit one work for consideration. Only those works selected by the jurors are displayed in the Fine Arts Center during the State Fair. In 2007, a total of 2,284 pieces were submitted and 372 works were accepted. The Minnesota State Fair's Fine Arts Competition is the state's largest juried art show. Winning pieces will be displayed every day of the fair in the Fine Arts Center.

Each year the Minnesota State Fair Fine Arts Show features an invited artist, collection, genre or group. "The Fair Remembers: Minnesota Sesquicentennial Anniversary, 1858–2008" is the 2008 Fine Arts Show's special exposition. The exhibit highlights the 95 Minnesota county fairs. County fair representatives will provide a panel on which they represent their county fair in words and pictures. Imagery may include historic photos, advertisements, ribbons, buttons or programs from past events. A special preview night will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 19 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The 2008 Fine Arts Demonstrations take place daily from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Fine Arts Building.

- **Thursday, Aug. 21 and Friday, Aug. 22**
Ron Merchant, Oil painting
- **Saturday, Aug. 23 and Sunday, Aug. 24**
Julie Allen, Watercolor realism
- **Monday, Aug. 25 and Tuesday, Aug. 26**
Sue Rowe, Improvisational painting of bears in pastel
- **Wednesday, Aug. 27 and Thursday, Aug. 28**
Linda Nelson, Oil Portraiture
- **Friday, Aug. 29 and Saturday, Aug. 30**
Bly Pope, Photo-realistic pencil portraiture
- **Sunday, Aug. 31 and Monday, Sept. 1**
Josephine A. Geiger, Leaded stained glass

Minnesota Citizens for the Arts - Great State of Minnesota Award

In honor of Minnesota's Sesquicentennial celebration, Minnesota Citizens for the Arts will award \$150 to the creator of an art piece that has an identifiable Minnesota subject matter, either through its image or title.

Fine Arts Kids Day Activities - Aug. 25 & Sept. 1

9 a.m. to 3 p.m., *located in front of the Fine Arts Center*

The first 1,000 children who visit the Fine Arts Center have the opportunity to create two free pin-on buttons. Kids may use their own artwork or color a pre-designed black and white pattern for their button designs.

Youth Competitions

FFA Landscape Design

All 12 days of the fair, *Agriculture Horticulture Building*

FFA members construct sophisticated model landscapes based on various themes.

FFA Tractor Driving Competition

Thursday, Aug. 21, 9:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., *located south of Murphy Avenue between Dan Elmer Way and Underwood Street*

Minnesota's future farmers show off their tractor driving skills. Contestants' tractor expertise is tested with written and practical exams, followed by driving events in which they must safely and efficiently navigate multiple realistic courses.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

2007–2008 Awards

- 2007 International Association of Fairs & Expositions Award of Excellence - Fair and Sponsor Joint Exhibit Program for the new Food Waste Composting Program
- Western Fairs Association Recognition of Excellence Achievement Award for the new Food Waste Composting Program
- Minnesota Meetings & Events Magazine's Best of 2007 Attraction
- Minnesota Department of Agriculture Excellence Award for Promoting Minnesota Agriculture

CORPORATE INFORMATION

The Minnesota State Fair is defined by law as a public corporation and a quasi-state agency. The fair receives no appropriations of any kind from any government agency and is completely self-supporting.

The fair is governed by the Minnesota State Agricultural Society, which is charged exclusively with governance of the State Fair. The Society serves no other purpose. Society delegates represent all 87 county fairs in Minnesota, along with a few dozen statewide agricultural groups. At its annual meeting each January, this group of delegates elects a 10-member board of managers to set policy and provide oversight for the fair. Nine members represent the Agricultural Society's nine regional districts, and the tenth member (the president) serves at large.

Terms for managers (seven members) are three years. Terms for vice presidents (two members) are two years. The president serves a one-year term. Members may succeed themselves. All terms alternate. By law, the president must be elected from seated members of the board. By tradition, the president is the senior member of the board; he/she serves two one-year terms and then retires. This is done to ensure new members regularly join the board.

The Society has undergone some changes since its inception in 1854, but it has remained largely unchanged since 1901.

In addition to financing the annual production of the fair, the State Agricultural Society is responsible for all capital work and maintenance of the 320-acre fairgrounds, which are classified as state property. Fairgrounds facilities and infrastructure are conservatively valued at \$150 million. In a typical year, the Agricultural Society will invest between \$4 million and \$5 million in improvements and maintenance. The state invests nothing.

The fair has about 75 year-round full-time staff members. During the summer, about 150 seasonal staff are added to complete preparations. There are about 2,700 fair-time staff members.

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR FOUNDATION

The Minnesota State Fair's biggest challenge is funding for capital and program improvements. This is why community leaders formed the Minnesota State Fair Foundation 501(c)(3). The Foundation serves as the nonprofit fundraising arm for the Minnesota State Fair and brings forward private contributions to preserve and improve State Fair buildings, grounds and educational programs.

Since the Foundation was established in 2002, more than \$2.4 million has been granted to the State Fair. Foundation contributors have supported the construction of the new CHS Miracle of Birth Center; funds to name and improve the Lee and Rose Warner Coliseum; historic restoration and naming for the J.V. Bailey House; structural preservation of towers on the Agriculture Horticulture and 4-H Buildings; and the addition of gardens, trees and recognition benches.

Over the next 10 years, significant funds are needed to keep ticket prices affordable; improve aging facilities; maintain quality educational offerings and remain a model for other fairs and expositions. More information about Foundation projects is available online at www.msffoundation.org.

Please contact Ana Heath, State Fair Foundation special projects administrator, for more information at (651) 632-2621 or ana.heath@msffoundation.org.

RECYCLING & COMPOSTING INFORMATION

The Minnesota State Fair has been recycling since the mid-1980s. Currently, the fair recycles paper, laser toner cartridges, glass, metal, fluorescent bulbs, vehicle and appliance batteries, antifreeze, beverage containers, automotive oil, tires, grease, compost, construction material, wood waste, paint, food waste, cardboard, concrete, oil filters, plastic bottles and more. The program has changed and improved greatly in the last two decades.

In a continuing effort to improve and increase the State Fair's recycling program, in 2007 the fair placed 38 bottle receptacles throughout the fairgrounds. The response was overwhelming with nearly seven tons of plastic and aluminum bottles collected. New for 2008: The State Fair has partnered with Midwest Coca-Cola Bottling Company to add 362 additional bottle-recycling bins. The goal is to collect more than five times the number of bottles gathered last year. After the fair, the bottles will be taken to the Recycling Association of Minnesota where they will be sorted and returned to Midwest Coca-Cola. Materials will be processed and made into new bottles. (For information on Coca-Cola's Recycling Activation Trailer, which stops at the fair on Sept. 1, see page 94 in the Special Exhibits section of this media kit.)

In addition to the start of the plastic bottle recycling program, the fair started a food and agricultural waste composting program that involves fair guests, exhibitors and vendors. To ensure the success of the composting efforts, the Minnesota State Fair partnered with waste experts Eureka Recycling, Minnesota Waste Wise and Buberl Recycling & Compost. During off-season planning for the 2007 State Fair, staff and project partners researched previous composting/recycling efforts and looked at the sources of the largest amounts of waste. A waste assessment of the fairgrounds was also performed by Minnesota Waste Wise, which identified areas to reduce waste and increase recycling, especially with regard to composting food waste. Buberl partnered to haul and process the compost material and Eureka provided volunteers, expertise and graphic design for the compost bins. The program's first year was a great success—during the fair, crews collected over 2,600 tons of compostable material including corn cobs, manure, food waste, and past-their-prime fruits, vegetables and flowers from the agriculture and horticulture competitions.

It's also important to note that the fair recycles nearly three times the

amount it throws away. Last year, for example, the fair generated 1,344 tons of solid waste, while at the same time recycling 4,800 tons of material. Also in 2007, by composting and recycling, the fair achieved a net carbon reduction the equivalent of 54,000 gallons of gasoline or enough electricity to power 1,856 homes for the 12 days of the fair.

FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR

Fireworks follow each evening's Grandstand show (weather permitting).
Times vary, but fireworks shows generally start between 10 and 11 p.m.

FREE ENTERTAINMENT

For complete genre and biographical information on entertainers, visit the State Fair web site at www.mnstatefair.org/pages/free_stage.html.

For interview and appearance arrangements with free stage artists, please contact Tessa Johnsen at (651) 288-4455 or tessa.johnsen@mnstatefair.org.

Leinie Lodge Bandshell

Sponsored by Leinenkugel's

- **Aug. 21 & 22**

Marcoux Corner (a cappella): 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Rissi Palmer (country): noon and 3:30 p.m.

KingBilly (modern country): 1 and 4:30 p.m.

- **Aug. 23 & 24**

Candy Coburn (modern country): 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. (8/23); 11 a.m., 1 and 3:30 p.m. (8/24)

Michael Johnson (pop vocal): noon and 4:30 p.m. (8/23); noon, 2:30 and 4:30 p.m. (8/24)

The American Composers Forum presents "*Minnesota Voices*" (choral): 2:30–4:15 p.m. (8/23 only)

- **Aug. 25 & 26**

The Wright Brothers (country/pop rock): 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Wylie & The Wild West (country): noon and 3:30 p.m.

The Grascals (bluegrass): 1 and 4:30 p.m.

- **Aug. 27 & 28**

Five By Design (popular American): 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. (8/27); 2:30 p.m. (8/28)

Mel McDaniel (country): noon and 3:30 p.m.

Polka Freak Out (pop/rock polka): 1 and 4:30 p.m.

- **Aug. 29 & Aug. 30**

Tonic Sol-fa (a cappella): 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Corinne Chapman (country/folk rock): noon and 3:30 p.m.

Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue (R & B/funk): 1 and 4:30 p.m.

- **Aug. 31 & Sept. 1**

Jypsi (country/bluegrass): 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Willie West and The Music Company (rhythm and blues): noon and 3:30 p.m.

Alana Grace (rock/pop/alternative): 1 and 4:30 p.m.

Tim Gabrielson (magic and comedy): 6 p.m.

Leinie Lodge Bandshell Tonight!

Sponsored by Leinenkugel's

All shows begin at 8:30 p.m.

- **Aug. 21 & 22**
Sharon Jones & The Dap-Kings (soul/funk/R & B)
- **Aug. 23 & 24**
Jason D. Williams (50's rock 'n' roll piano)
- **Aug. 25 & 26**
Brandi Carlile (folk rock)
- **Aug. 27 & 28**
War (funk/reggae/jazz/R & B)
- **Aug. 29 & Aug. 30**
Trampled By Turtles (non-traditional bluegrass)
- **Aug. 31 & Sept. 1**
Williams & Ree, The Indian and The White Guy (music and comedy)

Education Stage

Located on Cosgrove Avenue outside the Education Building, the Education Stage hosts a variety of performances and competitions every day.

- **Thursday, Aug. 21**
Minnesota Knitters Guild: 10 a.m.
Mary Taylor Allen's fiddlers: noon and 3:30 p.m.
Wild Rose Cloggers: 7 p.m.
- **Friday, Aug. 22**
SPAM Contest 10 a.m.
The Pillsbury Pie Contest: 3 p.m.
Eagle Brand Baking Contest: 5 p.m.
- **Saturday, Aug. 23**
Royal Sil-O-Ets (clogging group): 9 a.m.
Minnesota Home Brewers Association Beer Competition: 11 a.m.
Ghirardelli Chocolate Contest: 3 p.m.
Wild Rose Cloggers: 5:30 p.m.
- **Sunday, Aug. 24**
Quilts for Kids: 9 a.m.
Royal Sil-O-Ets (clogging group): 12:30 p.m.
Lake County Cloggers: 3 and 5 p.m.
- **Monday, Aug. 25**
Minnesota Quilters: Home of the Brave: 10 a.m.
Quilts of Valor: 1 p.m.
Holy Angels Theater Dept.: 3 p.m.
Minnesota Square Dance Federation: 4 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Aug. 26**
Weaver's Guild: 9 a.m.
Centennial Theater Program: 3 p.m.
Minnesota Square Dance Federation: 4 p.m.

- **Wednesday, Aug. 27**
KVSC Radio, St. Cloud State: broadcasting between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Royal Sil-O-Ets (clogging group): 7:30 p.m.
- **Thursday, Aug. 28**
Clogging Premier: 10 and 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m.
Perpich Center for the Arts: 3 and 5 p.m.
- **Friday, Aug. 29**
Canola Oil Contest: 9 a.m.
Wayzata's Theater Vocals: noon and 3 p.m.
Minnesota Square Dance Federation: 4 p.m.
- **Saturday, Aug. 30**
Associated Sewing: 9 a.m.
Lumberland Cloggers: 3 and 6:30 p.m.
Minnesota Square Dance Federation: 4 p.m.
- **Sunday, Aug. 31**
Weaver's Guild: 9 a.m.
Wild Rose Cloggers: 1 and 3 p.m.
Minnesota Square Dance Federation: 4 p.m.
- **Monday, Sept. 1**
Wild Rose Cloggers: 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Minnesota Square Dance Federation: 4 p.m.

Family Fair Stage in Baldwin Park

Sponsored by Green Mill Restaurant and Minnesota Parent

- **Aug. 21–Aug. 24**
T. Texas Terry (cowboy comedian): 10:30 and 11:30 a.m., 3 p.m.
Monster Shop Bump'n with the BC Characters (music & dance with costumed characters): 12:30, 4 and 6 p.m.
Sean Emery (comedy & juggling): 1:30 and 5 p.m.
- **Aug. 25–Aug. 28**
The Splatter Sisters (children's music with audience participation): 10:30 and 11:30 a.m., 3 p.m.
Monster Shop Bump'n with the BC Characters (music & dance with costumed characters): 12:30, 4 and 6 p.m.
Sean Emery (comedy & juggling): 1:30 and 5 p.m.
- **Aug. 29–Sept. 1**
Sheltered Reality (percussion performance with audience involvement): 10:30 and 11:30 a.m., 3 p.m.
Monster Shop Bump'n with the BC Characters (music & dance with costumed characters): 12:30, 4 and 6 p.m. (8/29 & 8/30); 12:30, 4, 5:30 and 7 p.m. (8/31 & 9/1)
Sean Emery (comedy & juggling): 1:30 and 5 p.m.

The Garden

Sponsored by Treasure Island Resort & Casino

Karaoke throughout the day all 12 days of the fair.

Heritage Square Stage

Sponsored by August Schell Brewing Co.

- **Aug. 21 & 22**

Molly Maher & Erik Koskinen (Americana): 10:30 and 11:30 a.m.,
12:30 p.m.

Sourdough Slim (western/yodeling): 2, 3 and 4 p.m.

- **Aug. 23 & 24**

Pop Wagner & The TC Playboys (country/cajun): 10:30 and 11:30 a.m.,
12:30 p.m.

The Minnesota State Fiddle Contest: 2–5 p.m.

- **Aug. 25 & 26**

The Jolly Zuk Brothers (polka): 10:30 and 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

Janie Miller: A Tribute To Patsy Cline (classic country): 2, 3 and 4 p.m.

- **Aug. 27 & 28**

The Ditch Lilies (country/western swing): 10:30 and 11:30 a.m.,
12:30 p.m.

Ruby Jane (bluegrass/country): 2, 3 and 4 p.m.

- **Aug. 29 & 30**

The High 48s Bluegrass Band(bluegrass/gospel): 10:30 and 11:30 a.m.,
12:30 p.m.

The Minnesota Flatpicking Guitar and Duet Championships: 2–5 p.m.

- **Aug. 31 & Sept. 1**

The Bitter Spills (folk): 10:30 and 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

Barbary Coast Dixieland Show Band (authentic Dixieland jazz): 2,
3 and 4 p.m.

Heritage at Sundown

Sponsored by August Schell Brewing Co.

Performances are at 6:30 and 7:45 p.m.

- **Aug. 21 & 22**

Becky Schlegel (country/bluegrass)

- **Aug. 23 & 24**

Tim O'Reagan (folk rock)

- **Aug. 25 & 26**

Tea Leaf Green (alternative rock)

- **Aug. 27 & 28**

Bill Kirchen: The Hammer of The Honky-Tonk Gods (traditional
country/western swing)

- **Aug. 29 & 30**

White Iron Band (country rock)

- **Aug. 31 & Sept. 1**

The Twistin' Tarantulas (rockabilly)

Heritage Square Demonstrations

- *Blacksmith*: daily from 9–11 a.m., noon–2 p.m., 3–5 p.m. and 6–8 p.m.

- *Woodturner*: daily from 9 a.m.–noon, 1–3 p.m., 4–6 p.m. and 8–9 p.m.

International Bazaar Stage

Sponsored by Summit Brewing Co.

- **Aug. 21 & 22**
Ring of Kerry (Irish): 11:30 a.m., 12:45 and 2:15 p.m.
Alpensterne (polka): 4, 5:15 and 6:30 p.m.
- **Aug. 23 & 24**
Ticket To Brasil (bossa nova/samba/Brazilian jazz): 11:30 a.m., 12:45 and 2:15 p.m.
The Sweet Colleens (Celtic cajun rock): 4, 5:15 and 6:30 p.m.
- **Aug. 25 & 26**
George Maurer Group (jazz): 11:30 a.m., 12:45 and 2:15 p.m.
Café Accordion Orchestra (bistro jazz): 4, 5:15 and 6:30 p.m.
- **Aug. 27 & 28**
Native Pride Dancers (Native American Dance): 11:30 a.m., 12:45 and 2:15 p.m.
Big Surf (surf/rock): 4, 5:15 and 6:30 p.m.
- **Aug. 29 & 30**
Salsabrosa (salsa/Latin): 11:30 a.m., 12:45 and 2:15 p.m.
Innocent (reggae/world music): 4, 5:15 and 6:30 p.m.
- **Aug. 31 & Sept. 1**
The Limns (pop/reggae/rock): 11:30 a.m., 12:45 and 2:15 p.m.
Steve Clarke and The Working Stiffs (swing/jazz): 4, 5:15 and 6:30 p.m.

Bazaar After Dark

Sponsored by Summit Brewing Co.

All shows begin at 8 p.m.

- **Aug. 21–Sept. 1**
De'Anna - The Hypno-Chick! (hypnotism and comedy)

Ramberg Senior Center Stage

Sponsored by Minnesota Good Age

- **Aug. 21 & 22**
Jim Shannon (ragtime piano): 10:30 a.m., 11:45 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Aug. 21; 3:15, 4:30 and 5:45 p.m. on Aug. 22
Stomp N' Dixie (Dixieland old time): 3:15, 4:30 and 5:45 p.m. on Aug. 21; 10:30 and 11:45 a.m., 1 p.m. on Aug. 22
- **Aug. 23 & 24**
The Mouldy Figs (old-time jazz/variety): 10:30 and 11:45 a.m., 1 p.m. on Aug. 23; 3:15, 4:30 and 5:45 p.m. on Aug. 24
Betty Rydell & Randi Rae (country/gospel/pop): 3:15, 4:30 and 5:45 p.m. on Aug. 23; 10:30 and 11:45 a.m., 1 p.m. on Aug. 24
- **Aug. 25 & 26**
The Gallivanter (Irish & old-time): 10:30 and 11:45 a.m., 1 p.m. on Aug. 25; 3:15, 4:30 and 5:45 p.m. on Aug. 26
Cliff Brunzell & The Golden Strings Trio (instrumental pop): 3:15, 4:30 and 5:45 p.m. on Aug. 25; 10:30 and 11:45 a.m., 1 p.m. on Aug. 26

• **Aug. 27 & 28**

Jim Berner (pop): 10:30 and 11:45 a.m., 1 p.m. on Aug. 27; 3:15, 4:30 and 5:45 p.m. on Aug. 28

Chuck Thiel & The Jolly Ramblers (polka): 3:15, 4:30 and 5:45 p.m. on Aug. 27; 10:30 and 11:45 a.m., 1 p.m. on Aug. 28

• **Aug. 29 & Aug. 30**

Rod Cerar Orchestra (polka/old time): 10:30 and 11:45 a.m., 1 p.m. on Aug. 29; 3:15, 4:30 and 5:45 p.m. on Aug. 30

Gypsy Mania (gypsy swing/hot-club music): 3:15, 4:30 and 5:45 p.m. on Aug. 29; 10:30 and 11:45 a.m., 1 p.m. on Aug. 30

• **Aug. 31 & Sept. 1**

Bill Koncar (accordion polka): 10:30 and 11:45 a.m., 1 p.m. on Aug. 31; 3:15, 4:30 and 5:45 p.m. on Sept. 1

Drive Time Bluegrass Band (bluegrass): 3:15, 4:30 and 5:45 p.m. on Aug. 31; 10:30 and 11:45 a.m., 1 p.m. on Sept. 1

Roving Entertainment

• **Aug. 21–Sept. 1**

ROCK-it THE ROBOT (9 ft. tall body puppet): roving performances daily at 3:30, 5:30, 7 and 9 p.m.

State Fair Chautauqua

Sponsored by AgStar, Travelers, Miller Brewing, Big Top Chautauqua and the State Sesquicentennial Commission supported by a grant from the Bush Foundation

Located east of Heritage Square and north of the Skyride

Forums and Panel: ***Minnesota Real & Imagined - What Minnesotans Need to Know for the Next 50 Years***: Daily at 10 a.m.

Old Minnesota: Song of the North Star: Daily at noon, 2, 4 and 6 p.m.

Minnesota Memories: Daily at 3 p.m.

A media preview event will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 20 at 6:30 and 8 p.m. For more details, contact Brooke Dillon at 651-288-4381.

Experience the “Carnegie Hall of Tent Shows,” as the fair welcomes Big Top Chautauqua’s Old Minnesota: Song of the North Star. Through story, song and large-screen vintage visuals, the lives, ambitions and accomplishments of Minnesota’s Native inhabitants, European settlers and their descendants come to life. For more information, see page 114 in the “What’s New” section of this press kit.

The North Woods

Sponsored by Cal Spas of Minnesota

Located east of Little Farm Hands on Cooper Street

• ***IRONJACK Timber Team***: Daily at 11 a.m., 1:30, 5 and 7 p.m.

• ***Ron Schara’s Minnesota Bound***: Daily at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

The X-Zone

Sponsored by Coca-Cola

Located at the northwest corner of Murphy Avenue and Underwood Street

• ***3rd Lair SkatePark*** (skateboards, in-line and BMX): daily at 11 a.m., 12:30, 2:30, 3:30, 5, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.

- **Music Mayhem** (showcase of high school battle of the bands winners): daily at 4:30 and 6 p.m.

GRANDSTAND

Concert Series Sponsored by Toyota

Grandstand Artist Information

3 DOORS DOWN with very special guests Staind and Hinder

Thursday, Aug. 21, 6:30 p.m. • \$32, \$47, \$57

3 Doors Down: 3 Doors Down became a household name with the extremely successful debut single “Kryptonite” in 2001. Originally from Mississippi, the group began as a trio. As its success grew, so did its size. Now consisting of five members, 3 Doors Down is an internationally-known rock group producing such chart topping hits as “Here Without You,” “When I’m Gone” and “Away from the Sun.” The group’s latest self-titled album was released on May 20. The album’s first single, “It’s Not My Time,” hit the number one spot on the U.S. Modern Rock Chart. 3 Doors Down has performed alongside performers like Lynyrd Skynyrd and Nickelback.

Albums: *3 Doors Down*, 2008; *Seventeen Days*, 2005; *Away from the Sun*, 2002; *The Better Life*, 2000.

Singles: “It’s Not My Time” (2008); “Citizen Soldier” (2007); “Landing in London” (2006); “Here By Me” (2005); “Live For Today” (2005); “Behind Those Eyes” (2005); “Let Me Go” (2005); “Away From the Sun” (2004); “Here Without You” (2004); “The Road I’m On” (2003); “When I’m Gone” (2003); “Be Like That” (2001); “Duck and Run” (2001); “Loser” (2001); “Kryptonite” (2001).

Staind: This alternative metal group from Springfield, Mass. has sold over 15 million albums worldwide. In the beginning, however, Staind toured extensively throughout the northeastern U.S. with other well-known rock groups to establish a following. Successful in this feat, the four-member group signed a record deal in 1998 and have since produced four chart topping albums with their latest album, *The Illusion of Progress*, bound to follow suit.

Albums: *The Illusion of Progress*, 2008; *Chapter V*, 2005; *14 Shades of Grey*, 2003; *Break the Cycle*, 2001; *Dysfunction*, 1999.

Singles: “King of All Excuses” (2006); “Everything Changes” (2006); “Falling” (2005); “Right Here” (2005); “Zoe Jane” (2004); “How About You” (2004); “So Far Away” (2004); “Price to Play” (2003); “Epiphany” (2002); “For You” (2002); “Fade” (2001); “Outside” (2001); “It’s Been Awhile” (2001); “Home” (1999); “Mudshovel” (1999); “Just Go” (1999).

Hinder: Post-grunge rockers, Hinder, got their start in the early 2000s in Oklahoma City, but it was not until they began working on an independent release in 2004 that they caught the attention of major record execs. The group’s widely successful singles, “Lips of an Angel” and “Better Than Me” made the group universally recognized and cemented their rock-star status. The five-member group continues their success with an album released earlier this year.

Albums: *UNTITLED*, 2008; *Extreme Behavior*, 2005.

Singles: "Homecoming Queen" (2007); "Better Than Me" (2007); "How Long" (2006); "Lips of An Angel" (2006); "Get Stoned" (2005).

The PAISLEY PARTY with special guests Jewel, Chuck Wicks and Julianne Hough

Friday, Aug. 22, 7:30 p.m. • \$45

Brad Paisley: At eight years old, Brad Paisley's grandfather gave him his first guitar. At 10, he was playing well enough to accompany himself and at 12, he had written his first song. As a teenager he was a regular on *Jamboree USA*, finding inspiration from artists like George Jones, Roy Clarke and Little Jimmy Dickens. Today, he is an accomplished artist and his total album sales are well in excess of six million copies. He has performed duets with country music legends Alan Jackson and Dolly Parton. Paisley is known for his commanding stage presence and unique country sound that appeals to country and popular music fans alike.

Albums: *5th Gear*, 2007; *Christmas*, 2006; *Time Well Wasted*, 2005; *Mud on the Tires*, 2003; *Part II*, 2001; and *Who Needs Pictures*, 1999.

Singles: "I'm Still A Guy" (2008); "Letter To Me" (2007); "Ticks" (2007); "Alcohol" (2005); "When I Get Where I'm Goin'" (2005); "Mud On The Tires" (2004); "Little Moments" (2004); "Celebrity" (2003); "I'm Gonna Miss Her" (2002); "Wrapped Around" (2001); "Me Neither" (2000); "We Danced" (2000); "Who Needs Pictures" (1999); "He Didn't Have To Be" (1999).

Awards: 2008 Grammy for Best Country Instrumental Performance, 2008 Academy of Country Music Top Male Vocalist, 2008 Academy of Country Music Video of the Year ("Online"), 2007 Academy of Country Music Top Male Vocalist, 2006 Academy of Country Music Album of the Year, 2006 Academy of Country Music Video of the Year, 2006 Academy of Country Music Vocal Event of the Year, 2006 CMA Album of the Year, 2005 Academy of Country Music Vocal Event of the Year, 2001 CMA Vocal Event of the Year, 2000 CMA Horizon Award, 2000 TNN Music Awards Song of the Year, 2000 TNN Music Awards Discovery Award and 1999 Academy of Country Music Top New Male Vocalist.

Jewel: Making a name for herself in the mid-1990s, Jewel is, and continues to be, one of the most successful female contemporary folk artists. An Arkansas native, she started singing at age six when she performed alongside her songwriter parents. During college she began writing her own music and got her first regular gig at a coffee shop in California after graduation. After being discovered, Jewel signed with Atlantic Records and issued her first album, "Pieces of You" at age 19. Her single "Who Will Save Your Soul" became extremely successful and quickly made her a household name.

Albums: *Goodbye Alice in Wonderland*, 2006; *0304*, 2003; *This Way*, 2001; *Joy-A Holiday Collection*, 1999; *Spirit*, 1998; *Pieces of You*, 1995.

Singles: "Stronger Woman" (2008); "Again & Again" (2006); "Only One Too" (2006); "Intuition" (2003); "Run 2 U" (2003); "2 Become 1" (2003); "Stand" (2003); "Serve the Ego" (2002); "Standing Still" (2001); "Down So Long" (1999); "Life Uncommon" (1999); "Foolish Games" (1998); "Morning Song" (1998); "Hands" (1998); "Who Will Save Your Soul" (1996); "You Were Meant For Me" (1996); "For the Last Time" (1995); "Woman to Woman" (1994).

Awards: 2003 Radio Music Award Favorite Female Artist – Modern Rock, Nominated for one Grammy in 1998, 1997 American Music Awards Favorite New Artist, 1997 MTV Video Music Awards Best Female Video, 1997 Billboard Magazine #1 Female Singles Artist of the Year, 1997 Billboard Magazine Top 40 Artist of the Year.

Chuck Wicks: Although Chuck Wicks is relatively new to the country music scene, he is quickly making a name for himself. Growing up on his family farm in Delaware, Wicks listened to everything from traditional country to R&B, but his passion, at first, was playing baseball. After moving to Florida and playing college ball, his love for country music began to take over and he decided to focus on a career in music. Wicks learned the ins and outs of the country music business while working alongside some legendary country songwriters including Monty Powell, who would eventually become one of his producers at RCA Records. Wicks says his music is influenced by the likes of Alan Jackson, Bryan McKnight and Kenny Rogers.

Albums: *Starting Now*, 2008

Singles: “Stealing Cinderella” (2008); “All I Ever Wanted” (2008).

Julianne Hough: Best known as a two-time champion on ABC’s “Dancing With The Stars,” Julianne Hough is turning in her dance shoes as she focuses on her country music career. The bright new star just released her first album and her single “That Song In My Head” raced up the Billboard Country charts. The professional ballroom dancer is expected to become one of country’s hot new performers.

Albums: *The Tennessean*, 2008

Singles: “That Song in my Head” (2008); “Unraveling” (2008).

THE BACKSTREET BOYS with special guest Girlicious

Saturday, Aug. 23, 7:30 p.m. • \$29

The Backstreet Boys: Breaking onto the scene in 1997, the Backstreet Boys played a large role in the 1990s’ pop music explosion. The group, which includes A.J. Mclean, Howie Dorough, Nick Carter and Brian Littrell, was signed to Jive Records in 1994. The group’s first self-titled album was released in 1997 and has sold over 14 million copies. With their catchy tunes and teen idol status, the group quickly became one of the most successful pop groups, especially among teens and young adults. To date, the group has sold over 75 million albums worldwide and has embarked on numerous international, as well as domestic tours.

Albums: *Unbreakable*, 2007; *Never Gone*, 2005; *Black & Blue*, 2000; *Christmas Album*, 1999; *Millennium*, 1999; *Backstreet Boys*, 1997.

Singles: “Helpless When She Smiles” (2007); “Unbreakable” (2007); “I Still” (2006); “Just Want You To Know” (2005); “More Than That” (2001); “Shape of My Heart” (2000); “Show Me the Meaning of Being Lonely” (1999); “All I Have To Give” (1999); “I Want It That Way” (1999); “Everybody (Backstreet’s Back)” (1998); “As Long As You Love Me” (1997); “Quit Playing Games With My Heart” (1997); “We’ve Got It Goin’ On” (1995).

Awards: 2002 People’s Choice Award – Favorite Musical Group, 2001 American Music Awards Favorite Pop/Rock Group, 2001 Billboard Music Awards Albums Artist Group of the Year, 2000 American Music Awards Favorite Pop/Rock Band, Nominated for five Grammy awards in 2000, 1999

American Music Awards Favorite Pop/Rock Band, Nominated for one Grammy in 1999, four 1999 Billboard Music Awards: Artist of the Year, Album of the Year, Albums Artist Group of the Year, Albums Artist of the Year, two 1998 Billboard Music Awards: Group Album of the Year, Adult Contemporary Group of the Year.

Girlicious: Girlicious is an R&B and pop group formed during the summer of 2007 on the reality TV show, *The Pussycat Dolls Present: Girlicious*. The group recently released their first self-titled album in July 2008. Members include Nichole Cordova, Tiffanie Anderson, Chrystina Sayers and Natalie Mejia.

Albums: *Girlicious*, 2008

Singles: "Like Me" (2008)

JONNY LANG AND BUDDY GUY with special guest Big Head Todd & The Monsters

Sunday, Aug. 24, 7 p.m. • \$35

Jonny Lang: Fargo native Jonny Lang took an interest in blues music after his father took him to see the Bad Medicine Blues Band. By the age of 12, he was performing professionally. From Fargo he made the trip to Minneapolis to focus on his music career and released his first solo album, *Lie To Me*, at 15. Combining the sounds of blues and rock 'n' roll, Lang topped the Billboard New Artist Chart with his first album. Lang has toured with legendary groups such as Aerosmith, and the Rolling Stones and was mentored by the big names of B.B. King and Buddy Guy. Lang is most commonly recognized for his deep singing voice and guitar solos.

Albums: *Turn Around*, 2006; *Long Time Coming*, 2003; *Wander This World*, 1998; *Lie To Me*, 1997; *Smokin'*, 1995.

Singles: "Red Light" (2003); "Brakin' Me" (2000); "Wander This World" (1999); "Still Rainin'" (1998); "Lie To Me" (1997); "Hit The Ground Running" (1997).

Awards: 2007 Grammy Award: Best Rock and Rap Gospel Album

Buddy Guy: Blues legend Buddy Guy was only 7 years old when he fashioned his own hand-made guitar. Born in Louisiana, a love of blues music was instilled in him at age 19. In 1957, he made the trip to Chicago to try and make a living playing his guitar in the many nightclubs of the city. Not long after arriving in the Windy City, Guy had taken residence at the 708 Club and was performing on the same stage as his blues idols. Now an internationally acclaimed blues artist, Guy is a multiple Grammy winner and Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee. Recently, Guy has recorded songs with Carlos Santana and John Mayer.

Albums: *Numerous Albums, including: Going Back to Acoustic*, 2006; *Bring 'Em In*, 2005; *Blues Singer*, 2005; *Everything Gonna Be Alright*, 2002; *Sweet Tea*, 2001; *The Real Blues*, 1999; *Slippin' In*, 1995; *Feels Like Rain*, 1993; *Damn Right, I've Got The Blues*, 1991; *Breaking Out*, 1988; *Got To Use Your Head*, 1979; *Pleading The Blues*, 1979; *Man and the Blues*, 1968.

Singles: "Drinkin' TNT Smokin' Dynamite" (2000), "Crazy Music" (1965), "With the Blues" (1965), "First time I Met the Blues" (1960), "Broken Hearted Blues" (1960), "This is the End" (1958), "Try to Quit You Baby" (1958).

Awards: Awards: 1996 Grammy Award for Best Rock Instrumental Performance, 1995 Grammy Award for Best Contemporary Blues Album, 1993 Grammy Awards for Best Contemporary Blues Album, 1993 Billboard Century Award, 1991 Grammy Award for Best Contemporary Blues Album.

Big Head Todd & The Monsters: Big Head Todd & The Monsters, whose music is described as a “rootsy, emotional direct variety of Rock ‘N’ Roll, was formed in Denver in the late 1980s. While traveling all over the western United States, the group amassed a strong and loyal following. They released their first independent album *Another Mayberry* in 1989. This album helped solidify their success among fans. The band’s successful wide-release of their 1993 album, *Sister Sweetly*, made the group’s name known throughout the country. Big Head Todd & The Monsters’ success continues to grow. The group just released their latest album *All The Love You Need* in April. The group cites Bruce Springsteen as a major influence.

Albums: *All The Love You Need*, 2008; *Live At The Fillmore*, 2004; *Crimes of Passion*, 2004; *Riviera*, 2002; *Live Monsters*, 1998; *Beautiful World*, 1997; *Stratagem*, 1994; *Sister Sweetly*, 1993; *Midnight Radio*, 1991; *Another Mayberry*, 1989.

Singles: “Blue Sky” (2005); “Boom Boom” (1998); “Resignation Superman” (1997); “In The Morning” (1994); “Brokenhearted Savior” (1993); “It’s Alright” (2003); “Circle” (2003); “Bittersweet” (1993).

DIERKS BENTLEY & MIRANDA LAMBERT

Monday, Aug. 25, 7:30 p.m. • \$30

Dierks Bentley: Picking up his first electric guitar at age 13 and hearing Hank Williams Jr.’s “Man to Man” ignited Dierks Bentley’s love for country music. This love made him pick up and move to Nashville at the age of 19. With the desire to add some spice to the country music industry, Bentley combined aspects of bluegrass music to his traditional country roots, making him popular in venues ranging from backyard barbeques to the stages of local Nashville bars. After recording his first demo, Capitol Nashville released his first self-titled album in 2003. His first single called “What Was I Thinkin’” became an instant success.

Albums: *Long Trip Alone*, 2006; *Modern Day Drifter*, 2005; *Dierks Bentley*, 2003.

Singles: “What Was I Thinkin’” (2003), “My Last Name” (2003), “How Am I Doin’” (2004), “Lot of Leavin’ Left to Do” (2005), “Every Mile A Memory” (2006), “Long Trip Alone” (2006), “Settle For A Slowdown” (2006), “Free and Easy (Down the Road I Go)” (2007), “Trying To Stop Your Leaving” (2008).

Awards: 2005 CMA Horizon Award, 2004 International Bluegrass Music Association Recorded Event of the Year, 2003 Academy of Country Music Top Male Vocalist.

Miranda Lambert: Lindale, Texas native Miranda Lambert grew up listening to the country sounds of Guy Clark, Merle Haggard and Jerry Jeff Walker. It was only after seeing Garth Brooks play in Dallas when she was 10 years old that she decided to stretch her own singing legs by entering her first country talent contest. In 2002, Lambert, who was inspired by the sounds of Jack Ingram, Allison Moorer, Guy Clark and Emmylou Harris, toured Texas with her family showcasing her work on a CD her father put together. In 2003, Lambert appeared on the television show *Nashville Star* where she placed 3rd. The show led her to sign with Sony Music and she

released her first professional album, *Kerosene*, which debuted in early 2005 at No. 1 on the Billboard country album charts. Lambert released her second album called *Crazy Ex-Girlfriend* in 2007.

Albums: *Crazy Ex-Girlfriend*, 2007; *Kerosene*, 2005.

Singles: “Gunpowder & Lead” (2007); “Crazy Ex-Girlfriend” (2007); “Famous In A Small Town” (2007), “Kerosene” (2005), “Bring Me Down” (2005); “New Strings” (2005).

Awards: 2006 Academy of Country Music Top New Female Vocalist

PARAMORE with special guests Jack’s Mannequin, Phantom Planet and Paper Route

Tuesday, Aug. 26, 6:30 p.m. • \$30

Paramore: Paramore, a pop punk band that got together in 2004, is still relatively new to the music scene, but has had huge success already. From Tennessee, the group started off playing small gigs around the southern U.S. until their first big break and were discovered by a record executive in Florida. After producing their debut album, the group began touring with bands such as Simple Plan and Straylight Run. Next, they embarked on a sold-out tour of North America, before taking their music overseas to Europe and Japan. Paramore’s second album *RIOT!* displays the group’s raw energy and passion. Paramore cites bands like Jimmy Eat World and New Found Glory as two of their musical influences.

Albums: *RIOT!*, 2007; *All We Know is Falling*, 2005.

Singles: “That’s What You Get” (2008), “Crushcrushcrush” (2007), “Misery Business” (2007), “All We Know” (2006), “Emergency” (2005), “Pressure” (2005).

Jack’s Mannequin: Piano rock band Jack’s Mannequin was formed in 2004, signed with Sire Records and produced their first album, *Everything in Transit*, in 2005. The group originally began as a side project of lead singer Andrew McMahon, who was then a member of the popular group Something Corporate. The songs McMahon wrote for Jack’s Mannequin are said to be a more personal and intimate test of his songwriting. Three more members form the up-and-coming group and Jack’s Mannequin is expected to release a second album in 2008.

Albums: *The Glass Passenger*, 2008; *Everything in Transit*, 2005.

Singles: “The Mixed Tape” (2005); “The Lights and Buzz” (2005); “Dark Blue” (2005).

Phantom Planet: Alternative rock band Phantom Planet became best-known for their song “California” which became the theme song for FOX’s hit show *The O.C.* While the group began performing in Hollywood venues in 1995, it was not until 1998 that they produced their debut album entitled *Phantom Planet is Missing*. The album showcases the group’s early music and is reminiscent of songs by the Beach Boys. Still seeking mainstream success, the group attained its goal with the release of their 2002 album *The Guest*, which includes the hit single “California.” The four-member group recently released their fourth album entitled *Raise the Dead*.

Albums: *Raise the Dead*, 2008; *Phantom Planet*, 2004; *The Guest*, 2002; *Phantom Planet is Missing*, 1998.

Singles: “Do the Panic” (2008); “Phantom Planet EP” (2008); “Galleria” (2004); “Phantom Planet” (2004); “California” (2002); “Big Brat” (2003).

Paper Route: Paper Route, an indie group which hails from Nashville, formed as a result of the lead singer’s bout with insomnia. When he could not sleep, Chad Howat started writing music. He then collaborated with friends and, in 2004, the group called Paper Route was born. The group’s music has been compared to the likes of Imogen Heap and The Postal Service, and creates a unique electronic-based pop sound. Paper Route’s self-titled debut album was released in 2006 to much acclaim.

Albums: *Paper Route*, 2006

GNARLS BARKLEY with special guest to be announced

Wednesday, Aug. 27, 7:30 p.m. • \$31

Gnarls Barkley: Gnarls Barkley is a two-person musical group consisting of instrumentalist and producer Danger Mouse (Brian Burton) and rapper and vocalist Cee-Lo Green (Thomas Callaway). Danger Mouse is a well-known hip/hop producer who has done notable work, including producing the Gorillaz’ Grammy winning album *Demon Days*. Green was a member of the hip-hop group Goodie Mob, but went on to produce two solo albums before collaborating with Danger Mouse. The two members met in 2003 and began working on the songs that they would later combine to form their debut album *St. Elsewhere* in 2006. This album reached platinum status in the United States, as it sold over 1 million copies. The hugely successful single “Crazy” made Gnarls Barkley a household name and won the group a Grammy award for Best Urban/Alternative Performance in 2006. The duo also won a 2007 Grammy for Best Alternative Music Album for *St. Elsewhere*.

Albums: *The Odd Couple*, 2008; *St. Elsewhere*, 2006.

Singles: “Going On” (2008); “Who’s Gonna Save My Soul” (2008); “Run (I’m a Natural Disaster)” (2008); “Crazy” (2006); “Gone Daddy Done” (2006); “Who Cares” (2006); “Smiley Faces” (2006).

Awards: 2007 Grammy Award for Best Urban/Alternative Performance (“Crazy”); 2007 Grammy Award for Best Alternative Music Album (*St. Elsewhere*); 2007 BET Award for Best Group.

MARK SCHULTZ with special guests Big Daddy Weave and Lincoln Brewster

Thursday, Aug. 28, 7:30 p.m. • \$28

Mark Schultz: Mark Schultz is a popular contemporary Christian music singer and songwriter. Adopted and raised in Colby, Kan., Schultz moved to Nashville and worked as a youth minister for a number of years. Through this role, he began writing songs inspired by the people in his congregation. Realizing his potential as a professional musician, Schultz performed concerts at his church that drew huge crowds and was eventually signed by Myrrh Records. His debut, self-titled album was released in 2000. Since then, Schultz has played a large role in defining contemporary Christian music with his successful albums and popular singles such as “Remember Me” and “He’s My Son”, which was a hit on mainstream radio stations as well.

Albums: *Broken & Beautiful*, 2006; *Stories & Songs*, 2003; *Song Cinema*, 2001; *Mark Schultz*, 2000.

Singles: "1,000 Miles" (2006); "Broken & Beautiful" (2006); "Everything To Me" (2006); "Back in His Arms Again" (2001); "He's My Son" (2000); "I Am The Way" (2000); "Remember Me" (2000).

Big Daddy Weave: Big Daddy Weave calls their latest album, *Every Time I Breathe*, more than a call to worship, but rather a call to life. The five-member band, which was formed when the members met in college, is one of the most popular on today's Christian music scene. Their 2002 debut album quickly landed among SoundScan's Christian Top 5 list. The band's popular and catchy singles such as "Without You", "Every Time I Breathe" and "Fields of Grace" have helped make a name for the successful group.

Albums: *Every Time I Breathe*, 2006; *What I Was Made For*, 2005; *Fields of Grace*, 2003; *One and Only*, 2002; *Neighborhood*, 2001.

Singles: "Every Time I Breathe" (2006); "Let It Rise" (2006); "Christ is Come" (2006); "Fields of Grace" (2003).

Lincoln Brewster: Beginning his musical career by playing instruments on Alaskan cruise ships, Brewster's first band was formed when he was 12. The band consisted of Brewster and his mother, on bass and vocals. His music progressed significantly from then on and at 19 years old he had multiple offers for recording contracts. Around this time, Brewster also began getting deeply in touch with his spiritual side. Integrating both his love of music and Christianity, Brewster moved to Nashville and worked on his music career while also serving as a youth minister. He signed with Vertical Music and has since released five albums. His website says, "Lincoln combines his talents and determination to record songs that will minister to a new generation of believers." Brewster has worked with many high-profile musicians such as Michael W. Smith.

Albums: *Let the Praises Ring*, 2006; *All to You...Live*, 2005; *Amazed*, 2002; *Live to Worship*, 2000; *Lincoln Brewster*, 1999.

Singles: "Caught in the Moment" (2006)

A PRAIRIE HOME COMPANION with Garrison Keillor

Friday, Aug. 29, 8 p.m. • \$22, \$27

A Prairie Home Companion: A Prairie Home Companion is a radio variety show starring humorist Garrison Keillor. The program features tales from Lake Wobegone, "where the women are strong, the men are good-looking, and all the children are above average." Keillor first broadcast A Prairie Home Companion in 1969. It has existed in its current format since 1974. Today, his unique brand of satire is heard by over four million listeners each week on over 558 public radio stations, and is heard abroad on America One and the Armed Forces Networks in Europe and the Far East.

THE BLACK CROWES with special guest The Black Keys

Saturday, Aug. 30, 7:30 p.m. • \$37

The Black Crowes: The Black Crowes began when the Robinson brothers (Chris and Rich) followed in their father's musical footsteps and created the rock group Mr. Crowe's Garden. This evolved, with the addition of a few more band members, into The Black Crowes. Debuting in 1990, this classic rock-inspired group has been likened to Face and the Rolling Stones. The band got their first taste of multi-platinum success when they covered the

Otis Redding song "Hard to Handle" in 1990. The single shot up the top 40 charts and landed their first album among the top ten. The group continued to produce chart-worthy singles and albums until their hiatus in 2002. Returning to the stage in 2005, the group continues to produce their classic rock sound.

Albums: *Warpaint*, 2008; *Freak 'N' Roll... Into the Fog*, 2006; *Live*, 2002; *Lions*, 2001; *A Tribute to a Work In Progress*, 2000; *By Your Side*, 1999; *Sho' Nuff*, 1998; *Three Shakes and One Charm*, 1996; *Amorica*, 1994; *The Southern Harmony & Musical Companion*, 1992; *Shake Your Money Maker*, 1989.

Singles: "Goodbye Daughters of the Revolution" (2008); "Oh Josephine" (2008); "Back Door Santa" (2006); "Soul Singing" (2001); "Lickin'" (2001); "Only a Fool" (1998); "By Your Side" (1998); "Kickin' My Heart Around" (1998); "Blackberry" (1996); "Good Friday" (1996); "Wiser Time" (1995); "A Conspiracy" (1994); "Sting Me" (1992); "Hotel Illness" (1992); "Thorn In My Pride" (1992); "Remedy" (1992); "Hard To Handle" (1990); "She Talks to Angels" (1990); "Jealous Again" (1990).

The Black Keys: The two-man group that is The Black Keys hails from Akron, Ohio. Singer and guitarist Dan Auerbach and drummer Patrick Carney comprise the group, which released its debut album, *The Big Come Up*, in 2002. Following the success of that album, the group recorded their second album in just 14 hours on one day. Since then, three more albums have been released to great acclaim. The Black Keys' music is described as raw rock-blues and the group says it is influenced by the likes of Jimi Hendrix and James Brown.

Albums: *Attack & Release*, 2008; *Magic Potion*, 2006; *Rubber Factory*, 2004; *Thickfreakness*, 2003; *The Big Come Up*, 2002.

Singles: "Strange Times" (2008); "Just Got to Be" (2007); "Chulahoma" (06); "Your Touch" (2006); "10 AM Automatic" (2005); "The Moan" (2004).

2008 MINNESOTA STATE FAIR AMATEUR TALENT CONTEST FINALS Featuring 2007 winners The Limns

Sunday, Aug. 31, 8 p.m. • **FREE—No Grandstand ticket required**

Amateur Talent Contest Finals: The Amateur Talent Contest is a Minnesota State Fair tradition. About 400 talented performers audition in one of three divisions (open, teen and preteen) for a chance to move on to the semifinal round held during the fair. One hundred and twenty semifinalists compete for a place among the performers in the finals round. The final round of competition at the Grandstand will feature the 26 remaining contestants vying for cash prizes and the distinction of the most talented amateur of this year's State Fair. 2007 Open Division Winners, The Limns (a local band), will return to the Grandstand stage for a performance.

Biggest & Baddest Tour TOBY KEITH with special guests Carter's Chord, Trailer Choir and Mica Roberts

Monday, Sept. 1, 7:30 p.m. • **\$50**

Toby Keith: Toby Keith, who worked in the oil industry and as a semi-professional football player, turned to music full-time in 1984 when he joined a honky-tonk band called Easy Money. While playing with the band in Oklahoma, he was approached by Mercury Records President Harold

Shedd who signed him to the label. Keith produced his first single, "Should've Been A Cowboy" in 1993. The single shot up the Billboard Country Singles Chart to No. 1 and his self-titled debut album went platinum. Throughout his career, Keith has produced numerous No. 1 singles and albums, and has won countless awards, making him one of country's most popular performers.

Albums: *35 Biggest Hits*, 2008; *A Classic Christmas*, 2007; *Big Dog Daddy*, 2007; *White Trash with Money*, 2006; *Honkytonk University*, 2005; *Greatest Hits Vol. 2*, 2004; *Shockin' Y'All*, 2003; *Unleashed*, 2002; *Pull My Chain*, 2001; *How Do You Like Me Now?*, 1999; *Greatest Hits Vol. 1*, 1999; *Dream Walkin'*, 1997; *Blue Moon*, 1996; *Christmas to Christmas*, 1995; *Boomtown*, 1995; *Toby Keith*, 1993.

Singles: "She's A Hottie" (2008); "High Maintenance Woman" (2007); "Crash Here Tonight" (2006); "A Little Too Late" (2006); "Courtesy of the Red, White and Blue (The Angry American)" (2002); "How Do You Like Me Now?" (2000); "Getcha Some" (1998); "I'm So Happy I Can't Stop Crying" (1997); "We Were In Love" (1997); "Closin' Time At Home" (1996); "Does That Blue Moon Ever Shine On You" (1996); "You Ain't Much Fun" (1995); "Upstairs Downtown" (1994); "Who's That Man" (1994); "He Ain't Worth Missing" (1993); "Should've Been A Cowboy" (1993).

Awards: 2006 American Music Awards Favorite Male Artist, 2006 BMI Song of the Year, 2006 BMI Songwriter of the Year, 2005 Country Music Association Music Video of the Year, 2005 CMT Music Awards Hottest Video of the Year, 2003 Academy of Country Music Album of the Year, 2003 Academy of Country Music Entertainer of the Year, 2003 Academy of Country Music Top Male Vocalist, 2003 Academy of Country Music Video of the Year, 2001 Country Music Association Male Vocalist of the Year.

Movies: "Beer For My Horses" (2008), "Broken Bridges" (2006)

Carter's Chord: The unique musical flair and harmony of Carter's Chord is made up of three sisters who were born into music. The sound of Carter's Chord is invigorating and fresh for today's country music. Becky, Emily and Joanna Robertson are the daughters of music legends Barny and Carter Robinson. These three sisters have created a sound that truly captivates the ears. They've combined a mix of southern rock, outlaw country and the blues into their music. Their beautiful voices captured country superstar Toby Keith, who signed Carter's Chord to his Show Dog Nashville label.

Albums: *Carter's Chord*, 2008

Singles: "Young Love" (2008); "Different Breed" (2008)

Trailer Choir: This three-member, energetic and unique country group sings songs that are about "livin' life and drinkin' a cold beer with your best friends." Members include Big Vinny the Mack, Butter and Crystal. The band's debut single "Off the Hillbilly Hook" was recently chosen as the lead single on the soundtrack for Toby Keith's up-coming movie *Beer For My Horses*. Also signed to Keith's record label, the threesome put on quite the entertaining country show. Originally a country band, the group recently began adding a few original songs to their repertoire and adding fans to their ever-expanding fan base.

Albums: *Off The Hillbilly Hook*, 2007

Singles: "Off the Hillbilly Hook" (2007)

Mica Roberts: Growing up in Locust Grove, Okla., country singer and songwriter Mica Roberts' love for music flourished on her family farm. Even with five prestigious music scholarships offered to her, Roberts decided to hit the road and perform at fairs, campgrounds and even on a cruise ship before heading to Nashville. After nine years in the country music capital, Roberts landed a job singing backup vocals for Faith Hill. Eventually, her soulful voice caught the attention of Toby Keith, and she has been with his record label ever since.

Albums: Things A Mama Don't Know, 2008

Grandstand Information

GRANDSTAND TICKETS

Grandstand tickets have been on sale since December. Prior to the show, tickets are available at Ticketmaster locations, at www.ticketmaster.com or by calling (651) 989-5151. Mail order service is available and requests should be addressed to: Tickets, Minnesota State Fair, 1265 Snelling Ave. N., St. Paul, MN 55108. The State Fair Box Office on the fairgrounds also sells all tickets prior to and during the fair.

Aug. 5 through Aug. 20, the State Fair Box Office is located at the Como Loop Gate (#9). Box office hours are Monday through Friday noon to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., except: Aug. 16, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Aug. 17, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Aug. 18 & 19, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Aug. 20, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

During the fair, Grandstand tickets may be purchased at the box office location east of the Grandstand. Tickets for upcoming performances may also be purchased at this location. The box office opens at 9 a.m. daily. Will-call tickets may be picked up after 4 p.m. on the day of the show.

Admission to Grandstand events is free for children under two years of age if they share a paid seat. Children under two who require their own seat must have a ticket.

CANCELLATIONS

Grandstand shows are never cancelled without official notification. Guests who have questions regarding the cancellation of a Grandstand event should be directed to the Guest Services Office in Visitors Plaza. Media questions should be directed to Brienna Schuette at (651) 288-4452.

GRANDSTAND GUIDELINES

Guests may enter the venue from the east or west towers. Wheelchair patrons may use the elevator on the east end or enter via the ramp on the west end; access to the second level of the tower is also available via the center Grandstand Ramp (enter only—no exit). Strollers and umbrellas are not allowed in the Grandstand seating area. Parking for strollers is available outside the Grandstand gates. For further information, call (651) 288-4427.

Grandstand gates open approximately 60 minutes before show time. Coolers are not allowed in the Grandstand. Patrons and parcels are subject to search before entering the venue. Smoking is allowed in designated areas only. Smoking is not permitted in seating areas.

For current ticket availability, please call the ticket office at (651) 288-4427 or call Ticketmaster at (651) 989-5151. During the fair, check at the ticket booths located on the east side of the Grandstand.

Video and audio recording equipment are not allowed at any Grandstand show, with the exception of the Amateur Talent Contest Finals on Sunday, Aug. 31. Still photography cameras are not allowed at some concerts. If still photography is allowed, pictures may be taken from the ticket holder's seat only. For information concerning still photography at specific shows, contact the box office at (651) 288-4427.

Grandstand Entertainers

ALPHABETICALLY AND INCLUDING NUMBER OF APPEARANCES 1962-2008

A

AB Quintanilla y Los Kumbia Kings
The A*Teens
Roy Acuff
Kip Addotta (2)
Trace Adkins
Christina Aguilera
Clay Aiken
Air Supply (2)
Alabama (18 in 13 years)
Jack Albertson
Gary Allan
The Alligator All-Stars
The Allman Brothers (2)
Amateur Talent Contest Finals (6)
America (2)
Bill Anderson
Lynn Anderson (4)
Paul Anka
The Association

B

The B-52's (2)
The Backstreet Boys
Baja Marimba Band
Ballet America
David Ball
Moe Bandy (2)
The Bangles
Bobby Bare
The Beach Boys (9)
The Bellamy Brothers (2)
Tony Bennett
Dierks Bentley
George Benson (3)
Chuck Berry
Big Head Todd & the Monsters (2)
Big Daddy Weave
Elvin Bishop

Clint Black
The Black Crowes
The Black Keys
Dennis Blair
Blood, Sweat, & Tears
Blue County
BoDeans (4)
Michael Bolton
Suzy Bogguss
Pat Boone Family
Pat and Debbie Boone
Victor Borge
Boston (2)
The Brady Bunch Kids
breaking benjamin
David Brenner
Lincoln Brewster
Keith Brion & His New Sousa Band
Brooks & Dunn (6)
Donnie Brooks
Garth Brooks (2)
Lonnie Brooks
Brothers & Sisters
Anita Bryant
Buddy Guy

C

Ryan Cabrera
Colbie Caillat
Cain
Glen Campbell
Canned Heat
Cannibal & The Headhunters
Captain & Tennille (2)
Belinda Carlisle
Carter's Chord
Larry Carlton
Mary Chapin Carpenter (2)
The Carpenters

Aaron Carter (2)
Johnny Cash (6)
David Cassidy
Beth Nielsen Chapman
Steven Curtis Chapman
Ray Charles Singers
Cheap Trick
Kenny Chesney
Chic
Chicago (2)
Eric Church
Petula Clark
Roy Clark (2)
Terri Clark
Rosemary Clooney (2)
Jerry Clower (2)
The Coasters
Hank Cochran
Judy Collins Wildflower Festival
Color Me Badd
Jessie Colter
The Commodores
La Conquista
Bill Cosby (3)
Count Basie Orchestra
Cowboy Mouth
The Cowsills
Scat Man Crothers
The Crusaders
Billy Ray Cyrus

D

Lacy J. Dalton
Roger Daltrey
Michael Damian
Rodney Dangerfield
The Charlie Daniel's Band
John Davidson
Danny Davis &
 The Nashville Brass (2)
Jimmy Davis
Mac Davis (4)
Michael Davis
Sammy Davis Jr.
Dennis Day
Otis Day & The Knights
Jimmie Dean
Def Leppard (3)
Gavin Degraw
John Denver (3)
Neil Diamond (2)
Dirty Dancing Live
The Doobie Brothers (2)

Double Trouble
 featuring Bernard Allison
Dr. Hook
Dr. John
Holly Dunn
Bob Dylan (2)

E

Sheena Easton
EIEIO
Elvis—The Concert
Endeverafter
England Dan & John Ford Coley
Bill Engvall (2)
Gloria Estefan & The Miami Sound
 Machine
Dale Evans
The Everly Brothers

F

The Fabulous
 Thunderbirds (2)
Donna Fargo
Fat Boys
Jose Feliciano
Fergie
Freddy Fender
The Fifth Dimension (3)
Firefall
Firehouse
First Call
The Flaming Lips
Tennessee Ernie Ford
Foreigner
Pete Fountain
Fountains of Wayne
Jeff Foxworthy
Redd Foxx
Janie Fricke

G

Kenny G
Leif Garrett
John Gary
Larry Gatlin (2)
Larry Gatlin & The Gatlin Brothers
Crystal Gayle
Gear Daddies
J. Geils
Andy Gibb
Vince Gill (5)
Gin Blossoms
Girlicious
Gnarls Barkley
Go Fish (2)

The Goldiggers
Bobby Goldsboro
Goo Goo Dolls (3)
Steve Goodman
Lesley Gore
Grand Funk Railroad
Amy Grant (3)
The Grass Roots starring Rob Grill
Great Big Sea
Great White
Al Green
Jack Green
Lee Greenwood
Larry Groce
Arlo Guthrie
Buddy Guy

H

The Hagers
Merle Haggard
Monty Hall
Tom T. Hall
Dick Hardwick
The Harmonicats
Eddie Harris
Emmylou Harris (2)
Richie Havens
Wade Hayes
Jeff Healey Band
Heartsfield
Heidi Jo
Don Henley
Doug Henning
Herman's Hermits
Highway 101
Faith Hill
Tyler Hilton
Hinder
Al Hirt (2)
Julianne Hough
Susanna Hoffs
Hootie And The Blowfish
Bob Hope (5)
Jimmy "Bo" Horne
Bruce Hornsby
Engebert Humperdinck

I

Julio Iglesias
Jack Ingram

J

Alan Jackson (6)
Etta James (2)
Sonny James (3)

Waylon Jennings (2)
The Jets (3)
Jewel
Eric Johnson (2)
Michael Johnson (5)
George Jones (2)
Jack Jones
Jack's Mannequin
Tom Jones
Journey
 with lead vocalist Steve Augeri
The Judds
Jump5

K

Kansas (2)
Lucy Kaplansky
KC & The Sunshine Band (2)
Keane Brothers
Buster Keaton
Keb' Mo' Band (3)
Garrison Keillor:
 'A Prairie Home Companion' (6)
Toby Keith (2)
Ray Kennedy
The Kentucky Headhunters
Sammy Kershaw (3)
Hal Ketchum (2)
Alicia Keys
Kids Next Door
Greg Kihn Band
King Family
B.B. King (4)
Pee Wee King
The Kingston Trio
George Kirby (5)
Ray Komischke's
 Orchestra (8)
Alison Krauss &
 Union Station

L

LaCosta
Miranda Lambert
Jonny Lang (2)
Blaine Larsen
Nicolette Larson
Cyndi Lauper
Stars of the Lawrence Welk Show,
Steve Lawrence & Eydie Gorme
Brenda Lee
G.B. Leighton (3)
Jay Leno
Huey Lewis & The News (3)

Jerry Lee Lewis
Liberace
Lifehouse
Limited Warranty (3)
Art Linkletter
Little Feat
Rich Little (2)
Little River Band
Kenny Loggins (4)
Los Lobos
Los Tigres Del Norte
Patty Loveless
Lyle Lovett
Judy Lynn
Loretta Lynn (2)
Lynyrd Skynyrd (3)

M

Magic Dick
The Magic Numbers
Barbara Mandrell (3)
Chuck Mangione
The Manhattan Transfer (5)
Barry Manilow
Marshall Tucker Band (2)
Steve Martin
Richard Marx (2)
Kathy Mattea (3)
The Mavericks
Max Carl & Big Dance
Shane McAnally
Martina McBride (3)
The Del McCoury Band
Neal McCoy
Mindy McCready
Country Joe McDonald
Michael McDonald
Reba McEntire (3)
Tim McGraw (2)
Charly McLain
Ed McMahan
Melanie
Ken Mellons
MercyMe
George Miller
Roger Miller (2)
Steve Miller Band (3)
Mills Brothers
Ronnie Milsap (2)
Liza Minnelli
Minnesota Orchestra
The Monkees
John Michael Montgomery (3)

Montgomery Gentry
Lorrie Morgan (3)
Gary Morris
Mötley Crüe
Gary Mule Deer
Martin Mull
Munch (3)
Anne Murray (7)

N

Jim Nabors
The Nadas
National Ballet of Mexico
Chuck Negron
Willie Nelson (11)
New Christy Minstrels
New England
New Kids On The Block
Bob Newhart
Newsboys
NewSong
Olivia Newton-John
Joe Nichols
Nickelback
(Nickelodeon's) Family Double Dare
Live (2)
(Nickelodeon's) Wild & Crazy Kids
Live
Night Ranger (3)
Nine Days
Nitty Gritty Dirt Band
No Address
Nu Shooz

O

The Oak Ridge Boys (10)
Helen O'Connell (2)
Ohio Players
Tony Orlando & Dawn
K.T. Oslin
The Osmonds (4)
Tommy Overstreet
Buck Owens

P

Pattie Page
Tommy Page
Paper Route
Paramore
Paramount's Original Laser
Spectacular featuring
the music of Pink Floyd
Brad Paisley (2)
Dolly Parton (4)
The Party

Sandi Patti (2)
Peaches & Herb
Franky Perez & The Highway Saints
Peter, Paul & Mary (2)
Phantom Planet
Kellie Pickler
Mike Pinera
Play
Plus One
The Pointer Sisters
Poison (2)
Charley Pride (6)
Freddie Prinze
Gary Puckett
Pure Prairie League (2)

R

REO Speedwagon (4)
Eddie Rabbitt (4)
Bonnie Raitt (5)
Robert Randolph & the Family Band
Rascal Flatts (2)
Susan Raye
Rayvon
Helen Reddy (3)
Jerry Reed
Della Reese
Del Reeves
Restless Heart
Alvino Rey
Speck Rhodes
Don Rice III (2)
Charley Rich (2)
Ricochet
Jeannie C. Riley
LeAnn Rimes
Tex Ritter
Marty Robbins
Julie Roberts
Mica Roberts
Nile Rodgers
Johnny Rodriguez
Dusty Rogers
Kenny Rogers (4)
Kenny Rogers & The First Edition
Roy Rogers
Linda Ronstadt
Rooney
David Lee Roth
Billy Joe Royal (2)
Jane Russell

S

Rebecca St. James

Sandler & Young
Santana
Sawyer Brown (3)
Ronnie Schell
Mark Schultz
Seals & Crofts
Jeannie Sealy
John Sebastian (2)
Neil Sedaka (2)
Pete Seeger
Seether
Jerry Seinfeld
Marilyn Sellers
Semisonic
Seven Channels
Doc Severinsen
Sha Na Na (2)
Shaggy
Sharon, Lois & Bram
Blake Shelton
Ricky Van Shelton
T. G. Sheppard (2)
Greg Shideler
Aaron Shust
Shinedown
Silvertide
The Simpsons
Frank Sinatra Jr.
Sister Sledge
Ricky Skaggs
Red Skelton (4)
Slave Raider
Smash Mouth
Connie Smith
Sammi Smith
Smothers Brothers (2)
Hank Snow
Jo-El Sonnier
Sonic Youth
Sonny & Cher
Sons of the Pioneers
soulDecision
Southern Pacific (2)
Spin Doctors
Rick Springfield
SR-71
Jim Stafford (2)
Staind (2)
Ringo Starr & His All-Starr Band
The Statler Brothers (7)
Jeffrey Steele
Corey Stevens
Ray Stevens

Rod Stewart
George Strait (2)
Marty Stuart
STYX (5)
The Suburbs (2)
Sugarland
The Suicide Commandos
The Supremes
The Surfaris
Taylor Swift
Switchfoot

T

3 Doors Down (4)
Russ Taff
Tangletown
Tavares
James Taylor
Koko Taylor
Livingston Taylor
Susan Tedeschi
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
Third Eye Blind
B.J. Thomas (2)
Tiffany
Pam Tillis
Johnny Tillotson
Tiny Tim
Aaron Tippin
Tonic
Tonic Sol-fa
Tony n' Tina's Wedding
The Tractors
Trailer Choir
Train
Trapt
Randy Travis (6)
Tribute to Jimi Hendrix
Tribute to Muddy Waters
Travis Tritt
Kathy Troccoli
Tanya Tucker
Josh Turner
The Turtles featuring Flo & Eddie
Conway Twitty

U

Ugly Kid Joe
Up With People

V

Frankie Vallie and the Four Seasons
Jerry Van Dyke
Leroy Van Dyke

Vanilla Ice
Jim Varney
Jimmie Vaughan
Vertical Horizon
Kyle Vincent
Bobby Vinton (4)
Violent Femmes

W

Porter Wagoner
Billy Walker
Joe Louis Walker & The BossTalkers
The Wallflowers
War
Jacky Ward
Lawrence Welk Show (2)
Junior Wells
Mary Wells
Dottie West (5)
Wheel of Fortune with Bob Eubanks
Bryan White (3)
Roger Whittaker (3)
Chuck Wicks
The Wilkinsons
Williams & Ree (2)
Andy Williams
Don Williams (4)
Hank Williams, Jr. (2)
Paul Williams
Al Wilson
Carl Wilson
Gretchen Wilson
Wilson Phillips
Wire Train
Lee Ann Womack
Chely Wright
Michelle Wright
Tammy Wynette (3)
Wynonna (5)

Y

"Weird Al" Yankovic (3)
Trisha Yearwood (3)
Faron Young
Neil Young & the International
Harvesters
Young Americans

Z

ZZ Top (2)

Grandstand Entertainers

BY YEAR 1962–2008

1962

- Dennis Day
- Jane Russell
- Jimmie Dean

1963

- Rosemary Clooney
- The Smothers Brothers
- Buster Keaton

1964

- New Christy Minstrels, Anita Bryant
- Al Hirt, John Gary

1965

- Pete Fountain, Mary Wells
- Ray Charles Singers, Roger Miller

1966

- The Supremes, Jerry Van Dyke
- The Smothers Brothers, George Kirby

1967

- Baja Marimba Band, George Kirby
- Bob Newhart, Young Americans

1968

- The Fifth Dimension,
Frank Sinatra Jr., Ballet America
- Marty Robbins, Sonny James,
Hank Williams Jr., Connie Smith
- Jack Jones, National Ballet of Mexico

1969

- Buck Owens, Susan Rye, Billy Walker
- Lesley Gore, George Kirby
- Johnny Cash Show,
The Statler Brothers
- Porter Wagoner, Dolly Parton, Jerry
Lee Lewis, Lynn Anderson,
Speck Rhodes, Conway Twitty
- Patti Page,
Kids Next Door, Don Rice III

1970

- Jeannie C. Riley, Sonny James,
Faron Young, Jimmy Davis
- Bobby Vinton, The Cowsills
- Johnny Cash Show,
The Statler Brothers
- Lawrence Welk Show
- Petula Clark, Art Linkletter,
The Goldiggers
- Charley Pride

1971

- The Carpenters, John Davidson,
Della Reese, The Harmonicats
- Sandler & Young
- Tammy Wynette, George Jones,
Loretta Lynn, Jack Green,
Jeannie Sealy, Roy Acuff
- Liberace
- Neil Diamond
- Charley Pride

1972

- Sonny and Cher, David Brenner
- John Denver,
Kenny Rogers and the First Edition
- Sonny James, Lynn Anderson,
Del Reeves, Tom T. Hall, Tex Ritter
- Bobby Goldsboro,
Anne Murray, George Kirby
- Merle Haggard,
Sammi Smith, Waylon Jennings
- Neil Diamond
- Up With People

1973

- Mac Davis, The Fifth Dimension
- Tony Orlando & Dawn,
The Brady Bunch Kids
- Bill Anderson, Donna Fargo,
Tommy Overstreet, Leroy Van Dyke,
Jerry Clower
- Pat Boone Family,
Rich Little, Charley Pride

1974

- Liza Minnelli
- Redd Foxx
- Charlie Rich, Jim Stafford
- Jerry Reed, Tanya Tucker,
Jerry Clower, Judy Lynn, Hank Snow
- Bob Hope,
Danny Davis & The Nashville Brass
- Jim Nabors, The Hagers
- Mac Davis, The Fifth Dimension
- Roy Clark
- Helen Reddy, Jose Feliciano

1975

- Roy Rogers, Dale Evans,
Dusty Rogers, Sons of the Pioneers
- The Osmonds, Munch
- Paul Anka

- Lynn Anderson, Ray Stevens, Jacky Ward
- Anne Murray, B.J. Thomas
- Dolly Parton, Bobby Bare, Johnny Rodriguez, Pee Wee King
- Olivia Newton-John, George Kirby
- Lawrence Welk Show
- America, John Sebastian
- Freddie Prinze, Jack Albertson, Scat Man Crothers
- Bobby Vinton, Marilyn Sellars

1976

- Red Skelton, Helen O'Connor
- The Osmonds, Munch
- Neil Sedaka
- Charley Pride
- Helen Reddy, Jim Stafford
- Freddie Fender, Dottie West, Moe Bandy
- Frank Vallie and the Four Seasons
- Bob Hope
- Linda Ronstadt, Johnny Tillotson
- Mac Davis, Kip Adotta
- Johnny Cash Show

1977

- King Family, Alvino Rey
- Bill Cosby, Keane Brothers
- Bobby Vinton
- Captain & Tennille, Kip Addotta
- George Benson, The Crusaders
- Mac Davis, Don Rice III
- Neil Sedaka, Andy Gibb
- Mills Brothers, Ed McMahon
- Kansas, Cain
- Paul Williams, Blood, Sweat & Tears
- Charlie Rich, La Costa

1978

- The Osmonds, Munch
- Seals & Crofts, Larry Carlton
- George Benson, Eddie Harris
- Captain & Tennille, Larry Groce
- Rich Little, Lynn Anderson
- Kenny Rogers, Dottie West
- Dolly Parton, Eddie Rabbit
- Bob Hope, Rosemary Clooney
- Helen Reddy, George Miller
- Pat & Debbie Boone, Ronnie Schell
- Johnny Cash Show

1979

- STYX, New England
- Steve Martin, Steve Goodman

- Willie Nelson, Hank Cochran
- Bobby Vinton
- Charley Pride
- Leif Garrett, Greg Shideler
- Bob Hope, Helen O'Connor
- Kenny Rogers, Dottie West
- Anne Murray, Larry Gatlin
- Michael Johnson, England Dan & John Ford Coley
- KC and the Sunshine Band, Jimmy "Bo" Horne

1980

- Michael Johnson, Lacy J. Dalton
- Marshall Tucker Band, Heartsfield
- The Manhattan Transfer, Martin Mull
- Anne Murray, Larry Gatlin and the Gatlin Brothers Band
- Al Hirt
- Kenny Rogers, Dottie West
- Tennessee Ernie Ford, Brothers & Sisters
- Red Skelton, Danny Davis & The Nashville Brass
- Willie Nelson
- Sister Sledge, Tavares
- Johnny Cash Show

1981

- Don Williams, Ricky Skaggs
- Emmylou Harris, Pure Prairie League
- Chuck Mangione
- The Statler Brothers, Brenda Lee
- Rodney Dangerfield, Dennis Blair
- The Doobie Brothers, Carl Wilson
- Victor Borge
- Air Supply, Livingston Taylor
- Eddie Rabbitt, Dottie West
- Dr. Hook, The Association
- Monty Hall

1982

- Willie Nelson
- The Beach Boys
- Barbara Mandrell
- Air Supply, Gary Mule Deer
- Eddie Rabbitt, Lacy J. Dalton
- The Manhattan Transfer
- Andy Williams, Jerry Seinfeld
- Oak Ridge Boys, Ronnie Milsap
- Rick Springfield, Greg Kihn Band
- Anne Murray, Larry Gatlin
- Sha Na Na

1983

- Willie Nelson and Family
- Kenny Loggins, Michael Johnson
- The Statler Brothers, Charley McLain
- Engelbert Humperdinck
- Alabama
- The Beach Boys
- Sammy Davis Jr., Peaches & Herb
- Oak Ridge Boys, Lee Greenwood
- Kansas, Pure Prairie League
- The Manhattan Transfer

1984

- Willie Nelson
- Rod Stewart
- Barbara Mandrell, T. G. Sheppard
- Julio Iglesias, Michael Davis
- Alabama
- The Statler Brothers, Janie Fricke
- Oak Ridge Boys,
The Osmond Brothers
- George Benson
- Huey Lewis & The News

1985

- Willie Nelson,
Waylon Jennings, Jesse Colter
- The Suburbs, Limited Warranty
- Kenny Loggins
- Oak Ridge Boys
- Don Williams, Tammy Wynette
- Arlo Guthrie and Pete Seeger
- Night Ranger
- Michael Johnson, Ray Komischke's
Orchestra featuring Trina Hamlin
- Tom Jones
- Alabama, Gary Morris
- Neil Young and the International
Harvesters, Nicolette Larson

1986

- Willie Nelson and Family
- John Denver
- Nu Shooz, The Fat Boys
- Oak Ridge Boys,
The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band
- Anne Murray
- The Jets, Limited Warranty
- The Beach Boys
- The Manhattan Transfer
- Kenny Loggins
- Doug Henning
- Alabama, The Bellamy Brothers
- Garrison Keillor

- Bangles, EIEIO

1987

- Night Ranger, Great White
- Willie Nelson and Family,
George Jones and Jones Boys
- True Value Country
Showdown with Moe Bandy
- Peter, Paul and Mary
- The Monkees, "Weird" Al Yankovic
- The Jets, Limited Warranty
- Gloria Estefan and the
Miami Sound Machine
- The Pointer Sisters
- Red Skelton
- Alabama, Restless Heart
- Sandi Patti
- Oak Ridge Boys, Southern Pacific

1988

- Alabama, K.T. Oslin
- The Beach Boys
- Peter, Paul and Mary
- The Judds, Randy Travis
- Belinda Carlisle
- Chuck Berry,
The Fabulous Thunderbirds
- REO Speedwagon
- The Manhattan Transfer
- Roger Whittaker
- Willie Nelson and Family,
Emmylou Harris
- The Everly Brothers
- Jay Leno
- Dirty Dancing Live
- Reba McEntire, Southern Pacific

1989

- Kenny Loggins, Michael McDonald
- Charley Pride, Ronnie Milsap
- 30 Year Rock 'n' Roll Reunion
- Alabama, Jo-El Sonnier
- Randy Travis, Tammy Wynette
- Jim Varney,
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
- The Jets, The Commodores
- Sheena Easton, Michael Damian
- George Strait,
Billy Joe Royal, Highway 101
- Anne Murray, Eddie Rabbitt
- New Kids On The Block,
Tiffany, Tommy Page
- Sandi Patti
- The Statler Brothers, Don Williams

- 20th Anniversary,
Artists of Woodstock

1990

- The Simpsons
- Barbara Mandrell, T.G. Sheppard
- Richard Marx, Wilson Phillips
- Bill Cosby
- Randy Travis, Alan Jackson
- Bonnie Raitt, Jeff Healy Band
- Oak Ridge Boys, Patty Loveless
- Bob Dylan, Wire Train
- Roger Whittaker
- George Strait, Billy Joe Royal
- The Beach Boys,
Marshall Tucker Band
- John Denver

1991

- Sharon, Lois & Bram
- Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson
- Don Henley, Susanna Hoffs
- Alabama, Ray Kennedy
- Chicago
- Huey Lewis & The News,
Joe Louis Walker & The BossTalkers
- Garth Brooks, Lorrie Morgan
- The Statler Brothers, Williams & Ree
- Vanilla Ice
- Randy Travis, Alan Jackson
- The Beach Boys, Firefall

1992

- Garth Brooks, Martina McBride
- The Steve Miller Band
- Randy Travis, Brooks & Dunn
- Richard Marx
- Color Me Badd, The Party
- Double Dare Live
- The B-52's, Violent Femmes
- Bob Hope, B.J. Thomas
- Wynonna Judd, The Oak Ridge Boys
- Steven Curtis Chapman,
Kathy Troccoli, First Call
- The Beach Boys, David Cassidy

1993

- Clint Black, Wynonna,
Michael Johnson
- Bob Dylan, Santana
- Hank Williams Jr., Aaron Tippin
- Blues Music Festival '93–B.B. King,
Eric Johnson, Buddy Guy, the
Alligator All-Stars
- Barry Manilow, Kyle Vincent

- Nickelodeon's Wild & Crazy Kids
- Def Leppard, Ugly Kid Joe
- Superstars of the Lawrence Welk Show
- Keith Brion and his New Sousa Band
- Dolly Parton, Sammy Kershaw
- Alabama, Michelle Wright
- The Beach Boys, America

1994

- Kenny G
- Alan Jackson, Hal Ketchum
- Bonnie Raitt, Bruce Hornsby
- Reba McEntire,
John Michael Montgomery
- Brooks & Dunn, Trisha Yearwood
- Nickelodeon's
Family Double Dare Live
- The Beach Boys, America
- The Count Basie Orchestra plus
Americana Fireworks Spectacular
- Wynonna, Tim McGraw
- Roger Daltrey
- Blues Music Festival '94–B.B. King,
Little Feat, Dr. John & Tribute to
Muddy Waters

1995

- Alabama, Chely Wright
- Alan Jackson, Faith Hill
- Amy Grant,
Allison Kraus & Union Station
- Brooks & Dunn, Pam Tillis
- Chicago, The Little River Band
- Lorrie Morgan, David Ball
- Mary Chapin Carpenter,
Kathy Mattea, Suzy Bogguss
- Tony Bennett
- The Mavericks, The Tractors
- John Michael Montgomery,
Hal Ketchum, Ken Mellons
- Blues Festival '95–B.B. King, Jimmie
Vaughan, Etta James, Bluestime Jam
with J. Geils, Elvin Bishop, Magic Dick

1996

- Gin Blossoms, Goo Goo Dolls
- Alan Jackson, Wade Hayes
- Michael Bolton
- Brooks & Dunn, Kathy Mattea
- Travis Tritt, Marty Stuart
- Willie Nelson & Family,
Sammy Kershaw
- Vince Gill

- Wheel of Fortune Live with host Bob Eubanks
- Mary Chapin Carpenter, BoDeans
- Bill Cosby
- Randy Travis, Trisha Yearwood

1997

- BoDeans, G.B. Leighton
- John Michael Montgomery, Ricochet
- ZZ Top, Los Lobos
- Wynonna, Terri Clark
- Boston
- Vince Gill, Bryan White
- Tim McGraw, Mindy McCready
- Roger Whittaker
- Steve Miller Band, Eric Johnson
- Alabama, Kenny Chesney
- Amateur Talent Contest Finals with '96 Open Division winner Nathan Beck and the Ray Komischke Orchestra
- Miller 300 presented by Auto Value Parts Stores

1998

- LeAnn Rimes, Bryan White
- BoDeans, Third Eye Blind
- Lynyrd Skynyrd, The Kentucky Headhunters
- Gary Puckett, The Turtles, The Grass Roots
- The Wallflowers, Max Carl & Big Dance
- Wynonna, Sawyer Brown
- Bonnie Raitt, Keb' Mo' Band
- Tony n' Tina's Wedding
- The Oak Ridge Boys, Williams & Ree
- Jonny Lang, G.B. Leighton, Heidi Jo
- Loretta Lynn, Crystal Gayle
- Amateur Talent Contest Finals with '97 Open Division winner Rachel Lee and the Ray Komischke Orchestra
- Miller Lite 300 presented by Auto Value Parts Stores

1999

- Brooks & Dunn, Trace Adkins
- Journey, Double Trouble featuring Bernard Allison
- Corey Stevens, G.B. Leighton, Tangletown
- Sammy Kershaw, Lorrie Morgan
- Susan Tedeschi, Keb' Mo'
- Vince Gill, Kathy Mattea

- Reba McEntire, Dick Hardwick
- Steve Lawrence & Eydie Gorme
- Bryan White, The Wilkinsons
- Alabama, Shane McAnally
- Amateur Talent Contest Finals with '98 Open Division winner Ten Foot Five and the Ray Komischke Orchestra
- Miller Lite 300 presented by Auto Value Parts Stores and Jani-King

2000

- Def Leppard
- REO Speedwagon, STYX
- Travis Tritt, Montgomery Gentry
- "Weird Al" Yankovic, Tonic Sol-Fa
- Christina Aguilera, soulDecision
- Sawyer Brown, K.C. & The Sunshine Band
- Goo Goo Dolls, Tonic
- Roy Clark, Glen Campbell
- Jeff Foxworthy, Bill Engvall
- Semisonic, Train, G.B. Leighton
- Lynyrd Skynyrd, Kansas
- Amateur Talent Contest Finals with '99 Open Division winner Erin Callahan and the Ray Komischke Orchestra
- Miller 300 presented by Auto Value Parts Stores

2001

- Ringo Starr & His All-Starr Band
- Vertical Horizon, Nine Days, SR-71
- David Lee Roth
- Chic W/ Nile Rodgers, War, Ohio Players
- Toby Keith, Lee Ann Womack
- Huey Lewis and the News
- Cheap Trick, Cowboy Mouth
- Aaron Carter, A*Teens, Leslie Carter, Play
- 3 Doors Down, Nickelback, Seven Channels
- Alabama
- Amateur Talent Contest Finals with '00 Open Division winner Renee Marie Lande
- Miller Lite 300 Auto Race

2002

- Minnesota Orchestra
- Alicia Keys
- Vince Gill, Trisha Yearwood

- Shaggy, Rayvon
- Elvis, The Concert
- Bonnie Raitt,
Lyle Lovett and His Large Band
- Billy Ray Cyrus, The Bellamy Brothers
- Newsboys, NewSong, Go Fish
- REO Speedwagon, STYX
- Poison, Slave Raider
- Amateur Talent Contest Finals with
'01 Open Division winner Holly Stiles
- Miller Lite 300 Auto Race

2003

- Boston, Night Ranger
- Aaron Carter, Jump5
- Hootie and the Blowfish,
Big Head Todd and the Monsters
- "Weird Al" Yankovic
- The Judy Collins Wildflower Festival
starring The Kingston Trio, Beth
Nielsen Chapman, Lucy Kaplansky
- The Charlie Daniel's Band
- The Doobie Brothers,
Grand Funk Railroad
- Rebecca St. James, Go Fish-Plus One
- The B-52's, The Suburbs
- AB Quintanilla y Los Kumbia Kings,
La Conquista
- 3 Doors Down,
Trapt, Seether, Shinedown
- Amateur Talent Contest Finals with
'02 Open Division winner Alexandra
Hoopes

2004

- Clay Aiken
- ZZ Top, Silvertide
- Paramount's Original
LaserSpectacular featuring the music
of Pink Floyd
- Smash Mouth
- Neal McCoy, Josh Turner
- The Allman Brothers Band
- Cyndi Lauper
- Los Tigres Del Norte
- Martina McBride,
Gretchen Wilson, Blue County
- A Prairie Home Companion with
Garrison Keillor
- Amateur Talent Contest Finals with
'03 Open Division winners Max
Wojtanowicz and Kecia Rehkamp
- Labor Day Blue Ribbon Jam featuring
Gavin DeGraw, Spin Doctors, Franky

Perez & the Highway Saints

2005

- 3 Doors Down-Staind,
breaking benjamin, No Address
- Mötley Crüe
- Sawyer Brown, Great Big Sea
- Gear Daddies
- Ryan Cabrera, Tyler Hilton
- James Taylor & Band
- Martina McBride, Joe Nichols
- Rascal Flatts,
Blake Shelton, Blaine Larsen
- A Prairie Home Companion with
Garrison Keillor
- REO Speedwagon, STYX
- Amateur Talent Contest Finals with
'04 Open Division winner Lila
Ammons
- Switchfoot

2006

- The Flaming Lips,
Sonic Youth, The Magic Numbers
- Rascal Flatts, Eric Church, Gary Allan
- Bonnie Raitt, Keb' Mo'
- Amy Grant,
The Minnesota State Fair Orchestra
- Steve Miller Band,
The Fabulous Thunderbirds
- Poison, Firehouse, Endeverafter
- Alan Jackson, Julie Roberts
- Kenny Rogers, The Oak Ridge Boys
- A Prairie Home Companion with
Garrison Keillor
- BoDeans, Gear Daddies, The Nadas
- Amateur Talent Contest Finals with
'05 Open Division winner DJ Snuggles
- Brooks & Dunn, Sugarland

2007

- Brad Paisley, Jack Ingram,
Kellie Pickler, Taylor Swift
- Goo Goo Dolls,
Lifehouse, Colbie Caillat
- Fergie, Rooney
- Fountains of Wayne, The Suicide
Commandos
- "Weird Al" Yankovic, Tonic Sol-fa
- The Allman Brothers Band, Robert
Randolph & the Family Band
- Vince Gill, Amy Grant, The Del
McCoury Band

- B.B. King, Al Green, Etta James and her Roots Band
- A Prairie Home Companion with Garrison Keillor
- MercyMe, Aaron Shust
- Amateur Talent Contest Finals with '06 Open Division winner Josiah Gulden
- Def Leppard, STYX, Foreigner

2008

- 3 Doors Down, Staind, Hinder
- Brad Paisley, Jewel, Chuck Wicks, Julianne Hough
- The Backstreet Boys, Girlicious
- Jonny Lang, Buddy Guy, Big Head

- Todd & the Monsters
- Dierks Bentley, Miranda Lambert
- Paramore, Jack's Mannequin, Phantom Planet, Paper Route
- Gnarls Barkley
- Mark Schultz, Big Daddy Weave, Lincoln Brewster
- A Prairie Home Companion with Garrison Keillor
- The Black Crowes, The Black Keys
- Amateur Talent Contest Finals with '07 Open Division winners The Limns
- Toby Keith, Carter's Chord, Trailer Choir, Mica Roberts

DAILY MALL PARADE

Sponsored by Ford

The State Fair mall parade begins at 2 p.m. daily. The parade features the high school marching band competition, floats, animals and special vehicles. The parade route begins near the Haunted House, goes north on Cosgrove Street, west on Randall Avenue and south on Underwood Street. Parade units are announced at the Leinie Lodge Bandshell and Family Fair Stage in Baldwin Park.

Marching Band Competition

Sponsored by McDonald's

High school marching bands compete during the State Fair Mall Parade at 2 p.m. The following is a list of participating high school bands and their performance dates. Dates and bands are subject to change:

- **Thursday, Aug. 21**
Rosemount, Hastings, Eden Prairie and Becker
- **Friday, Aug. 22**
Cretin-Derham Hall, Robbinsdale-Cooper, Maple River and Chisago Lakes
- **Saturday, Aug. 23**
Edina, Stewartville and Irondale
- **Sunday, Aug. 24**
Special Guest: U of M Marching Band, Winona Senior High, Houston, Amery (WI) and Glenwood City (WI)
- **Monday, Aug. 25**
Thomas Jefferson, Simley, New York Mills, Park Falls (WI) and Clear Lake (WI)
- **Tuesday, Aug. 26**
Blaine
- **Wednesday, Aug. 27**
St. Peter, Somerset (WI), Burnsville and East Central & Willow River
- **Thursday, Aug. 28**
Kennedy, New Prague, Robbinsdale Armstrong and Minneapolis Southwest

- **Friday, Aug. 29**
Waseca and Champlin Park
- **Saturday, Aug. 30**
Kingsland, New Ulm and Altoona (WI)
- **Sunday, Aug. 31**
To be announced
- **Monday, Sept. 1**
No Marching Band Competition

MASCOT APPEARANCES

Free photo opportunities and autograph sessions with State Fair mascots Fairchild and Fairborne occur daily at Visitors Plaza at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. The mascots also appear in the daily parade.

TALENT CONTESTS

State Fair Amateur Talent Contest

For more than 35 years, this contest has been a fair favorite. Over 5,000 fans will attend the finals at 8 p.m. in the Grandstand on Aug. 31. Semi-finals are held nightly at 6 p.m., Aug. 21 through Aug. 30, on the Leinie Lodge Bandshell Stage. Semi-finalists were selected from more than 300 acts that auditioned in late July. Contestants compete in one of three age divisions. All Amateur Talent Contest events are free with the purchase of a fair admission ticket. For more information, please contact the Entertainment Department at (651) 288-4395.

Amateur Talent Contests

Winners 1973-2007

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| 1973 Kithara (pop-rock group) | Junior: Natalie Moore (vocalist) |
| 1974 Mom's Apple Pie (comedy group) | 1984 Open: Trina Hamlin (vocalist) |
| 1975 Roadrunners (barbershop quartet) | Junior: Kay Williams (dancer) |
| 1976 Brewerettes (gospel group) | 1985 Open: Brian Krinke
(classical violinist) |
| 1977 Open: Louise Luedke (vocalist) | Junior: Michael Lentz (break
dancer) |
| Junior: Erik Rantapaa (pianist) | 1986 Open: Cindy Reusswig (vocalist) |
| 1978 Open: Ukrainian Dancers | Junior: Susie Fuhr (clog dancer) |
| Junior: Aaron Rantapaa (pianist) | 1987 Open: Ellen and Doug
(comedy dance duet) |
| 1979 Open: Sunshine Special
(barbershop quartet) | Junior: T & T (vocal duet) |
| Junior: Lena Katzenmaier (pianist) | 1988 Open: The Cassidy Brothers
(vocal quintet) |
| 1980 Open: J.D. Steele Singers
(gospel group) | Junior: Kyle Witherow
(saxophone solo) |
| Junior: Heather Kolbrek (fiddler) | 1989 Open: Stephanie Henrichs
(ballet dancer) |
| 1981 Open: Blue Grass Connection | Junior: Jennifer Armour (vocalist) |
| Junior: Brian Krinke (pianist) | |
| 1982 Open: Geovonee Eugene Ford
(vocalist) | |
| Junior: Dean Johnson (pianist) | |
| 1983 Open: Phillip Bauer (vocalist) | |

- 1990** Open: M.C.C. Gospel Choir
 Teen: Angie Trapp (pianist)
 Pre-Teen: Jaqueline Jaquez (vocalist)
- 1991** Open: The Norvold Sisters (vocal trio)
 Teen: Molly Mahoney and Terra Staber (ballet)
 Pre-Teen: Haivy Nguyen (piano solo)
- 1992** Open: Power (vocal group)
 Teen: Christa Hill (dance)
 Pre-Teen: Bo Kim (piano solo)
- 1993** Open: Excalibur (vocal quartet)
 Teen: Jennifer Larson (dance)
 Pre-Teen: Joshua Peterson (piano solo)
- 1994** Open: The Bachelors (a cappella group)
 Teen: Sarah Sue Gibbs (vocal solo)
 Pre-Teen: Special T (dance duet)
- 1995** Open: Tom Mills, Sara Renner & Chrissy Peter (vocal trio)
 Teen: Andrea Barnicle (vocal solo)
 Pre-Teen: Nicole Ali (piano)
- 1996** Open: Nathan Beck (vocal solo)
 Teen: Mary Prescott (piano solo)
 Pre-Teen: Collin Anderson (piano solo)
- 1997** Open: Rachel Lee (vocal solo)
 Teen: Clogging Premier Jr. (clogging group)
 Pre-Teen: Maggie Hoadly (dance solo)
- 1998** Open: Ten Foot Five (dance group)
 Teen: Sarah Wentworth (vocal solo)
 Pre-Teen: Clint & Cole Holmstrom (basketball performance)
- 1999** Open: Erin Callahan (baton)
 Teen: Holly Stiles (instrumental)
 Pre-Teen: Jillian Marie LeVasseur (vocal)
- 2000** Open: Renee Marie Lande (vocal solo)
 Teen: Chelsea McKinnies (vocal solo)
 Pre-Teen: Christian G. DeMarais (dance solo)
- 2001** Open: Holly Stiles (violin instrumental)
 Teen: Caitlyn Smith (vocal/guitar)
 Pre-Teen: Rose Marie Bart (cello solo)
- 2002** Open: Alexandra Hoopes (violin solo)
 Teen: Mario Diaz-Moresco (vocal solo)
 Pre-Teen: Dare Kujawa (dance)
- 2003** Open: Max and Kecia (storytelling)
 Teen: Cameron Hughe (vocal solo)
 Pre-Teen: Amy Zhang (piano solo)
- 2004** Open: Lila Ammons (vocal solo)
 Teen: Brittany Henry (violin solo)
 Pre-Teen: Erik Nordahl (piano solo)
- 2005** Open: DJ Snuggles (vocal percussion)
 Teen: Christian DeMarais (dance)
 Pre-Teen: Jeff Zhang (piano solo)
- 2006** Open: Josiah Gulden (vocal solo)
 Teen: Trey's Crew (dance)
 Pre-Teen: Cindy Lu (piano solo)
- 2007** Open: The Limns (band performance)
 Teen: Aria Stiles (violin solo)
 Pre-Teen: Ashlee Fuss (vocal/dance solo)

MSF County Fair Talent Contest

The MSF County Fair Talent Contest features winners from county fair talent contests around the state. Semi-finals are held at 7 p.m. nightly, Aug. 21–29 on the Family Fair Stage in Baldwin Park. Finals are held at the Family Fair Stage on Saturday, Aug. 30 at 7 p.m. Participants who finish first and second in each division in the Aug. 30 finals advance to the State Fair Amateur Talent Contest Finals at 8 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 31 in the Grandstand.

ALL FOODS

For a list of all foods available at the State Fair, visit the Food Finder database at www.mnstatefair.org. (See description below for additional details.)

CONCESSIONS & EXHIBITS

The concessions and exhibits department is responsible for selecting concessionaires and exhibitors for the annual 12-day State Fair. The process is very competitive. Each year many registrations are considered for a limited number of licensing opportunities. The Minnesota State Fair does not maintain a waiting list. As licensing opportunities become available, appropriate license registrations will be selected from the pool of registrations submitted. Several criteria are considered in registration review: 1) experience at other fairs or shows; 2) booth presentation and appearance; 3) balance of similar products/services about the fairgrounds; 4) appropriateness of product, service or presentation to the available site; and 5) physical requirements.

FAIRBORNE'S FABULOUS FAIR FOOD FINDER

Use this database at www.mnstatefair.org to find all available foods and their booth locations. "Food Finder" also includes information on vendors participating in special day deals and discounts. All Blue Ribbon Bargain Book participants including those offering attractions and merchandise are included along with a photo and map to their locations.

NEW FOODS

For new foods and their locations, please see the listing on page 115 under the "What's New?" section of this media kit.

FOODS ON-A-STICK

Alligator Sausage on-a-stick

- Bayou Bob's Gator Shack - Dan Patch Ave.

Bacon (fried) on-a-stick

- Big Fat Bacon - Carnes Ave. near Nelson St.

Bananas (chocolate covered) on-a-stick

- Granny's Cheesecake - Dan Patch Ave.

Beef Kabobs on-a-stick

- Beef Kabobs Booth - Underwood St.

Beer Battered Brats on-a-stick

- O'Gara's - Food Building

Bomb Pops on-a-stick

- Rainbow Ice Cream - Dan Patch Ave., Lower Grandstand, Liggett St., Underwood St. (2), Upper Grandstand, Ag. Hort. Building

Butterscotch Cake on-a-stick

- Scotch Eggs - Liggett St.

Candy Apples on-a-stick

- Clown Popper - Murphy Ave.

- Netterfield's - Cooper St. across from Kidway, Cooper St. behind Bandshell

Candy Bars (deep-fried) on-a-stick

- Deep Fried Candy Bars Stand - Carnes Ave.

Caramel Apples on-a-stick

- Candy Factory - Cooper St.
- Clown Popper - Murphy Ave.
- Degnan's Popcorn - Carnes Ave.
- Root Beer Hut - Carnes Ave.
- Sugar Shack - Mighty Midway

Catfish on-a-stick

- Walleye On-A-Stick Booth - Food Building

Cheese on-a-stick

- Cheese On-A-Stick Booth - Judson Ave., Liggett St.
- Giant Slide/Lemonade Booth - Nelson St.
- Netterfield's - Cooper St.

Cheese (fried) on-a-stick

- Giant Slide/Lemonade Booth - Nelson St.

Cheesecake (chocolate-covered) on-a-stick

- Apple Lil's - Heritage Square
- Granny's Cheesecake- Dan Patch Ave.

Chicken on-a-stick

- Chinatown Minn. - Nelson St.
- Spaghetti Eddie's - Cooper St.
- Chicken-n-Chops - Judson Ave.

Chicken Bites on-a-stick

- Axel's - outside southeast corner of Food Building

Chocolate Chip Cookies on-a-stick

- Axel's - Food Building

Coffee (frozen) on-a-stick

- Minnesota Farmer's Union Coffee Shop - Dan Patch Ave.

Corndogs on-a-stick

- BigDog Corn Dogs - Underwood St.
- Hansen's - Judson Ave.
- Smoothies/Jurassic Corn Dogs Booth - Murphy Ave.
- Wild Bill's Curly Fries - Nelson St.
- Corndogs-Lemonade Booth - Liggett St.
- Super Dogs Booths - Dan Patch Ave. (2)

- Midway Cookhouse - Mighty Midway

- Midway Grill - Mighty Midway

- Netterfield's - Cooper St.

- O'Gara's - Food Building

Corned Beef and Cabbage on-a-stick

- O'Gara's - Food Building

Cotton Candy on-a-stick

- Clown Popper - Murphy Ave.
- Cotton Candy Booth - Dan Patch Ave., Carnes Ave. (2), Underwood St., International Bazaar and Judson Ave.
- Kathie's Cotton Candy - Carousel Park, Liggett St.
- Sugar Shack - Mighty Midway

Dessert Dumplings on-a-stick

- Schumacher's - Carnes Ave.

Dixie Wings on-a-stick

- Green Mill - Family Fair

Espresso (frozen) on-a-stick

- Minnesota Farmer's Union Coffee Shop - Dan Patch Ave.

Fruit (fresh) on-a-stick

- Andres Watermelon - Underwood St.
- Vegie Pie - Food Building
- Caribbean Fruit Smoothie - Liggett St.

Fruit (fried) on-a-stick

- Fried Fruit On-A-Stick Booth - Carousel Park

Fudge Puppies on-a-stick

- Granny's Kitchen Fudge Puppies - Underwood St.

Hot Dago on-a-stick

- Luigi Fries - Carnes Ave.

Hot Dish on-a-stick

- Ole & Lena's - Liggett St.

Hot Dogs (wrap) on-a-stick

- Mike's Hamburgers - Nelson St.

Key Lime Pie Dipped in**Chocolate (frozen) on-a-stick**

- Key Lime Pie Bar Booth - Food Building Park

Lamb (leg of) on-a-stick

- Lamb Shoppe - Food Building

Macaroni & Cheese on-a-stick

- Axel's - Food Building

Marshmallows (chocolate-dipped) on-a-stick

- Ultimate Confections - Lower Grandstand

Meatballs (porcupine-wild rice and ground pork) on-a-stick

- Giggie's Campfire Grill - The North Woods

Meatballs (Scotch)on-a-stick

- Scotch Eggs Booth - Liggett St.

Meat Kabobs on-a-stick

- Beef Kabobs Booth - Underwood St.
- Demetri's Greek Food - Nelson St.
- MinneKabobs Booth - Food Building, Dan Patch Ave.
- Netterfield's - Cooper St.

Nut Roll (chocolate-dipped) on-a-stick

- Colonial Nut Roll - Dan Patch Ave.

Pickles on-a-stick

- Pickle Dog - Carnes Ave.
- Preferred Pickle - Food Building
- Sabino's - Warner Coliseum

Pickles (deep-fried) on-a-stick

- Preferred Pickle - Food Building

Pizza on-a-stick

- Calizone Pizza Booth - Adventure Park

Poncho Dogs on-a-stick

- Poncho Dogs Booths - Dan Patch Ave., Liggett St., Clough St., Underwood St., Judson Ave.

Pork Chops on-a-stick

- Chicken-n-Chops - Judson Ave
- Pork Chops & Turkey Legs Booth - Adventure Park
- Schumacher's - Carnes Ave.

Pronto Pups on-a-stick

- Pronto Pups Booths - Cosgrove St., Underwood St., Kidway, Nelson St., Carnes Ave. (2), Cooper St.

Rueben on-a-stick

- O'Gara's - Food Building

Sausage on-a-stick

- Peters Hot Dogs - Kidway, Heritage Square

Scones on-a-stick

- French Meadow - Food Building

Scotch Eggs on-a-stick

- Scotch Eggs Booth - Liggett Street

Shrimp on-a-stick

- Old English Fish & Chips - Food Building, Liggett St.

Shrimp (grilled) on-a-stick

- Grilled Shrimp - Underwood Street

S'mores on-a-stick

- Ultimate Confections - Lower Grandstand

S'mores (deep-fried) on-a-stick

- Oodles of Noodles - Food Building

Spaghetti & Meatballs on-a-stick

- Oodles of Noodles - Food Building

Spudsters on-a-stick

- Potato Skins Booth - Food Building

Steak on-a-stick

- Ragin Cajun - The Garden

Taffy Pops on-a-stick

- Isabelle Burke's Olde Time Taffy - Food Building Park

Tator tots (deep-fried) on-a-stick

- Axel's - outside southeast corner of Food Building

Turkey Tenderloin**(bacon-wrapped) on-a-stick**

- "Shanghied" Henri's - International Bazaar

Veggie Fries on-a-stick

- Veggie Fries Booth - Dan Patch Ave.

Vegetable Kabobs on-a-stick

- Veggie Fries Booth - Dan Patch Ave.

Waffle (Belgian) on-a-stick

- Granny's Kitchen Fudge Puppies - Underwood St.

Walleye on-a-stick

- Walleye On-A-Stick Booth - Food Building

Wild Rice Corndog on-a-stick

- Wild Rice Specialties - Food Building

ACCESSIBLE PARKING

A parking lot for people with disabilities, with wheelchair-accessible transportation to and from the fair, is located at 1039 De Courcy Circle (Oscar Johnson Arena), east of Snelling Avenue off Energy Park Drive. The bus stop for the wheelchair-accessible Park & Ride bus is located at the Como Loop Gate (#9). Service is provided from 8 a.m. to midnight.

BICYCLE PARKING

Three free bike parking areas are available on the fairgrounds: 1) near the Como-Snelling Gate (#6); 2) by the Hoyt-Snelling Gate (#2); and 3) near the West Dan Patch Transitway Gate (#15). The lots are open from 6 a.m. to midnight and are the only locations where bicycles may be parked. Except for authorized public safety personnel, no bicycles or motorcycles may be operated on the fairgrounds proper or in the campgrounds during the fair.

BIKE & RIDE

Bike & Ride allows riders to park and lock their bicycles at select Park & Ride lots and take a free bus to and from the fair. See the *Getting to the Get-Together* brochure provided with this media kit for more information and a list of select lots.

EXPRESS SERVICE

State Fair Express bus service is offered by Metro Transit, Minnesota Valley Transit Authority and SouthWest Transit at a number of sites located throughout the Twin Cities area. Buses stop at the west pedestrian gate south of Como Avenue (#20). Round-trip bus fare is \$5 per person five years and older; children (under 5) ride free with a paid fare. For site locations and service contact a Metro Transit representative at (612) 373-3333 or (612) 341-0140 (tty). For 24-hour automated information call (612) 341-4BUS. Metro Mobility picks up and drops off at the Como Loop Gate (#9). For complete information see the *Getting to the Get-Together* brochure included with this media kit.

METRO TRANSIT BUS STOPS

Bus stops are on Como Avenue across from the Loop Gate (#9), and at the intersection of Midway Parkway and Snelling Avenue opposite the East Dan Patch Gate (#5). Route #3 travels on Como Avenue between downtown Minneapolis and downtown St. Paul. Route #84 travels on Snelling Avenue and serves Rosedale, Falcon Heights, St. Paul and the Hiawatha Line-46th Street Station. During fair-time only, Route #960 serves Minneapolis along Nicollet Mall and 4th Street and picks up and drops off at the Como Transit Center south of Como across from the Loop Gate (#9). Metro Transit representatives are available at (612) 373-3333 or (612) 341-0140 (tty).

MOTORCYCLE PARKING

Motorcycle parking is available 6 a.m. to midnight for only \$4 in a secured lot on the south side of Como Avenue, across from Gate #7. Motorcycles parked in other State Fair lots will be charged the regular \$9 parking fee or one additional pre-fair discount admission ticket (\$8). Motorcycles are not permitted on the fairgrounds.

PARK & RIDE

Free parking with free bus service to and from the fair is available at a variety of locations within a short distance from the fairgrounds. Park & Ride bus service operates from 8 a.m. to midnight daily. Bus stops are across the street from the East Dan Patch Gate (#5), south side of Como Avenue Gate (#24), across from the Como Loop Gate (#9), and west of West Dan Patch Avenue (#15). See the *Getting to the Get-Together* brochure included with this media kit for specific lot locations, or visit mnstatefair.org to download the information. Call (651) 603-6808 after Aug. 1 for recorded Park & Ride information.

PARKING ON THE FAIRGROUNDS

The State Fair has approximately 9,000 parking spaces. Parking lots are open from 6 a.m. to midnight daily. Overnight parking is not permitted on the fairgrounds. Parking is \$9 or one additional pre-fair discount admission ticket (\$8). Vehicles with trailers will be charged \$18 (\$9 for vehicle and \$9 for the trailer or two pre-fair discount admission tickets). Parking for vehicles displaying a valid disabled persons parking identification placard is also available for \$9 or one additional pre-fair discount admission ticket. All parking is limited and filled on a first-come basis.

ACCESSIBLE SERVICES

Accommodations for guests with disabilities include restrooms, assistive listening devices, sign language interpreters, TTY payphones, wheelchair rental, transportation, wheelchair battery recharging, curb cuts, parking and more. For a complete list of services, refer to the *Accessibility Guide* included with this media kit.

BANKING SERVICES

Bremer Bank offers a variety of banking services including new accounts, deposit processing, loan applications, vendor coin and currency orders, and check cashing (for Bremer clients) at Visitors Plaza from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

BATTERIES

A selection of regular batteries are available for purchase at Steichen's Grocery & Deli. An area for recharging wheelchair batteries is located at the Care & Assistance Center across from the entrance to Heritage Square.

CAMPGROUNDS

State Fair Campground space is limited. A reservation form must be completed, submitted and confirmed prior to arrival. Forms are available on-line at www.mnstatefair.org or by calling (651) 642-2379. The campgrounds open at 7 a.m. Friday, Aug. 15 and remain open until 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 5. The fee is \$20 per night for standard-size sites; \$22 per night for Class A units wider than eight feet; \$30 per night for over-sized units; and \$9 per night for extra vehicles.

RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKING

Overnight RV parking is available at the parking lot off Stella Street, south of Como Avenue (1/2-mile west of Snelling Avenue). This area opens at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 20. The parking charge is \$15 (tax included) per single standard-size unit per 24-hour period. Over-sized unit parking (when available) is \$20 (tax included) per unit per 24-hour period. No autos allowed in the Stella-Como lot unless towed behind another unit; there is an additional \$9 per 24-hour period charge for a towed auto. This lot is not a campground and there are no water, electric, sewer or sanitary dump facilities in this area. Only self-contained units are permitted to park in this lot. No tents or pets are allowed. Generator use is allowed only in designated areas. Shuttle service from this lot is not available.

CARE & ASSISTANCE CENTER

The Care & Assistance Center, *located at 1838 Dan Patch Ave., across from Heritage Square*, is headquarters for people of any age who become lost or separated from their group. Infant care, nursing facilities, free ID bracelets and wheelchair battery charging are also available at the center, which is open from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily.

CASH MACHINES

Sponsored by TCF Bank

Cash machines are available at 11 locations on the fairgrounds. Please consult the State Fair map included with this media kit for exact locations.

COMMENTS, COMPLAINTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Feedback is welcome at the Guest Services Office in Visitors Plaza. Hours are 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. or e-mail guestservices@mnstatefair.org.

COPY & FAX SERVICE

Copy and fax services are available for a nominal fee from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. at the Guest Services Office in Visitors Plaza.

DAILY SCHEDULES

Free schedules of each day's events and a map of the fairgrounds are available to guests at all information booths. Daily schedules are also available on the State Fair web site beginning on or about Aug. 15 at www.mnstatefair.org.

FILM

Single-use cameras are available for sale at the Little Farm Hands Gift Shop and Steichen's Grocery & Deli in the Commissary Building. Steichen's also sells film and camera batteries.

FIRST AID

Injuries and ailments can be treated at Medical Aid West, located across from Heritage Square next to the Police Station at 1834 Dan Patch Avenue, and Medical Aid East located at 1424 Cosgrove Street. Medical aid stations are sponsored by Regions Hospital. In the event of serious illness or injury, contact the police at (651) 642-2280; (651) 642-2402 (tty).

HANDWASH STATIONS

Handwash stations are available at several entrances to buildings in the livestock complex including the Cattle, Swine and Sheep Barns and CHS Miracle of Birth Center.

We invite guests to enjoy time with the animals, but highly recommend washing or sanitizing hands before and after visits and especially prior to eating.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Aug. 21–Sept. 1, Labor Day

Agriculture Horticulture Building	9 a.m. to 9 p.m., 8 p.m.
Barns	See <i>Where and When to See the Animals</i> brochure
Care & Assistance Center	9 a.m. to 11 p.m., 11 p.m.
Exhibit Buildings	9 a.m. to 9 p.m., 9 p.m.
Fairgrounds	6 a.m. to midnight, 10 p.m.
Outside Gates	6 a.m. to 10 p.m., 9 p.m.
Food Building	8 a.m. to 10 p.m., 10 p.m.
Heritage Square	9 a.m. to 9 p.m., 9 p.m.
International Bazaar	9 a.m. to 10 p.m., 10 p.m.
Kidway	9 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., 10 p.m.
Little Farm Hands	8 a.m. to 7 p.m., 7 p.m.

Lost & Found	9 a.m. to 11 p.m., 11 p.m.
Medical Aid West	8 a.m. to 12:30 a.m., 12:30 a.m.
Medical Aid East	8 a.m. to 9 p.m., 9 p.m.
Mighty Midway	10 a.m. to midnight, 11 p.m.
Pet Center	8 a.m. to 8 p.m., 8 p.m.
Police Headquarters	Open 24 hours
Ramberg Senior Center	8 a.m. to 8 p.m., 8 p.m.
State Fair Gift Shop	8 a.m. to 9 p.m., 9 p.m.

INFORMATION BOOTHS

Sponsored by AT&T

Free daily schedules, maps and specialty brochures including the *Deals Drawings & Giveaways* and *Attraction Access* guides, *Tree Sculpture* and *Adopt-A-Garden* Tours and *Where and When to See the Animals* judging schedule are available at all booths. Booth locations and hours of operation are as follows:

- DNR (Judson Avenue), 7:30 a.m.–9 p.m.
- Gate 5 (Dan Patch Avenue), 7:30 a.m.–9:30 p.m.
- Visitors Plaza, 7:30 a.m.–11 p.m.
- Agriculture Horticulture (Judson Avenue), 8 a.m.–9 p.m.
- Carousel Park (west of Grandstand Ramp), 8 a.m.–9 p.m.
- Baldwin Park (Randall Avenue), 8 a.m.–9 p.m.
- Gate 2 (Cooper Street), 7:30 a.m.–8 p.m.
- Mighty Midway, 10 a.m.–midnight (11 p.m. Labor Day)

LOST & FOUND ITEMS

Found articles should be turned in immediately to the Lost & Found Station located on West Dan Patch Avenue, next to the Care & Assistance Center. Anyone looking for lost articles should check at this location between 9 a.m. and 11 p.m. Items found between 11 p.m. and 9 a.m. should be turned in at the Police Station next door. Beginning on Tuesday, Sept. 2, unclaimed items may be claimed for a limited time (30 days) between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. weekdays at the Administration Building or by calling 651-288-4400.

LOST PEOPLE

From 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., the Care & Assistance Center located across from Heritage Square is headquarters for people of any age who are lost or separated from their group. If the lost person is a child, contact the Police Station at (651) 642-2280, (651) 642-2402 (tty) and an officer will bring the child to the center.

MEDITATION AREA

A meditation area is available between the 4-H and Education Buildings. This is a public tent for those who wish to have a private area to meditate or pray.

MINNESOTA STATE FAIRWEAR GIFT SHOPS

Visitors Plaza – 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Lower Grandstand – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Warner Coliseum North Entrance – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

State FairWear Gift Shops feature Minnesota State Fair merchandise as well as official 2008 State Fair commemorative merchandise featuring the art of Edie Abnet. The State FairWear Gift Shop in Visitors Plaza is also open Aug. 19 & 20 from noon to 6 p.m.

POST OFFICE

A branch of the U.S. Postal Service operates every day of the fair from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Closed 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) at Visitors Plaza.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

On Sunday, Aug. 24 and Sunday, Aug. 31, religious services are offered. Ecumenical services are held at 9:15 a.m. at the Bandshell and at 7:45, 9:30 and 11 a.m. at the Crossroads Chapel on Underwood Street. A Catholic mass is held on the Family Fair Stage in Baldwin Park at 9:15 a.m.

TROLLEYS

Four free trolleys will service the area from East Dan Patch Avenue to Underwood Street to Murphy Avenue to Cooper Street to Randall Avenue to Cosgrove Street back to East Dan Patch Avenue from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. No service from 2 to 3 p.m. due to the daily parade. Two ADA accessible trolleys are available. See a State Fair map included with this media kit for exact route information.

MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY HISTORY

After four years of territorial fairs, the first Minnesota State Fair was held in 1859, the year after Minnesota was granted statehood, near what became downtown Minneapolis.

During the fair's early years, the site of the exposition changed annually with stops in Minneapolis, St. Paul, Rochester, Red Wing, Winona and Owatonna. In the 1870s and early 1880s, civic groups from both St. Paul and Minneapolis worked relentlessly to provide a permanent home for the fair in their respective cities. The Minnesota State Fair finally found a permanent home at its present location, midway between Minneapolis and St. Paul, when Ramsey County donated its 210-acre poor farm to the State Agricultural Society, the governing body of the State Fair.

Secure in its new surroundings, the Minnesota State Fair began to grow. Physically, the fairgrounds blossomed to 320 acres. Architecturally, it is home to many historically-significant structures including the Fine Arts Center, Progress Center, Grandstand and Warner Coliseum (formerly known as the Hippodrome).

An important change in the State Fair over the years has been in the attractions offered to fair visitors. The character of early fairs was dominated by agricultural exhibits and competitions, reflecting its original purpose of encouraging farming in the state. While agriculture is still the primary focus, the scope of activities has broadened to include large-scale entertainment, technological and industrial exhibits and scores of education and government institutions.

Since its inception, the fair has been held every year with only five exceptions: in 1861 and 1862 due to the Civil War and Dakota Indian Conflict, in 1893 because of scheduling conflicts with the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago, in 1945 due to war-time fuel shortages, and in 1946 due to a polio epidemic.

2008 ANNIVERSARIES

105 Years • 1903

- First appearance of the race horse Dan Patch

95 Years • 1913

- Ye Old Mill opens

80 Years • 1928

- F. Scott Fitzgerald reminisces about the fair in his book "A Night at the Fair"

75 Years • 1933

- First year of "everyone pays" gate admission

50 Years • 1958

- Pioneer Woman statue is erected to commemorate the State's Centennial

25 Years • 1983

- Clydesdales added to the draft horse competition
- Fairborne debuts as the second State Fair mascot

20 Years • 1988

- First State Fair llama show

15 Years • 1993

- The following foods debut at the fair: corn fritters, fried green tomatoes and blooming onions

10 Years • 1998

- The following foods debut at the fair: elk burgers and deep-fried pickles
- The North Woods opens and becomes one of the most popular new attractions
- Care & Assistance Center constructed
- Café Caribe opens

5 Years • 2003

- Remodeled Grandstand opens
- Little Farm Hands exhibit opens
- First Minnesota State Fair Home Brewers Contest hosted by the Minnesota Home Brewer's Association
- The following foods debut at the fair: deep-fried Twinkies, Gizmo Sandwiches and key lime pie dipped in chocolate on-a-stick

FAIRBORNE AND FAIRCHILD MASCOTS

In 1966, Fairchild the gopher became the official mascot of the State Fair and was joined by his nephew, Fairborne, in 1983. Fairchild got his name, a play on the institution's title, after a state-wide naming contest. It's also a tribute to Henry S. Fairchild, the man who suggested the Ramsey County Poor Farm become the permanent site of the State Fair.

HISTORICAL DATES

FIRSTS

- **1854**
Territorial Agricultural Society founded (governing body of the fair)
- **1854**
First territorial fair
- **1858**
Minnesota admitted to the Union
- **1859**
First State Fair
- **1860**
Territorial Society becomes State Agricultural Society
- **1885**
First year at present fairgrounds
- **1899**
First evening Grandstand show "Burning of Manilla" fireworks presentation
- **1903**
First appearance of race horse Dan Patch
- **1904**
First Midway
- **1907**
First year of auto races

- **1910**
First airplane flight in Minnesota was held at the fairgrounds
- **1933**
First Thrill Day
- **1933**
First year “everyone pays” gate
- **1953**
First state-wide Princess Kay of the Milky Way contest
- **1955**
First year attendance topped 1 million
- **1962**
First year of “big name” evening Grandstand entertainment
- **1975**
First 12-day fair
- **1988**
First State Fair Llama Show
- **1995**
First year of State Fair independently operated Mighty Midway and Kidway

LASTS

- **1938**
Last year the fair started on the Saturday before Labor Day
- **1949**
Last year of horse races
- **1949**
Last legislative appropriation
- **2002**
Last year of auto racing at the Grandstand

GENERAL

- **1907**
Arts Center and Progress Center built
- **1909**
Grandstand built
- **1913**
Ye Old Mill constructed
- **1944**
Wooden-domed Agriculture Building burned down
- **1958**
Pioneer Woman statue erected
- **1964**

- Skyride built
- **1965**
Space Tower built
- **1966**
Fairchild debuts as State Fair Mascot
- **1975**
Heritage Square opens
- **1975**
Hippodrome renamed Coliseum
- **1980**
Fine arts competition moved to new home in Arts Center
- **1983**
Fairborne debuts as second State Fair mascot
- **1984**
International Bazaar opens
- **1991**
Visitors Plaza constructed
- **1991**
Pet Center opened
- **1994**
Progress Center’s renovation completed
- **1995**
Carousel Park constructed
- **1998**
Care & Assistance Center constructed
- **2001**
Skyglider constructed
- **2001**
Miracle of Birth Center added to the Children’s Barnyard
- **2001**
Adopt-A-Garden Program began
- **2002**
Minnesota State Fair Foundation established
- **2002**
Food Building renovation
- **2002**
Grandstand bleachers razed and renovation begins
- **2003**
Little Farm Hands takes over Agri-land

- **2006**
CHS Miracle of Birth Center built
- **2006**
Coliseum re-named for Lee and Rose Warner
- **2006**
Historic greenhouse residence restored and named J.V. Bailey House
- **2006**
Eco Experience takes over Progress Center
- **2007**
Food and agricultural waste composting program started
- **2008**
Empire Commons becomes Dairy Building
- **2008**
New International Bazaar opens

NO FAIR

- **1861**
Civil War
- **1862**
Civil War, Dakota Indian Conflict
- **1893**
World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago
- **1945**
World War II fuel rationing
- **1946**
Polio epidemic

MOMENTOUS OCCASIONS

- **1887**
A mock battle brought 80,000 spectators to the Grandstand on Grand Army Day.
- **1901**
Teddy Roosevelt delivers his famous "big stick" speech at the fair.
- **1906**
Legendary pacer horse, Dan Patch, set the world record for one-mile at the Grandstand; the record stood for more than 30 years.
- **1927**
John Phillip Sousa composes the

"Minnesota March" and performs it at the fair.

- **1928**
F. Scott Fitzgerald waxes poetic about the fair in his book *A Night at the Fair*.
- **1936**
More than 73,000 fans gathered at the Grandstand to watch the 10-mile U.S. Championship dirt-car race.
- **1995**
Commonwealth Avenue changed to Dan Patch Avenue.
- **2001**
All-time cumulative record attendance of 1,762,976
- **2006**
All-time Labor Day record attendance of 160,209

EVOLUTION OF GRANDSTAND SHOWS

- **1909**
Present Grandstand built to accommodate the huge crowds attracted to harness racing by world-famous pacer Dan Patch.
- **1927**
John Phillip Sousa was the fair's first "name" entertainer. He performed in the Plaza Park outside the Grandstand.
- **1935**
The old Grandstand fireworks shows evolved into the State Fair Revue, starring Radio City Music Hall dancers, minor Hollywood starlets, and a smashing fireworks finale.
- **1941**
State Fair Revue promised 57 "headline" acts, but the show was stolen on opening night by Edgar Bergen and his wooden sidekick, Charlie McCarthy.
- **1957**
Ricky Nelson starred in Children's Day shows shortly after "I'm Walking," his first release, made him a teen heartthrob.

- **1962**
First “big-name” night shows were staged, starring Dennis Day, Jane Russell, and Jimmie Dean.
 - **2003**
New Grandstand Plaza seating area, and exit and entrance ramps built in place of bleachers that were razed in 2002
- CURIOSITIES**
- **1887, 1888, 1889, 1898**
Battle Reenactments of “Minnesota at Gettysburg” among others
 - **1906**
St. Paul Growers Association build a model of the new State Capitol out of onions
 - **1915**
Baby Contest pitted city babies vs. country babies and Minneapolis babies vs. St. Paul babies
 - **1920**
50¢ All-You-Can-Eat buffet, served on a conveyor belt and introduced as the future of dining
 - **1920 & 1921; 1933 & 1934**
Staged locomotive collisions in Grandstand
 - **1922**
Vice President Coolidge heckled into shortening his speech to make way for the auto races
 - **1965**
Princess Kay of the Milky Way, Mary Ann Titrud, wore royal robes made from butter labels
 - **1986, 1987, 1989**
Jay Cochran walked a tight rope from the top of the 4-H Building to the top of the Space Tower
 - **2007**
Robotic Milker introduced at Cattle Barn’s Milking Parlor

HISTORIC BUILDINGS

4-H Building

9 a.m. to 9 p.m., *located at the intersection of Cosgrove Street and Wright Avenue*

Built during 1939 and 1940, the 4-H Building was formally presented to the fair in a ceremony on Aug. 29, 1940. Home to thousands of youth during the fair’s 12-day run, the first-level kitchen serves over 40,000 meals throughout the fair.

Agriculture Horticulture Building

Sponsored by Betterliving Sunrooms of Minnesota

9 a.m. to 9 p.m., *located between Judson Avenue and Carnes Avenue on Underwood Street*

This octagon shaped building hosts competitions, demonstrations, exhibits and concessions related to agriculture and horticulture. In 1885 a wooden-domed building was constructed as the “main building,” but was also used as the Agriculture Building for a time. In 1901, a new Agriculture Building was built, and with an addition to this building in 1912, Minnesota could boast the largest permanent building devoted to the exhibition of agricultural products in the world. The modern Agriculture Horticulture Building opened in 1947, its architecture mirroring the nearby 4-H Building with the same lit tower, vertical thrust and streamlined shapes.

Cattle Barn

Located on Judson Avenue

The Livestock Pavilion, or Cattle Barn, was built in 1920. The massive brick structure covers 117,450 square feet with sufficient housing for 560 cattle stalls. The structure has changed several times in its 86 years, most notably

servicing in WWII as a home for the stamping operations of the A.O. Smith Corporation. The Annex was added in 1958, and the 21,000-square-foot corrugated steel Beef Barn afforded more exhibit space in 1970.

Lee & Rose Warner Coliseum

Located on Judson Avenue

The first coliseum, named the Hippodrome, was built in 1906 and was used for horse shows and livestock judging. From 1909 to 1942, the building was used as the Hippodrome Ice Rink during the winter months and was considered, at the time, to be the largest in the world. In 1942, the Hippodrome was razed after government use during World War II had rendered it unsafe. In 1950 and 1951 the present Hippodrome was erected. At first, the building was called the Coliseum. To avoid confusion, it was later changed back to the Hippodrome. There had been no building since WWII in which horse shows could be held. Thus, when the Hippodrome was completed in 1951, horse shows were reinstated. In 1975 the name was again changed back to the Coliseum when winter activities in this building started. In 2006, it was named in honor of Lee and Rose Warner.

Commissary Building

North of the Sheep & Poultry Barn

Erected by the WPA in 1938, this building's purpose is to give a central location to concession services and supply houses. From June 1943 until May 1946, this building was used as a war plant, housing the cafeteria and plant protection section of the A.O. Smith propeller plant. In 1946, the building was reconverted to fair use and on Aug. 23, 1946, the west half of the superstructure burned and was replaced by the present concrete block, steel and wood structure.

Creative Activities and Annex

9 a.m. to 9 p.m., located on the corner of Cosgrove Street and Dan Patch Avenue

The original building on this site was erected in 1904 to serve as a manufacturer's building. After only a few years it was changed to the Women's Building. In 1913, an annex was built onto the Women's Building to form a link with the art exhibit. Its purpose was to provide commercial exhibits to women. In 1970, the Women's Building was razed and the present-day Creative Activities Building was built.

Fine Arts Center

9 a.m. to 9 p.m., located on the corner of Cosgrove Street and Randall Avenue

Built in 1907, the Fine Arts Center served as the original Dairy Building, and eventually became Machinery Hall. It became home to the fair's Fine Arts Competition, Minnesota's largest juried art show, in 1980. Before finding a permanent home in the old Dairy Building, the Fine Arts Exhibition had been held on the third floor of the Grandstand.

Grandstand

Located on Dan Patch Avenue

The Minnesota State Fair Grandstand is known as the historic heart of the fairgrounds. The original two-decked wooden Grandstand, built in 1885, was razed after the 1908 State Fair. The current Grandstand, much larger than the original, was built in 1909. Large bleacher structures were added in the

late 1930s. In November 2002, the fair began a two-year, \$18 million project to renovate the structure, adding new stairways, elevators, restrooms and seats, and removing the deteriorating bleachers. The State Agricultural Society has committed substantial resources to the renovation of this historic building to preserve it for future generations of fair visitors.

The area underneath the Grandstand currently houses nearly 200 product vendors. In the past, it has also been utilized as an art gallery and automobile show space.

The State Fair Grandstand has always hosted a variety of entertainment including horse and auto races, military spectacles, concerts, fireworks, staged train wrecks, livestock parades, motorcycle races, stunt flying shows, beauty pageants and speeches, including president Teddy Roosevelt's "Speak Softly and Carry a Big Stick" speech.

Horse Barn

Located on Judson Avenue and Liggett Street

The first Horse Barn was originally built in 1940 by the WPA. From June 1943 until May 1946 the Horse Barn served the war effort by housing the machine shop of the A.O. Smith Co. military aircraft propeller plant. Some modifications were made after WWII, and in 1948, horses, sheep and 4-Hers returned for competition.

J.V. Bailey House

Located on Cosgrove Street south of the Space Tower

This residence was home to greenhouse superintendents and groundskeepers from the 1920s to 2004. It was also the fair-time home for State Agricultural Society board members from the 1920s through 1969. On Aug. 27, 2006, the home was named in honor of J.V. Bailey, founder of Bailey Nurseries. Mr. Bailey served the Minnesota State Fair as superintendent of horticulture (1912–1932), member of the Agricultural Society board and President of the board (1933–1934). Restored with gifts to the Minnesota State Fair Foundation from Bailey Nursery Foundation and the Gordon and Margaret Bailey Foundation, the property now provides community meeting space and offices for the Minnesota State Fair Foundation.

Progress Center

9 a.m. to 9 p.m., located on the east end of Randall Avenue

Built in 1907, the Progress Center is one of the oldest buildings on the fairgrounds. Originally constructed as the Poultry Building, it has also been home to State Exhibits, Wonders of Technology, and most recently, the Eco Experience.

Sheep & Poultry Barn

Located on Judson Avenue and Clough Street

The current Sheep & Poultry Barn was built by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) in the 1930s. As with many fair buildings, the A.O. Smith Corporation took it over from 1943 to 1945 for WWII manufacturing. In 1945, when the war effort ended, sheep and poultry were combined in the current building.

Swine Barn

Located Judson Avenue and Stevens Street

Swine Barn construction began under the ERA program and was completed by the WPA in 1936. From 1938 to 1943, swine shared their building with sheep. Like many other fair buildings, it served the war effort in WWII, when the A.O. Smith Corporation took it over for the grinding and shipping operations of its propeller plant.

CALENDAR/DAY DESIGNATIONS

Thursday, Aug. 21 • Thrifty Thursday

Today's Deals: Reduced admission—Adults (13 & over) \$8; Kids (5–12) \$5; Children (under 5) free. All-day discounts are offered on Mighty Midway and Kidway rides, games and concessions. Many merchandise and food vendors offer special Thrifty Thursday bargains.

In Carousel Park: AARP will celebrate its 50th Anniversary. Music representing five decades of service to the 50+ population will begin with Big John Dickerson and end with the White Sidewalls. A presentation will be made to AARP's Legacy Award winner.

Friday, Aug. 22 • Governor's Fire Prevention Day

Today's Deals: Early Bird Specials offered until 1 p.m. on Mighty Midway and Kidway rides, games and concessions.

In Carousel Park: Fire Explorer Challenge: youth firefighters compete in safety challenges.

On West Dan Patch: The Hot Zone: fire trucks and safety equipment, mock extrications, sprinkler trailer, a safe escape house, exhibits and giveaways.

Saturday, Aug. 23 • Motorcycle Safety Awareness & 4-H Day

In Carousel Park: AM1500's annual SuperTalk™ Saturday broadcasts live from 10 a.m.–noon with AM1500 All-Stars Joe Soucheray and Patrick Reusse. The 25th anniversary broadcast will feature the famous BabyWalk and AM1500 SuperTalk™ All-Stars Game Show. FM 107.1 will broadcast live from 3 to 5 p.m. All of the weekday talent will be out for a Gab-a-palooza. There will also be an FM 107.1 Host Swap. Fairgoers will have the opportunity to meet their favorite hosts.

On West Dan Patch: Motorcycle safety demonstrations and the St. Paul Harley Davidson fashion show featuring the latest in biker apparel.

Today Only: Hundreds of motorcycles rumble through the fairgrounds at 4 p.m. in the Bikers In Need Foundation parade.

The 4-H Purple Ribbon Auction takes place at 6 p.m. in the Judging Arena.

Sunday, Aug. 24 • International Bazaar Day

In Carousel Park: KS95's 4th Annual Variety Show featuring Greg & Melissa and Moon & Staci broadcasts live from 11 a.m.–2 p.m. Live entertainment will be provided by Casablanca Orchestra and Blue Ribbon Baker and "Tonight Show with Jay Leno" correspondent Marjorie Johnson will make a special guest appearance. At 1 p.m., KS95 key winners will try to start and win a G6 convertible.

Today Only: Today we celebrate the new and improved International Bazaar. Come and see the flavor of the old with the flash of the new. Sign up for prize drawings all day at the Festival of Nations Stage presented by the International Institute.

Monday, Aug. 25 • Seniors, Kids & MN State Patrol Day

Today's Deals: Reduced admission—Seniors (65 & over) and Kids (5–12) \$5. All day discounts are offered on Mighty Midway and Kidway rides, games and concessions.

In Carousel Park: The Radio Disney Road Crew will be on hand with goodie bags for the first 4,000 kids who stop by Carousel Park. Radio Disney Party Patrol appears at 10 a.m., 1 and 4 p.m.

On West Dan Patch: MN State Patrol's specially designed vehicles including the BATMobile, Patrol Helicopter, a 1932 Model A squad, tactical vehicle and other squads are on display.

Tuesday, Aug. 26 • \$8 at the Gate Day

Today's Deals: Everyone (5 & over) admitted for \$8. As always, children (under 5) are free. Early Bird Specials are offered until 1 p.m. on Mighty Midway and Kidway rides, games and concessions.

In Carousel Park: Minnesota cooks create award-winning fare as the Minnesota Cooks Program kicks off its 6th year at the Minnesota State Fair. Meals will be prepared with locally and sustainably grown ingredients. Participating chefs include Nick Schneider from Café Brenda, Alex Roberts of Restaurant Alma, JP Samuelson from jP American Bistro and more. A kick-off breakfast show will begin at 8:30 a.m. followed by seven informative shows throughout the day.

Wednesday, Aug. 27 • Hop On Transit Day

Today's Deals: State Fair Express Bus service is \$3 round-trip. Express or regular route bus riders may request a coupon for \$2 off a regular-priced admission ticket purchased at the gate. (This offer is not valid for guests using pre-fair discount admission tickets or free Park & Ride services.) All-day discounts are offered on Mighty Midway and Kidway rides, games and concessions.

In Carousel Park: It's country, community and karaoke in Carousel Park. Join the K102 Wakeup Crew as they broadcast live from 6 to 10 a.m. Fans will have the chance to win a pair of tickets and meet & greet passes to see Toby Keith at the Grandstand. Later in the day, Clear Channel kicks off its "Many Faces, One Community" celebration with performances by different diverse groups. This will be followed by karaoke in the afternoon where certain participants songs could be played on the air.

Thursday, Aug. 28 • Seniors Day

Today's Deals: Seniors (65 & over) admitted for \$5. Early Bird Specials are offered until 1 p.m. on Mighty Midway and Kidway rides, games and concessions.

In Carousel Park: "The State's Largest Senior Stretch & Stroll" kicks off with registration at 9:30 a.m. and a program at 10 a.m. Co-sponsors UCare and Volunteers of America, with support from the Alzheimer's Association and *Minnesota Good Age*, are teaming up to teach seniors how to stretch their muscles and mind while adding steps to their day. The first 1,000 participants receive free door prizes, including pedometer, stretch band and t-shirt.

Friday, Aug. 29 • MPR Day

Today's Deals: Early Bird Specials are offered until 1 p.m. on Mighty Midway and Kidway rides, games and concessions.

In Carousel Park: Join Minnesota Public Radio for a day of state politics, choral music and a family dance party. Local politicians will join host Gary Eichten for his 11 a.m. show. Later in the day, Classical MPR will present a concert by VocalEssence and 89.3 The Current will host a children's dance party.

Saturday, Aug. 30 • FFA Day

In Carousel Park: From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cub Foods hosts activities and events including live music throughout the day, face painting, appearances by MN Twins mascot TC and samplings of cupcakes and pork tenderloin on-a-stick.

Sunday, Aug. 31 • Foundation Day

In Carousel Park: Stevie Ray's Comedy Troupe has been making audiences laugh for nearly 20 years. Watch as they create instant comedy based on audience suggestions. Stevie Ray's Comedy Troupe performs today at 11a.m., 12:40, 2:20 and 4 p.m.

Atahualpa will bring Andean folk music, dance rhythms and contemporary songs to the stage at 11:40 a.m., 1:20, 3 and 4:40 p.m.

Today only: Kathryn Strand Koutsky and Linda Koutsky will be at the J.V. Bailey House throughout the day signing copies of their book, *Minnesota State Fair: An Illustrated History*.

Monday, Sept. 1 • Kids & Last Chance Day

Today's Deals: Kids (5–12) admitted for just \$5. As always, children (under 5) are admitted for free. All-day discounts are offered on Mighty Midway and Kidway rides, games and concessions. Merchandise and food vendors offer Last Chance bargains all day. Pick up a *Last Chance* brochure available at all information booths.

In Carousel Park: The Minnesota Sesquicentennial Commission presents Minnesota's five Honorary State Capitals for the 150th anniversary of statehood. Bemidji, Thief River Falls, Detroit Lakes, New Ulm and Winona will provide music and presentations on their regional character and culture. Exhibits and entertainment go from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., including birthday cake and poster giveaways at 11:45 a.m.

FAIRCHILD'S FANTASTIC FAIR FUN FINDER

Use this search engine on the State Fair web site for entertainment dates and times, special demonstrations, attraction dates and times, events in Carousel Park and more.

SPECIAL EVENTS & CEREMONIES

50 Year Award

Monday, Aug. 25, 5 p.m., located in Heritage Square

This award honors individuals with 50 years of fair participation.

Flag Raising

Flag raising ceremonies occur daily before the 11 a.m. Leinie Lodge Bandshell show.

Historic Walking Tour

Sponsored by the State Fair Foundation and Running Room/Walking Room

The State Fair Foundation and Running Room/Walking Room's Historical Walking Tour is an educational self-guided tour through the historic Minnesota State Fairgrounds. Tour brochures are available all 12 days of the fair at information booths and the J.V. Bailey House. Participants will learn about Minnesota State Fair history, as well as health and fitness information relating to their progress through the tour.

International Bazaar Grand Opening

Thursday, Aug. 21, 9 a.m., *International Bazaar*

(See page 90 for more details.)

Milk Run

Sunday, Aug. 24, 7:45 a.m., *Blue Ribbon Picnic Area on Randall Avenue*

The five-kilometer certified race begins in the Blue Ribbon Picnic Area, moves off the fairgrounds through the U of M campus and the St. Anthony Park neighborhood, and finishes back at the Blue Ribbon Picnic Area. Each participant receives a Milk Run T-shirt, admission to the fair, a malt coupon and the opportunity to win door prizes.

Opening Ceremony

Thursday, Aug. 21, 10:50 a.m., *Leinie Lodge Bandshell*

Executive Vice-President Jerry Hammer and President Robert Lake declare the State Fair officially open at 10:50 a.m. on Aug. 21. The ceremony features the national anthem sung by Marcoux Corner and a flag raising by members of the National Guard.

Outstanding Senior Citizens Award

Sponsored by the Minnesota State Fair, the Minnesota Federation of County Fairs and the Minnesota Board on Aging

Seniors Day, Thursday, Aug. 28, 11 a.m., *Leinie Lodge Bandshell*

Two Minnesota seniors are selected and honored as Minnesota's Outstanding Senior Citizens. Out of a pool of nominees from each county in the state, winners are chosen for their outstanding commitment to community service since reaching the age of 65.

Princess Kay of the Milky Way Coronation

Wednesday, Aug. 20, 8:30 p.m., *Leinie Lodge Bandshell*

Since 1953, the Princess Kay competition has recognized young women whose families are involved in Minnesota's dairy industry. Regional dairy princesses will compete for this year's title. The princess will serve as a dairy industry spokesperson throughout the year and the entire court will have their likenesses carved out of butter during the fair. The competition is organized by Midwest Dairy Association. For more information, please contact Brian Bellmont at brian@bellmontpartners.com, (952) 233-0428 (office) or (612) 386-0891 (cell).

Sesquicentennial Mosaic Unveiling

Thursday, Aug. 21, 10 a.m., *Cooper Street and Dan Patch Avenue on the outside of HealthFair 11's exhibit*

(See page 118 for more information.)

Veterans Ceremony

Thursday, Aug. 28, 10 a.m., *south side of the Agriculture Horticulture Building*

Minnesota veterans of the Civil War will be honored with the dedication of a memorial plaque in the State Fair Veterans Garden. Assisting with the dedication will be members of the Minnesota Civil War Artillery Battery. Along with the veterans plaque, Federated Garden Clubs of Minnesota will dedicate a Blue Star Memorial Plaque, honoring the service of all Minnesota veterans.

BUTTER SCULPTURES

9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, *Dairy Building*

Princess Kay and her court will each have their likenesses carved into an 85-90 pound block of butter. This year features a bigger, better and more visual butter sculpting area, allowing more room for video cameras to get visuals inside the booth. For more information please contact Brian Belmont at brian@bellmontpartners.com, (952) 233-0428 (office) or (612) 386-0891 (cell).

CHRISTMAS TREE DIVISION

9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, *Agriculture Horticulture Building*

The Christmas Tree exhibit and competition features Minnesota-grown Christmas tree judging and Christmas tree displays. The exhibit also includes a video featuring a forestry expert explaining the environmental benefits of the Christmas tree industry as well as various Christmas tree competitions. For a schedule of events and informative presentations, see page 21.

ECO EXPERIENCE

Sponsored by Xcel Energy

9 a.m. to 9 p.m., *Progress Center on Randall Avenue*

Presented by the Minnesota State Fair and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, this exhibit is designed to inspire people to lead more sustainable lives while improving quality of life and the environment. The Eco Experience showcases renewable energy and exhibits on air, water, land, green buildings, organic agriculture and whole foods. The first-ever Eco Experience in 2006 was the largest environmental event of its kind in the country in the last two decades with 350,000 visitors. More information is available at www.ecoexperience.org.

ECO EXPERIENCE SUSTAINABILITY STAGE SCHEDULE:

• Thursday, Aug. 21

- 9:30 a.m. Sustainability 101
- 11 a.m. Survivor Energy Planet
- 1 p.m. The SECRET to Leisurely Landscaping
- 3:30 p.m. Join the Energy Efficiency Movement: Xcel Energy
- 5 p.m. Recycle MORE Minnesota Jeopardy
- 7 p.m. Woodshop Rides the Rails

• Friday, Aug. 22

- 9:30 a.m. Clancy, the Mercury Detecting Dog
- 11 a.m. Clancy, the Mercury Detecting Dog
- 1 p.m. Honeybees, Beekeeping and Research
- 3:30 p.m. Renewable Energy: Harnessing Minnesota's Natural Resources
- 5 p.m. How to Remodel and Build a Healthier Home
- 7 p.m. Light Up Your Life: Efficient Lighting Choices

• **Saturday, Aug. 23**

- 9:30 a.m. Sustainable Sourcing and Business Practices
- 11 a.m. Myths of Energy Efficiency EXPOSED!
- 1 p.m. Tricia and the Toonies ENVIRO-Show
- 3:30 p.m. Tricia and the Toonies ENVIRO-Show
- 5 p.m. Rain Barrels: How to make and install them
- 7 p.m. Conservation Doesn't Have to Mean "Going Without" - It Can Simply Mean "Wasting Less"

• **Sunday, Aug. 24**

- 9:30 a.m. Clancy, the Mercury Detecting Dog
- 11 a.m. Clancy, the Mercury Detecting Dog
- 1 p.m. How to Build a Rain Barrel
- 3:30 p.m. Join the Energy Efficiency Movement: Xcel Energy
- 5 p.m. Careers in the Growing Green Economy
- 7 p.m. Green Building with Structural Insulated Panels (SIPS)

• **Monday, Aug. 25**

- 9:30 a.m. My Health Club is My Walk to Work
- 11 a.m. The SECRET to Leisurely Landscaping
- 1 p.m. Tricia and the Toonies ENVIRO-Show
- 3:30 p.m. Tricia and the Toonies ENVIRO-Show
- 5 p.m. Saving Energy in Your Home
- 7 p.m. Green Building with Structural Insulated Panels (SIPS)

• **Tuesday, Aug. 26**

- 9:30 a.m. Taking the Natural Step to Sustainability
- 11 a.m. Plant-based Diets and Sustainability
- 1 p.m. Fun with Local Food - MN Grown Potatoes for Kids
- 3:30 p.m. Green Building & Remodeling
- 5 p.m. Clearwater
- 7 p.m. Clearwater

• **Wednesday, Aug. 27**

- 9:30 a.m. My Health Club is My Walk to Work
- 11 a.m. Fun with Local Food - MN Grown Potatoes for Kids
- 1 p.m. Geothermal Heating and Cooling
- 3:30 p.m. Basic Canning and Freezing of Fruits and Vegetables
- 5 p.m. Who Wants to Be a Wind Energy Expert
- 7 p.m. The SECRET to Leisurely Landscaping

• **Thursday, Aug. 28**

- 9:30 a.m. DIY Green Remodeling
- 11 a.m. Conservation Doesn't Have to Mean "Going Without" - It Can Simply Mean "Wasting Less"
- 1 p.m. LEDs! Emerging Choices in Home Lighting
- 3:30 p.m. Tricia and the Toonies ENVIRO-Show
- 5 p.m. Tricia and the Toonies ENVIRO-Show
- 7 p.m. Rain Barrels: How to make and install them

• **Friday, Aug. 29**

- 9:30 a.m. Saving Energy in Your Home
- 11 a.m. Phantom Loads: Reduce Your Carbon Footprint
- 1 p.m. Geothermal Heating and Cooling
- 3:30 p.m. Join the Energy Efficient Movement: Xcel Energy

- 5 p.m. How to Remodel and Build a Healthier Home
- 7 p.m. Green Building & Remodeling

• **Saturday, Aug. 30**

- 9:30 a.m. Sewerman
- 11 a.m. Recycle MORE Minnesota Jeopardy
- 1 p.m. Myths of Energy Efficiency EXPOSED!
- 3:30 p.m. Join the Energy Efficiency Movement: Xcel Energy
- 5 p.m. Careers in the Growing Green Economy
- 7 p.m. Turn your Leaves, Plant Trimmings and Kitchen Food Scraps in to Black Gold

• **Sunday, Aug. 31**

- 9:30 a.m. How to Build a Rain Barrel
- 11 a.m. Will Steger: Solving the Climate Change Crisis: Arctic Adventures to Mobilizing the Midwest
- 1 p.m. Tricia and the Toonies ENVIRO-Show
- 3:30 p.m. Tricia and the Toonies ENVIRO-Show
- 5 p.m. Who Wants to be a Wind Energy Expert
- 7 p.m. Light Up Your Life: Efficient Lighting Choices

• **Monday, Sept. 1**

- 9:30 a.m. Sewerman
- 11 a.m. Turn Your Leaves, Plant Trimmings and Kitchen Food Scraps into Black Gold
- 1 p.m. Tricia and the Toonies ENVIRO-Show
- 3:30 p.m. Tricia and the Toonies ENVIRO-Show
- 5 p.m. Solar Power 101
- 7 p.m. To be announced

FAMILY FAIR

Sponsored by Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity.

Located in Baldwin Park

Family Fair features attractions, concessions and entertainment including: Fair-Do's; Sean Emery, a comedic juggler; Yarn Buddies marionettes; Wax Hands; Monster Shop Bump'n with the BC Characters, music and dance performance that includes breakdancing and costumed characters; Niagra Cave Mining Co.; Hawaiian Wear by Colada; Sheltered Reality, a percussion performance with audience involvement; and The Splatter Sisters, who perform a colorful and energetic musical act.

See page 33 for a listing of entertainment on the Family Fair Stage.

HEALTH-RELATED EXHIBITS

Health-related exhibits can be found throughout the fairgrounds and are listed below by location.

• **Carousel Park • Seniors Day, Thursday, Aug. 28**

"The State's Largest Senior Stretch & Stroll," registration begins at 9:30 a.m.; the event starts at 10 a.m.

• **Crossroads-East Auditorium • Health Fair 11 at the Fair 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.**

New this year:

- Who says video games are only for kids? – People of all ages can try out the new Nintendo Wii Fit exercise system.

•Is your iPod or MP3 player damaging your hearing? – Experts will explain the long-term effects of high volume settings.

•What do you really weigh? Fairgoers can be weighed on a scale certified by the Minnesota Department of Commerce (home to the Weights & Measures division).

The following are the free and low-cost health screenings offered daily:

- Balance
- Blood pressure
- Body mass
- Bone density
- Diabetes
- Hearing
- Vision

• **Education Building**

9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Alzheimer's Association of Minnesota and North Dakota

American Diabetes Association–Minnesota Affiliate, Inc.

Arthritis Foundation–Minnesota Chapter

Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota

Hazelden Foundation

Minnesota Department of Health

Minnesota Lions Eye Bank & Hearing Foundation

Minnesota State Council on Disabilities

National Multiple Sclerosis Society of Minnesota

Sacroiliac Foundation

State Services for the Blind

Veterans Affairs Medical Center

• **Lower Grandstand**

9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life

Pro Choice Resources

South Minnesota Area Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous

• **Upper Grandstand**

9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

New Life Family Services

HISTORY MUSEUM

9 a.m. to 9 p.m., *located in Heritage Square*

The State Fair History Museum showcases memorabilia and artifacts from the fair's past. Admission is free. See the *State Fair History Museum* brochure included with this media kit for more information.

INTERNATIONAL BAZAAR

9 a.m. to 10 p.m., *located on Judson Avenue*

After more than 35 years, the temporary structure built in 1970 as the Mexican Village (most recently the International Bazaar) was razed after the 2007 State Fair. With over 14,000 additional square feet, the new International Bazaar will open for the 2008 State Fair and feature a new free entertainment stage, both men's and women's restrooms, new food concessions, a demonstration stage presented by the International Institute and a patio area complete with colorful cabana umbrellas. New food concessions in the Bazaar include: West Indies Soul (relocated from the Food

Building); Holy Land Deli, which specializes in Middle Eastern fare; The Panda Palace, which serves up traditional Chinese cuisine; and Island Noodles, which offers varieties of wok-fried soba noodle dishes. Also, the Midtown Global Market is sponsoring the Global Market Kitchen, which will feature four different vendors and food types throughout the 12 days of the fair. Traditional fair favorites, “Shanghai” Henri’s Foods and Brews from Around the World (formerly the International Grill) and Bavarian Roasted Nuts concessions are back with a new remodeled look. The new Bazaar features two entertainment stages. Dance, instrument and craft demonstrations are showcased daily on the all-new Festival of Nations Stage. The new free entertainment stage, which is sponsored by Summit Brewing Co., features performances by Native Pride Dancers, Big Surf and De’Anna The Hypno Chick among others. See page 35 for a complete listing of entertainment on the Bazaar Stage. For more info on the Festival of Nations Demonstration Stage, see page 114 in the “What’s New” section of this press kit. Grand opening ceremony for the new Bazaar will be held at 9 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 21.

MINNESOTA TERRITORIAL PIONEERS CABIN

9 a.m. to 9 p.m., *located on Underwood Street north of Judson Avenue*

The Minnesota Territorial Pioneers, Inc., an organization whose membership is limited to persons who were citizens of Minnesota on May 11, 1858 and their descendants, was established in the year 1897. The first cabin on the fairgrounds was completed in the late 1890s. In 1958, the cabin was razed and a new log cabin was built by the W.P.A. The current building has pioneer inspired gifts for purchase.

MINNESOTA WINE COUNTRY

9 a.m. to 9 p.m., *located in the north hall of the Agriculture Horticulture Building*

Minnesota wineries will be featured throughout the 12 days of the fair. This exhibit will educate fairgoers about wine produced in Minnesota. Guests will also have the opportunity to purchase samples from a wide variety of Minnesota-made wines.

Meet the Minnesota Wine Makers

Daily seminars featuring Minnesota Wineries and the University of Minnesota will be held at 11 a.m., 2 and 4 p.m at the Wine Stage in the Minnesota Wine Country Exhibit. Different local winemakers and experts will be on-hand each day of the fair to give information on the Minnesota wine industry. The schedule is as follows:

- **Thursday, Aug. 21**
Gordon Rouse, wine judge
- **Friday, Aug. 22**
Kyle Peterson, winemaker; WineHaven Winery, Chisago City
- **Saturday, Aug. 23**
Vincent Negret, winemaker; Cannon River Winery, Cannon Falls
- **Sunday, Aug. 24**
Peter Hemstad & Paul Quast, winemakers; Saint Croix Vineyards, Stillwater
- **Monday, Aug. 25**
Robin Partch, winemaker; Northern Vineyards, Stillwater

- **Tuesday, Aug. 26**
John Falconer, winemaker; Falconer Vineyards, Red Wing
- **Wednesday, Aug. 27**
Cindy Ohman, winemaker; Goose Lake Winery, Elk River
- **Thursday, Aug. 28**
Georg Marti, winemaker; Morgan Creek Vineyards, New Ulm
- **Friday, Aug. 29**
James Luby, research scientist; U of M Horticulture Department
- **Saturday, Aug. 30**
Patricia Monaghan, author of “Wineries of Wisconsin & Minnesota”
- **Sunday, Aug. 31**
Dave Pruka, wine consultant; Mintahoe Hospitality Group
- **Monday, Sept. 1**
Paul Shuster, winemaker; Forestedge Winery, Laporte

NEW EXHIBITS

For new exhibits and their locations, see the listing on page 114 under the “What’s New?” section of this press kit.

PET CENTER

Sponsored by Chuck & Don’s Pet Food Outlet

8 a.m. to 8 p.m., *located at the north end of the fairgrounds on Murphy Avenue*

The Pet Center features the Minnesota Purebred Dog Breeders Association exhibits and demonstrations, the Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association surgery suite and other pet-oriented commercial exhibits and concessions. Admission is free. All demonstrations are presented outside of the Pet Center. Demonstrations by the Minnesota Purebred Dog Breeders Association are featured every hour, on the hour from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m., with a 7 p.m. demonstration only when listed.

- **Thursday, Aug. 21**
Siberian Husky Club of the Twin Cities, Inc., throughout the day
7 p.m.: St. Paul Police K-9 Unit Demonstration
- **Friday, Aug. 22**
Tails Up Dog Training Inc., throughout the day
7 p.m.: St. Paul Police K-9 Unit Demonstration
- **Saturday, Aug. 23**
Bloomington Obedience Training Club, Inc., throughout the day
6 p.m.: Dances with Woofs
7 p.m.: St. Paul Police K-9 Unit Demonstration
- **Sunday, Aug. 24**
Animal Inn Training Schools, Inc., throughout the day
7 p.m.: St. Paul Police K-9 Unit Demonstration
- **Monday, Aug. 25**
Upper Midwest Australian Shepherd Club, throughout the day
10 a.m., noon, 2, 4 p.m.: Dog Works Inc.
7 p.m.: St. Paul Police K-9 Unit Demonstration

- **Tuesday, Aug. 26**

Twin Cities Obedience Training Club, Inc., throughout the day
7 p.m.: St. Paul Police K-9 Unit Demonstration

- **Wednesday, Aug. 27**

Greater Twin Cities Golden Retriever Club, Inc., throughout the day
7 p.m.: St. Paul Police K-9 Unit Demonstration

- **Thursday, Aug. 28**

Northern Sky Kennel Hunting Dog Demo, throughout the day
10 a.m., noon, 2, 4 p.m.: Rio Gran Training Academy
7 p.m.: St. Paul Police K-9 Unit Demonstration

- **Friday, Aug. 29**

Total Recall School for Dogs, throughout the day
6 p.m.: Puppy Love Caring Canines
7 p.m.: St. Paul Police K-9 Unit Demonstration

- **Saturday, Aug. 30**

9 and 11 a.m., 1 p.m.: Northstar Rottweiler Club, Inc.
10 a.m., noon, 2, 4 p.m.: Canine Prep - Canine College
3, 5, 6 p.m.: Helping Paws of Minnesota, Inc. - Service Dogs
7 p.m.: St. Paul Police K-9 Unit Demonstration

- **Sunday, Aug. 31**

German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis & St. Paul, throughout the day
7 p.m.: St. Paul Police K-9 Unit Demonstration

- **Monday, Sept. 1**

Northern Lights Greyhound Adoption and Gilley Girls Dancing Greyhound Team, throughout the day
10 a.m., noon, 2, 4 p.m.: South Paws Canine Academy
7 p.m.: St. Paul Police K-9 Unit Demonstration

TOURING PROMOTIONAL EXHIBITS

Promotional exhibits and sampling located throughout the fairgrounds.
Dates and locations are subject to change.

AARP Magazine Road Show

Aug. 30–Sept. 1, *located on West Dan Patch Avenue*

AARP Magazine Road Show features “The Faces of 50+” Real Model Contest, free health screenings, cooking demonstrations, prize and sample giveaways and contests.

American Red Cross Blood Mobile

Aug. 23, 24, 27, 30, 31 and Sept. 1, *located east of the Dairy Building*

The American Red Cross will collect blood donations, display first-aid kits and distribute information about blood transfusions.

AquaFresh Extreme Clean

Aug. 21–24, *located on Wright Avenue north of Kidway*

AquaFresh will distribute samples of its AquaFresh Extreme Clean Toothpaste.

BP Amoco - A Little Better Gas Station Tour

Aug. 22–24, *located on Wright Avenue north of Kidway*

This promotion of BP Gas Stations includes interactive gas pump kiosks, a video booth, football toss and split-engine car on display.

CareerBuilder.com

Aug. 21–25, *located on Wright Avenue north of Kidway*

The CareerBuilder.com touring exhibit will promote the company's on-line job and resume-posting services.

CNN Election Express Yourself Tour

Sept. 1, *located on Wright Avenue north of Kidway*

Visitors can customize political memorabilia to take home, answer political trivia and view a political graffiti wall.

Coca-Cola Recycling Activation Trailer

Aug. 31, *located at the Family Fair in Baldwin Park*

This interactive trailer promotes recycling using video monitors and a reverse recycling vendor where visitors recycle a bottle and receive a coupon for prizes.

Comcast Live Tour

Aug. 21–Sept. 1, *located on Randall Avenue west of the Eco Experience*

The Comcast Live Tour includes interactive television, internet and digital phone services, product demonstrations and games.

Cub Cadet NASCAR Simulators

Aug. 26 & Aug. 27, *located on Wright Avenue north of Kidway*

Cub Cadet NASCAR Simulators will feature a NASCAR vehicle and driving simulators for all ages.

DTV Road Show

Aug. 21–Sept. 1, *located at Murphy Avenue and Cooper Street*

This exhibit is a public service campaign for consumer awareness of the February 2009 Government mandated transition from analog to digital TV signals.

Gold'n Plump

Aug. 21 & 22, *located east of the Dairy Building*

Samples of Gold'n Plump ground chicken will be available.

Hershey's Presents Brad Paisley Tour

Aug. 22, *location to be announced*

Guests can sample s'mores, take a picture with a Brad Paisley cardboard cut-out and compete in a sing-a-long contest.

Jack Links Beef Jerkey

Aug. 29–31, *located at Murphy Avenue and Cooper Street*

Samples of Jack Links Beef Jerkey will be available as well as a photo opportunity with a Sasquatch mascot cut-out.

JVC Hi-Def Experience! Tour

Aug. 21–Sept. 1, *located at Murphy Avenue and Cooper Street*

This promotional exhibit features items from the JVC product line such as speakers, camcorders, DVD burners, receivers and laptops.

L'Oreal Paris Color Space

Aug. 21–Sept. 1, *located on Randall Avenue south of the Eco Experience*

L'Oreal Paris Color Space offers consultations on hair care, skin care and cosmetics. L'Oreal product samples will be distributed and guests may purchase products as well.

Qwest Communications

Aug. 21–Sept. 1, *located at Murphy Avenue and Cooper Street*

Promotion of Qwest products and services including high speed internet, digital TV, wireless, local and long distance communications services. Guests can star in a video e-greeting and win prizes.

Rock Band Tour 2008

Aug. 21–Sept. 1, *located in The X-Zone*

Guests will be invited onstage to play the Rock Band video game which includes a guitar, bass, drum kit and microphone. Giveaways will also be distributed.

Sensodyne Dental Health Spa

Aug. 29–Sept. 1, *located east of the Agriculture Horticulture Building*

The Sensodyne Dental Health Spa provides a relaxing spa experience that includes chilled water samples, chair massages, moistened towelettes and the chance of participating in a one-on-one dental consultation. Samples and gift bags will also be distributed.

Sonic Drive-In

Aug. 30–Sept. 1, *located in Family Fair at Baldwin Park*

The Sonic Drive-In exhibit will feature crowd entertainment and coupons for Sonic Drive-In.

Texas on Tour

Aug. 21–25, *located at Murphy Avenue and Cooper Street east of the Pet Center*

Texas on Tour promotes tourism in the state of Texas with interactive activities including a virtual reality kayaking adventure, a hologram cowboy telling stories around a campfire and green-screen photos.

Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity

Aug. 21–Sept. 1, *located on Wright Avenue, south of Baldwin Park*

Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity Tour educates the public about substandard housing and Habitat for Humanity's initiatives to help families build affordable housing and gain greater economic independence.

Toyota Highway to the Future: Mobile Hybrid Experience

Aug. 21–Sept. 1, *located in Adventure Park*

Toyota's Highway to the Future features activity centers about hybrid technology and Toyota hybrid vehicles. Learn more about environmentally friendly technology, examine Toyota hybrid vehicles and try a driving simulator.

WAHL “Let it Grow” Tour

Aug. 23–24, *located east of the Agriculture Horticulture Building*

The WAHL “Let it Grow” touring exhibit features a mobile barbershop with two professional stylists trimming and detailing men’s facial hair, spin-the-wheel giveaways and a contest for the best beard, mustache and goatee.

ADVENTURE PARK

Sponsored by Coca-Cola

9 a.m. to midnight (11 p.m. Labor Day), *located east of the Mighty Midway*

Adventure Park features extreme thrill attractions including:

- **Skyscraper**

Skyscraper rotates 360° vertically on its axis taking the cars at each end to a height of 160 feet and speeds of up to 60 mph. \$25 per rider.

- **Sling Shot**

Hurls two riders at a time 140 feet straight into the air. \$25 per rider.

- **Turbo Bungy**

Riders are harnessed in and perform acrobatic acts. \$5 per rider.

- **Rock Climbing Wall**

Simulated 25-foot tall mountain-side climbing for beginners to experts. \$5 per person.

- **2Xtreme**

The all-new "2Xtreme" spins 360 degrees, swinging riders to high velocities. \$20 per person.

KIDWAY

9 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. (10 p.m. Labor Day), *located north of Visitors Plaza in the block between Underwood Street and Cooper Street south of Wright Avenue*

Media MUST check in with Brienna Schuette at (651) 288-4452 and the Kidway Office at (651) 643-6494 before entering Kidway for interviews. NO VEHICLES ARE ALLOWED IN KIDWAY.

Kidway features rides, attractions and concessions for children and families. Pre-fair discount ride and game tickets are available through Aug. 20 (\$10 for 20 tickets). During the fair, ride and game tickets are available in the Mighty Midway and Kidway (75 cents single, \$20 per sheet of 30 or \$30 per sheet of 50). Discounts and specials are offered all day on Thrifty Thursday, Aug. 21, Kids Days, Monday, Aug. 25 and Monday, Sept. 1 and Hop on Transit Day, Wednesday, Aug. 27. Early Bird Specials are offered Friday, Aug. 22; Tuesday, Aug. 26; Thursday, Aug. 28 and Friday Aug. 29 until 1 p.m. Ticket booths close 1/2-hour before rides, games and concessions close.

The following is a list of this year's rides and attractions at Kidway:

- Alligator Wet Boats
- Anchors Away
- Baja Buggy
- Bumble Bee
- Cars
- Century Wheel
- Chutes & Ladders*
- Dive Bomber
- Dragon Wagon
- Dino-go-round*
- Fire Brigade
- Flying Tigers
- Ghost Pirate Dark Ride
- Jumping Star
- Kiddie Bumper Boats
- Kiddie Ferris Wheel
- Kite Flyer
- Lady Bug
- Lil' Scrambler*
- Merry-Go-Round
- Mini Swing
- Monkey/Bear-go-round*

- Monkey Maze Glass House
- Motorcycle Jump
- Raiders
- Rockin' Tug
- Safari Train
- Samba Balloon
- Slide
- Speedway
- Tilt-A-Whirl
- Winky the Whale

(*new attraction)

MIGHTY MIDWAY

10 a.m. to midnight (11 p.m. Labor Day), west end of fairgrounds. Entrance at the intersection of Carnes Avenue and Liggett Street.

Media MUST check in with Brienna Schuette at (651) 288-4452 and the Midway Operations Office at (651) 643-6494 before entering the Mighty Midway for interviews. NO VEHICLES ARE ALLOWED IN THE MIGHTY MIDWAY.

The Mighty Midway features rides, shows, games of skill and concessions. Pre-fair discount ride and game tickets are available through Aug. 20 (\$10 for 20 tickets). During the fair, ride and game tickets are available in the Mighty Midway and Kidway (75 cents single, \$20 per sheet of 30 or \$30 per sheet of 50). Discounts and specials are offered all day on Thrifty Thursday, Aug. 21, Kids Days, Monday, Aug. 25 and Monday, Sept. 1 and Hop on Transit Day, Wednesday, Aug. 27. Early Bird Specials are offered Friday, Aug. 22; Tuesday, Aug. 26; Thursday, Aug. 28 and Friday Aug. 29 until 1 p.m. Ticket booths close 1/2-hour before rides, games and concessions close.

The following is a list of this year's rides and attractions at the Mighty Midway:

- Adult Bumper Boats
- Alpine Bobs
- Arabian Daze Fun House
- Avalanche Roller Coaster
- Cliff Hanger
- Crazy Mouse Spinning Roller Coaster
- Cuckoo Haus Fun House*
- Fighter
- Fire Ball
- Giant Gondola Wheel
- Hard Rock*
- Haunted Mansion (Dark Ride)*
- Heartbreaker*
- Jukebox Music Video Funhouse*
- Kamikaze
- Magnum
- Mardi Gras Glass House
- Orbiter*
- Rok-N-Rol
- Scooter
- Scrambler
- Skywheel
- Space Roller
- Spider
- Starship 3000
- Storm
- Techno Power
- Tilt-A-Whirl
- Tornado
- Viper*
- Wind Surf*
- Wave Swinger
- World of Wonders Palace of Illusions
- X-treme
- Zero Gravity
- Zipper

(*new attraction)

Acts at World of Wonders–Palace of Illusions

Located on the west end of the Mighty Midway

Family-friendly entertainment is presented on five stages in a circus tent and features special sideshow illusion acts. The production is supported by state-of-the-art sound, lighting and special effects to create a unique experience for all spectators. Stage acts include a sword swallower, fire eater, four-legged woman, gorilla girl and more. For a list of new World of Wonders acts, see the “What’s New” section on page 109 of this press kit.

NEW ATTRACTIONS

For new attractions and their locations, please see the listing on page 109 under the “What’s New?” section of this press kit.

OTHER TICKETED ATTRACTIONS

- **Butterfly House**

Located across from Visitors Plaza, on the northwest corner of Dan Patch Avenue and Underwood Street. Admission is \$3.

- **Carousel**

Located in Carousel Park. \$2 per rider.

- **Giant Slide**

Located on Nelson Street. \$2 per rider.

- **Haunted House**

Located at the corner of Judson Avenue and Underwood Street. \$3.50 per visitor.

- **Pirate Tag**

Located at the River Raft Ride. \$2.50 per person.

- **River Raft Ride**

Located across from the DNR Park on Judson Avenue. \$3.50 per rider.

- **SkyGlider**

A 10-minute chairlift-type ride takes passengers approximately 40 feet in the air from the east end of the Grandstand to Murphy Avenue near the Pet Center and back. One-way ticket: \$3. Round-trip ticket: \$5.

- **Skyride**

Gondolas take passengers from Cooper Street near the Agriculture Horticulture Building to Liggett Street near Heritage Square. Ride for \$3 one-way or \$5 round-trip.

- **Space Tower**

This rotating ride provides passengers a 360° panoramic view of the Twin Cities from nearly 300 feet in the air. \$3 per rider.

- **Super Stock Racers (Go Carts)**

Located in the Amphitheater. \$6 for drivers and \$4 for passengers.

- **Ye Old Mill**

Located at the southwest corner of Carnes Avenue and Underwood Street.

Touted as the “original tunnel of love,” Ye Old Mill is the oldest ride on the fairgrounds and is owned by the same family who first operated it in 1913. Ye Old Mill is operated by a 40-horse power engine that turns the mill wheel and keeps water running through the 1300-foot channel. Boats float along at a leisurely speed, carrying riders through almost complete darkness. \$3 per rider. Save 50 cents from opening until noon on Aug. 21, 25, 28 and Sept. 1.

TICKETING

Pre-Fair Discount Ticket Pricing *Pre-Fair through Aug. 20*

- All pre-fair discount admission tickets - \$8
- Pre-fair Mighty Midway & Kidway ride and game tickets - \$10 for a sheet of 20
- Pre-fair Blue Ribbon Bargain Books - \$4

Pre-fair discount admission tickets, Mighty Midway and Kidway ride and game tickets and Blue Ribbon Bargain Books are available at the State Fair Box Office, participating Cub Foods Stores and numerous locations in greater Minnesota and Western Wisconsin through Aug. 20. For a complete list of pre-fair discount ticket sales outlets, call (651) 288-4400 or our recorded information line at (651) 603-6806 or visit www.mnstatefair.org. All pre-fair discount tickets and coupon books may be purchased on-line through 5 p.m. on Aug. 14.

Grandstand and Warner Coliseum event tickets have been on sale since December. Tickets are available at Ticketmaster ticket centers, www.ticketmaster.com or by calling (651) 989-5151. Mail order service is available and requests should be addressed to Tickets, Minnesota State Fair, 1265 Snelling Avenue. N., St. Paul, MN 55108. The State Fair Box Office on the fairgrounds also sells all event tickets prior to and during the fair.

Aug. 5 through Aug. 20, the State Fair Box Office is located at the Como Loop Gate (#9). Box office hours are Monday through Friday noon to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., except: Aug. 16, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Aug. 17, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Aug. 18 & 19, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Aug. 20, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Fair-Time Admission Ticket Pricing *Aug. 21 through Labor Day, Sept. 1*

- Adults (13–64): \$11
- Seniors (65 and over): \$9
- Kids (5–12): \$8
- Children (under 5): Free
- Auto Parking: \$9 or one additional pre-fair discount admission ticket (\$8)

Grandstand Tickets

Day-of-show concert tickets are available at the ticket booths on the east end of the Grandstand, which open at 9 a.m. daily. Will-call tickets may be picked up after 4 p.m. on the day of the show. Tickets for upcoming shows are also available at these ticket booths. Gate admission is required in addition to a Grandstand ticket. Admission to Grandstand events is free for children under two years of age if they share a paid seat. Children under two who require their own seat must have a ticket.

Re-Admission

Everyone entering the fairgrounds must present a valid ticket of admission. Guests may leave the fairgrounds through any gate and be readmitted the same day without additional charge by requesting a hand stamp when leaving. Readmittance must occur before 10 p.m. on the day the stamp is issued. Readmission does not apply to vehicles parked in State Fair parking lots.

Refunds

Tickets for Grandstand and Warner Coliseum events, and gate admission are non-refundable. Questions should be directed to the Guest Services Office in Visitors Plaza. Hours are 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Guest services may also be reached at guestservices@mnstatefair.org.

SAVINGS

Special Discount Days

THRIFTY THURSDAY • THURSDAY, AUG. 21

Admission prices are reduced all day and many concessionaires offer Thrifty Thursday savings. All-day discounts are offered on Mighty Midway and Kidway rides, games and concessions.

Gate Admission on Thrifty Thursday:

Adults (13 & over): \$8

Kids (5–12): \$5

Children (under 5): free

SENIORS & KIDS DAY • MONDAY, AUG. 25

Admission prices are reduced all day for seniors (65 & over) and kids (5–12). All-day discounts are offered on Mighty Midway and Kidway rides, games and concessions.

Gate Admission on Seniors & Kids Day:

Seniors (65 & over): \$5

Kids (5–12): \$5

Children (under 5): free

\$8 AT THE GATE DAY • TUESDAY, AUG. 26

Everyone (5 & over) admitted for \$8. As always, children under 5 are free. Early Bird Specials are offered on Mighty Midway and Kidway rides, games and concessions until 1 p.m.

HOP ON TRANSIT DAY • WEDNESDAY, AUG. 27

State Fair Express Bus service is \$3 round-trip. Express or regular route bus-riders may request a coupon for \$2 off a regular-priced State Fair admission ticket purchased at the gate. This offer is not valid for guests using pre-fair discount admission tickets or free Park and Ride bus services. All-day discounts are offered on Mighty Midway and Kidway rides, games and concessions.

SENIORS DAY • THURSDAY, AUG. 28

Seniors (65 & over) are admitted for \$5. Early Bird Specials are offered on Mighty Midway and Kidway rides, games and concessions until 1 p.m.

KIDS & LAST CHANCE DAY • MONDAY, SEPT. 1

Kids (5–12) are admitted for \$5. Many concessionaires offer Last Chance Day savings. All-day discounts are offered on Mighty Midway and Kidway rides, games and concessions.

Blue Ribbon Bargain Book

The State Fair Blue Ribbon Bargain Book offers 100 coupons with over \$500 worth of savings on food, merchandise and attractions. Coupons are valid every day of the fair. Books are available through Aug. 20 for \$4 wherever pre-fair discount admission tickets are sold. During the fair, books may be purchased at State FairWear Gift Shops on the fairgrounds for \$5.

This year, the Blue Ribbon Bargain Book features a bonus coupon good for a free ride or admission at one of five favorite fair attractions, including the Butterfly House, Pirate Island Shootout, Space Tower, Skyride or Ye Old Mill.

Deals, Drawings and Giveaways Guide

This free guide lists discount days, best values, free stuff, items for under \$1 and hidden bargains at the fair including deals on food and beverages.

The *Deals, Drawings and Giveaways Guide* is available during the fair at all information booths and on-line at the Minnesota State Fair web site.

Midway and Kidway Specials

ALL-DAY SPECIALS

All-day specials on Mighty Midway rides, games and concessions are offered Thursday, Aug. 21; Monday, Aug. 25; Wednesday, Aug. 27; and Monday, Sept. 1.

EARLY BIRD SPECIALS

Early Bird hours are 10 a.m.–1 p.m. at the Mighty Midway and 9 a.m.–1 p.m. at Kidway. Early Bird Specials are offered on Friday, Aug. 22; Tuesday, Aug. 26; Thursday, Aug. 28; and Friday, Aug. 29.

1. At the first Minnesota State Fair, held in 1859, what was the premium for “best horse”? (\$4)
2. What two State Fair buildings turned 100 years old in 2007? (The Fine Arts and Progress Centers, both built in 1907.)
3. What unusual attraction debuted at the 1898 State Fair? (“Daylight Fireworks”)
4. In 1902, the St. Paul and Minneapolis School boards pushed the opening day of school back to the Monday after the State Fair. What was their reason for doing this? (Education authorities stated that there was “more to be learned in a single day at the fair than in double the time at school or college.”)
5. What year did legendary pacer horse Dan Patch make his Minnesota State Fair debut? (1903)
6. What machine revolutionized the animal agriculture process and was first exhibited at the 1908 fair? (A dairy cattle milking machine.)
7. The first 12-day State Fair was held in what year? (1975)
8. What attraction on the Mighty Midway is referred to as a “10-in-one” by carnival workers? (World of Wonders Palace of Illusions Amazement Show, where 10 or more acts are showcased under one sideshow tent.)
9. Why did the State Fair’s Hippodrome (now the Warner Coliseum) need to be rebuilt? (At the beginning of World War II, the A.O. Smith Company of Milwaukee took over the building, making it a propeller factory for four years. After the propeller factory was demolished, the Hippodrome was deemed “economically unfit for restoration” and was torn down.)
10. What attraction, created in Pine Island, Minn., was the Dairy Building’s feature at the 1911 State Fair? (A 6,000 pound block of cheese)
11. In 1912, who became the first female delegate at the Minnesota State Agricultural Society annual meetings? (Miss Jessie Walkup, secretary of the Pipestone County Fair.)
12. Why was Theodore Roosevelt only able to attend one of his two planned speaking engagements at the 1912 State Fair? (After giving his first speech at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 4, Mr. Roosevelt suffered a severe case of laryngitis.)
13. What animals shown at the State Fair are unlike other livestock because they have no proper breed names? (llamas)
14. Breed names including Cinnamon, Hotot, Crème D’Argent and Mini Rex belong to what State Fair livestock? (rabbits)
15. What permanent State Fair amusement was built of wood in 1914 and torn down in 1935 to make way for extended Grandstand bleachers? (Cannon Ball Roller Coaster)
16. In 1920, this was introduced to fairgoers as the future of dining. What was it? (Reverend J.M. Batinger’s Automatic Eater, an all-you-can-eat buffet served on a rotating conveyor belt. Price: 50¢)
17. How many baby animals were born at the new CHS Miracle of Birth Center during the 2007 State Fair? (A combined 191 calves, lambs and piglets, not to mention dozens of ducks, chicks and bunnies.)

18. What is the length of the wind turbine blade outside the Eco Experience? (Standing 123 feet tall, the wind blade is one of three that make up a wind turbine. This permanent piece of sculpture is the only blade to ever be installed vertically.)
19. How are State Fair mascots Fairchild and Fairborne related? (Fairchild is Fairborne's uncle.)
20. Why has the State Fair Grandstand been called "the house that Dan Patch built?" (The current Grandstand was constructed in 1909 to accommodate the enormous crowds attracted to harness racing by world-famous pacer horse Dan Patch.)
21. At the 1906 State Fair, the St. Paul Growers Association built a model of the new State Capitol out of what vegetable? (onions)
22. How did most of the streets on the fairgrounds get their names? (Most streets on the fairgrounds are named in recognition of past State Agricultural Society leaders and individuals who shaped the State Fair for the future.)
23. How long would it take the average cow to produce all the milk served during the fair's 12-day run at the All-You-Can-Drink milk booth? (3-4 years)
24. How many fair visitors took the bus to or from the fair in 2007? (1,426,788)
25. When was the all-time Labor Day attendance record set? (2006; 160,209 guests attended the fair on Labor Day 2006, beating the old record set in 1999.)
26. How fast does the Space Needle carry passengers into the skies above the State Fairgrounds? (The Space Needle rises at a rate of 295 feet per minute.)
27. What year was the St. Paul Winter Carnival Medallion found underneath eight inches of ice on the State Fairgrounds? (1967-The only time it's been hidden on the fairgrounds in its 55-year history.)
28. At peak times, where on the fairgrounds are as many as 400 cows milked daily? (The State Fair Milking Parlor's Moo Booth in the Cattle Barn)
29. What new food did fair guests devour 30,000 servings of at the 2006 State Fair? (Hot Dish On-A-Stick at Ole and Lena's)
30. How many food concessions are located throughout the fairgrounds? (About 300 food concessions dish up more than 450 different delectable delights.)
31. Before the former Ramsey County Poor Farm in St. Paul became the State Fair's permanent home, what other Minnesota cities hosted the time-honored event? (Minneapolis, Rochester, Red Wing, Winona and Owatonna.)
32. How many acres is the State Fairgrounds? (320 acres)
33. What year was the first Minnesota State Fair held? (1859)
34. What year was the Minnesota State Fair first held on the current fairgrounds? (1885)
35. Which United States President gave one of his most famous speeches at

- the State Fair? (Teddy Roosevelt gave his “Speak Softly and Carry a Big Stick” speech in 1901 when he was serving as vice-president.)
36. Where can you find 100 State Fair coupons offering more than \$500 in savings on food, merchandise and attractions? (In the Blue Ribbon Bargain Book available at Minnesota State FairWear Gift Shops.)
 37. What special on-line feature lets you search for any band, stage, event or attraction? (Fairchild’s Fantastic Fair Fun Finder at www.mnstatefair.org)
 38. Where can you find a listing of this year’s State Fair foods at your fingertips? (Fairborne’s Fabulous Fair Food Finder, an on-line food search engine at www.mnstatefair.org)
 39. When was the Pronto Pup introduced at the State Fair? (1947)
 40. During a typical year, how many gallons of milk are served at the American Dairy Association’s All-You-Can-Drink Milk concession? (about 25,000 gallons)
 41. On average, what’s the total number of corndogs typically consumed by fair guests each year? (500,000)
 42. What is the most popular flavor of pies entered in the Creative Activities baked goods category? (apple)
 43. On average, how many individual cheese curds are battered, deep-fried and gobbled up by fair guests? (over 2.6 million)
 44. How many dozens of mini donuts are eaten each year? (nearly 338,000)
 45. What were the fairgrounds before they were the Minnesota State Fairgrounds? (Ramsey County Poor Farm)
 46. What special event took place at the fairgrounds on June 20, 1910? (The first flight in Minnesota history.)
 47. When did the State Fair attendance first top the one million mark? (Over 50 years ago on September 5, 1955. Robert Karklin received a wristwatch and silver trophy for being the fair’s millionth guest.)
 48. What is the Minnesota State Fair’s all-time attendance record and when was it set? (1,762,976 people attended the fair in 2001.)
 49. Who broke the all-time record for the most tickets sold to a single Grandstand show? (Christina Aguilera in 2000)
 50. What famous composer appeared at the fair in 1927? (John Phillip Sousa)
 51. How much did famous racehorse, Dan Patch, sell for in 1902? (\$60,000)
 52. What year was the first nighttime Grandstand show? (1899; It consisted of an hour of harness racing followed by a massive fireworks show.)
 53. When was the Minnesota State Fair Foundation founded? (2001)
 54. Approximately how many rolls of toilet paper are used during the fair? (22,000 rolls)
 55. When did the first carousel appear at the fair? (1892)
 56. Why wasn’t there a fair in 1946? (Polio epidemic)
 57. How much butter is used to sculpt the likeness of Princess Kay of the Milky Way? (85-90 lbs.)

58. In what year was the first Princess Kay of the Milky Way crowned? (1953)
59. Which fair food contains the most calories? (deep-fried candy bars)
60. What color are sweepstakes or grand champion best-of-show ribbons? (purple)
61. Does the State Fair receive government funding? (No, the Minnesota State Fair is financially self-supporting.)
62. How many employees make up the Great Minnesota Get-Together's fair-time staff? (About 3,000).
63. In the late 1980s world famous Jay Cochran walked a high-wire stretched between the tops of which two State Fair structures? (the 4-H Building and the Space Tower)
64. What architectural styles can be seen among the State Fair's historic buildings? (farm, exposition, Beaux Arts, WPA, art deco and modern styles)
65. How many church dining halls are on the fairgrounds? (five: Church of the Epiphany; Hamline United Methodist; Robbinsdale OES; Salem Lutheran Church and St. Bernard's)
66. What insect was credited with reducing attendance at the 1875 fair? (grasshoppers)
67. In 1939 all children who attended the fair on "Children's Day" received what beverage? (a carton of milk)
68. How much did a ride on the Space Tower cost in 1966? (50 cents)
69. In what year was the first state-wide Princess Kay of the Milky Way Contest held? (1953)
70. Fresh French Fries made their debut at the fair in what year? (1972)
71. How many calories does one corndog have? (310)
72. In what year was the current Bandshell constructed? (1971)
73. In what year did the Grandstand show feature a reenactment of the Battle of Santiago? (1898)
74. How many cattle stalls can the historic Cattle Barn house? (560)
75. How high does the Sling Shot (Ejection Seat) in Adventure Park hurl riders into the air? (140 feet)

AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL EDUCATION

- **Christmas Tree Division Events and Informational Presentations**
Located on the west end of the Agriculture Horticulture Building
For more information, please see the description and schedule on page 21 under the “Non-Livestock Competitions and Exhibits” section in this media kit.
- **Meet the Minnesota Winemakers**
Located in the Agriculture Horticulture Building
For more information, please see the description and schedule on page 91 under the “Special Exhibits” section in this media kit.
- **Kids Flower Detective**
Noon to 6 p.m., Aug. 25–Aug. 28
Located in the Flower Wing of the Agriculture & Horticulture Building
Children 12 and under are invited to test their flower smelling and identifying skills as Flower Detectives. Kids who successfully identify “mystery flowers” will receive a ribbon.
- **Robot Demonstrations**
Daily at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Located in the Education Building
Each day of the fair two high schools will demonstrate how their constructed robots work. Watch as the schools compete against each other for faster times and quicker robots. Robot Demonstration finals will be held on Labor Day.

ATTRACTIONS

- **Acts at World of Wonders–Palace of Illusions**
Located on the west end of the Mighty Midway
This modern sideshow has added new elements to its mysterious repertoire of illusions: Two-headed Egyptian Princess, stretching girl illusion, the Human Magnet, acts of telekinesis and the Firefly Girl entertainer.
- **Mighty Midway rides:** Hard Rock, Wind Surf, Heartbreaker, Jukebox Music Video Funhouse, Viper, Cuckoo Haus Fun House, Orbitor, Haunted Mansion
- **Kidway ride:** Chutes & Ladders, Dino-go-Round, Monkey/Bear-go-round, Lil’ Scrambler
- **Adventure Park:** 2Xtreme

COMPETITIONS

- **Free Horse Shows**
Located in the Warner Coliseum
See page 18 for more information
More free English and Western Horse shows have been added to the free horse show lineup.
- **4-H Lama Show**
Thursday, Aug. 28 at 5 p.m. and Friday, Aug. 29 at 8 a.m., *Judging Arena*
Judging of 4-H llamas and alpacas.

- **FFA Market Goat Show**

Saturday, Aug. 30, 1 p.m., *Swine Barn Ring 2*

Market goats born between Jan. 1 and April 30, 2008 are judged in multiple areas.

- **Open Class Junior Barrow Show**

Wednesday, Aug. 27, 8 a.m., *west ring of Swine Barn*

Juniors, aged 5–21, compete in showmanship, judging contests, a skill-a-thon and market barrow contests. The Champion Junior Barrow will be eligible to compete in the Open Barrow Contest Championship.

CONCESSIONS

- **Annie's Pooch Pops**

Located in the Pet Center

All natural dog treats, gift baskets for your pet, wine for dogs, treats to-go doggie bags and dog leads

- **Bark Busters**

Located in the Pet Center

In-home dog trainers and behaviorists

- **Bird Feeder Direct**

Located in the Agriculture Horticulture Building

Handmade wood Victorian-style bird feeders made of mahogany, cypress and cedar

- **Blue Ribbon Baking**

Located in the Creative Activities Annex

Sales of "Blue Ribbon Baking" - Marjorie Johnson's cookbook

- **The Cane Factory**

Located in Heritage Square

Hand-crafted wooden canes, walking or hiking sticks, seat canes, bent wood rockers, hobby horse canes and golf club canes

- **Celebration of Life - Pet Stories**

Located in the Warner Coliseum

Personalized hardcover books of pets and animals, framed pet prints, children's illustrated pet stories, custom pet condolence cards and honorary pet stories for celebrated pets such as service animals, race horses or champion pets

- **Four 4Ever Flowers**

Located in Heritage Square

Handmade life-like wooden flowers purchased singularly or by the dozen

- **Freier's Electric and Heating**

Located outside the Sheep and Poultry Building

Alternative stove heating products using corn, wood, pellet and geo-thermal heating

- **From the East**

Located in the International Bazaar

Wooden and straw flowers, handmade "zombie" keychains and dolls made of string leather, wood and cloth, colorful kites, woven scarves

- **Garage Squad**

Located in the Modern Living Building

Garage storage organizing cabinets, closet organizers, Citadel brand polyurea flooring, Kiwi brand plastic tile flooring, slotted pre-made walls for hanging tools and garage lighting

- **Greg's Toys**

Located in Heritage Square

Handmade wooden, non-toxic toys for children

- **Gull Island Craftsman**

Located in the Agriculture Horticulture Building

Handcrafted copper bird baths, birdhouses and feeders, wall sunbursts, shepherd hooks, rain gauges, copper and glass gazing globes and stands, trellises, wall art, garden and flower pot stakes and decorative hooks

- **Historic Research Center**

Located in the International Bazaar

Unique personalized Heraldic gifts, family crest or coat of arms

- **Hunting Stands by FTB Manufacturing**

Located near Little Farm Hands

Hunting stands made from recycled plastic

- **Jewelry by Wagman Designs**

Located in Heritage Square

Handmade natural fashion jewelry made with shells, wood, glass, pearls and silver beads

- **Keepez Food Sealers**

Located in the Merchandise Mart

Keepez vacuum food sealers and porcelain containers and biodegradable green bags to help keep fruits and vegetables fresh longer

- **Lugtagz**

Located in the Merchandise Mart

Super-sized and personalized luggage tags to help identify bags and backpacks quickly

- **Manomin Resawn Timbers**

Located in the Modern Living Building

Reclaimed or antique wide-plank wood flooring for residential and commercial use made of soft and hard woods; wooden timbers for decorative or accent purpose

- **Miche Handbags**

Located in the Lower Grandstand

Miche brand handbags have the function of a purse with interchangeable outer shell covers

- **Midwest Manufacturing**

Located near the Home Improvement Building

Post frame buildings, roof trusses, residential steel roofing, Mastercraft brand interior and exterior doors, engineering and design services

- **Minnesota Cultivated Wild Rice Council**

Located in the Dairy Building

Sales of wild rice, council caps and t-shirts, pre-packaged cooking sauce, recipes, cookbooks, wild rice bath products, soaps and shampoos and wild rice history books

- **Minnesota Green Roofs Council**

Located in the Progress Center

Information on installing a green roof with living plants that cool and filter both air and water and prevent storm water from entering the treatment stream

- **Minnesota Propane Association**

Located in the Education Building

Propane gas utilization services for farm residence and light commercial use, propane safety and energy conservation

- **Nader for President 2008**

Located on Underwood Street

Campaign and promotional literature, Nader for President buttons and t-shirt sales

- **Old Plantation Soup**

Located in the Creative Activities Annex

Dehydrated soup, dip, cheeseball and cobbler mixes, donuts and muffins

- **Pebbleware Cookware by Doughmakers**

Located in the Creative Activities Building

Gourmet aluminum kitchen bakeware, cookie sheets, cake pans, baking utensils and kitchen gadgets

- **Polar Clips - Pinto Products**

Located in the Warner Coliseum

Customized clip-on sunglasses made on-site while you wait

- **RNC 2008 Host Committee**

Located in the Lower Grandstand

Information and promotion of the Republican National Convention 2008 to be held in St. Paul, Minn; sales of official RNC pins, buttons, t-shirts, travel mugs, ceramic mugs, tote bags, hats, rain ponchos and fans

- **Scoop Works Pet Waste Cleanup**

Located in the Pet Center

Service for residential and commercial properties to rid their property of pet or animal waste: professional pooper scoopers

- **Seal Guard Systems, Inc.**

Located in the Home Improvement Building

Structured insulated panel rooms, Inline and Millguard brand triple pane windows

- **Six One Two (612) Clothing**

Located near the Merchandise Mart

Photos depicting scenes of Minneapolis and St. Paul made into key chains, note cards, bookmarks, t-shirts, etc.

- **Spam Gift Store**
Located in the Lower Grandstand
Spam brand logo merchandise from Austin, Minn.
- **Spiral Eye Needles**
Located in the Creative Activities Annex
Sewing needles with openings on the side, making them easy to thread
- **Sportsman's Connection**
Located in the Upper Grandstand
Minnesota outdoor atlas and Minnesota fishing map guides
- **Stone Mountain Pet Lodge**
Located in the Pet Center
Pet toys, rawhides, bully sticks, dog cookies, plush and latex balls, rope toys, interactive toys, and cat treats and toys
- **The Wax Hand**
Located in Baldwin Park
Fairgoers can make a wax cast of their hand and dip it in various colors
- **Wearever Workwear**
Located in the Lower Grandstand
Work clothing, including pants, hats, belts, vest and jackets by Swedish company Blaklader
- **Western Traditions**
Located outside of the Sheep and Poultry Barn
Felt and straw hats, hatbands, hat cases, hat brushes, rain covers, Sabona bracelets for riding, hat cleaning and reshaping
- **Whalen Woods Log Furniture**
Located in the Modern Living Building
Handcrafted original design log furniture for the home or cabin including, bedroom sets, dinette and dining room sets, desks, bookcases, couches and chairs
- **Wiggle Racer**
Located in the Upper Grandstand
A rideable toy for children-no batteries or motor required-made of durable lightweight plastic
- **Yarn Buddies by Rosie**
Located in Baldwin Park
Yarn Buddies marionettes
- **Yellowstone Redwood Signs**
Located outside of the Warner Coliseum
Custom redwood signs made onsite

ENTERTAINMENT

See the *Entertainment* section of this media guide for complete schedules and location information.

- **The Bazaar After Dark**
Located on The International Bazaar Stage, sponsored by Summit Brewing Co.
De'Anna the Hypno-Chick performs every night of the fair beginning at 8 p.m.

- **Festival of Nations Demonstration Stage**

Located in the International Bazaar

International Institute's Festival of Nations Demonstration stage features entertainment and demonstrations from countries around the world.

Acts ranging from Lebanese belly dancers to a Thai vegetable carver are presented to fairgoers throughout the 12 days of the fair.

- **State Fair Chautauqua**

Four free shows daily at noon, 2, 4, and 6 p.m

Located east of Heritage Square and north of the Skyride

Guests are invited to experience the "Carnegie Hall of Tent Shows" and celebrate Minnesota's 150th birthday with State Fair Chautauqua's *Old Minnesota: Song of the North Star*. The show brings to life the ambitions and accomplishments of Minnesota's Native inhabitants, European settlers and their descendants through story, song and large-screen vintage visuals. See page 36 for more details.

EXHIBITS

- **Gold Star Registry**

Located in the Modern Living Building

Free on-line teacher registry to obtain extra materials for their classrooms. Donors, parents or business communities access the registry to purchase the items and have the materials shipped directly to the teacher.

- **Hazelden Foundation**

Located in the Education Building

Hazelden Foundation will provide information and materials on its programs, services, treatment, education and research.

- **Higher Education Consortium**

Located in the Education Building

Higher Education Consortium for Urban Affairs or HECUA, provides information regarding its study abroad programs.

- **John F. Kennedy Remembered Exhibit**

Located on Underwood, north of Visitors Plaza

JFK Remembered features over 300 artifacts related to the late 35th President of the United States. The museum-like exhibit offers information and insight into both the public and private aspects of the president's life through video, photographs, music, hands-on activities and items personally owned by John F. Kennedy. The exhibit also includes an exact replica of the blue 1961 Lincoln limousine that was built specifically for JFK and used throughout his presidency. The experience focuses on Kennedy's many achievements and gives guests a new look at the famous president's life.

- **Minnesota AFL-CIO Green Building**

Located at Dan Patch Avenue and Cooper Street

The Minnesota AFL-CIO goes green at this year's fair with the grand opening of its new "green" building. The new structure was built over the summer and is designed entirely to ecologically-friendly standards, making it the first green building on the fairgrounds.

- **Minnesota Timberwolves**

Located in the Upper Grandstand

An informative display about Minnesota's pro-basketball team.

- **"A Mirror of Minnesota Greatness..."**

- **The History of the Minnesota State Fair**

Located in the J.V. Bailey House

The Minnesota State Fair Foundation presents the history of the Minnesota State Fair through the eyes of fair participants, fans and friends. The exhibit features State Fair photos and artifacts. The J.V. Bailey House is open to the public daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- **Share Your State Fair Story**

Located in the J.V. Bailey House

The Minnesota State Fair Foundation, in partnership with the Minnesota State Historical Society, invites fair guests to share their State Fair stories and memories. The Foundation is looking for personal narratives, observations and comments about State Fair experiences. Stories will be collected at the J.V. Bailey House during the fair and on-line anytime at www.msffoundation.org. Anyone can browse stories on the State Fair Foundation website at www.msffoundation.org and watch for submitted stories in future Minnesota State Fair history exhibits.

- **Transit for Liveable Communities**

Located in the Education Building

This non-profit organization's exhibit urges a more balanced transportation system, including access to public transit that would be more environmentally sound.

FOOD

New Food Items

- **Chicken bites on-a-stick** (blackened chicken breast meat served with horseradish sauce)
Axel's, located on the outside southeast corner of the Food Building
- **Deep-fried ice cream**
San Felipe Tacos, located in the Food Building
- **Deep-fried s'mores on-a-stick** (marshmallow, chocolate and graham cracker battered and deep-fried)
Oodles of Noodles, located inside the Food Building
- **Deep-fried tator tots on-a-stick** (tater tots made with hashbrowns, cheese, bacon, onions and sour cream deep-fried)
Axel's, located on the southeast corner of the Food Building
- **Dessert chocolate pizza**
Pizza Shoppe, located inside the Food Building
- **Fish tacos** (southern California style fish tacos)
San Felipe Tacos, located in the Food Building
- **Fried bacon on-a-stick (Big Fat Bacon)** (1/3 lb. slice of bacon fried and caramelized with maple syrup and served with dipping sauces)
Big Fat Bacon, located on Carnes Avenue near Nelson Street in front of the DNR Building

- **Grilled shrimp on-a-stick**
Grilled Shrimp, *located on Underwood Street near the Ye Old Mill*
- **Italian breakfast strata** (layers of italian sausage and cheese with Italian bread)
Oodles of Noodles, *located inside the Food Building*
- **Italian Ice** (frozen non-dairy confections with up to 20 different flavors)
Isabella's Italian Ice, *located on the corner of Liggett Street and Dan Patch Avenue*
- **Leprechaun legs**
(lightly battered, deep-fried green beans with dipping sauce)
O'Garas, *located inside the Food Building*
- **Neopolitan cream puffs**
Cream Puffs, *located on the corner of Liggett Street and Dan Patch Avenue*
- **Norwegian style cheese curds** (cheese curds battered in a Scandanavian batter, deep-fried and served with Lingonberry-flavored dipping sauce)
Ole and Lena's, *located on Liggett near Carnes*
- **Pickle pop** (pickle juice frozen in a plastic push-up sleeve)
Preferred Pickle, *located inside the Food Building*
- **Pig lickers** (chocolate-covered crisp-fried bacon pieces)
Famous Dave's, *located on Dan Patch Avenue near Liggett Street*
- **Walking Taco** (taco ingredients served neatly in a Dorito bag)
Church of the Epiphany, *located on Underwood Street between Carnes Avenue and Judson Avenue*
- **Yaki-Soba noodles**
(buckwheat style noodles, wok-fried with spices and vegetables)
Island Noodles, *located inside the International Bazaar*

New Food Vendors

- **Cranium Freeze** - Offering self-serve slush beverages with a wide variety of flavor options. *Located on the Midway*
- **Global Market Kitchen** - A number of vendors will share the kitchen by selling their various products on different days. Vendors include: Manny's Tortas (cuban hot grilled sandwiches), La Loma (tamales), Pham's Deli (spring rolls and bubble tea) and Jaquenos' (wrapped asparagus, hoagies and salads). *Located in the International Bazaar*
- **Granny's Cheesecake & More** - Serving hand-dipped cheesecake and strawberry banana kabobs in chocolate. *Located on Dan Patch Avenue in front of the Arcade*
- **Holy Land Deli** - Serving traditional middle-eastern foods including falafel, gyros, baklava and pita chips. *Located in the International Bazaar*
- **Island Noodles** - Serving wok-fried Hawaiian-style buckwheat noodles with vegetables. *Located in the International Bazaar*
- **Juicy's Outlaw Grill** - Measuring 20 feet high, 83 feet long, weighing 27 tons and cooking nearly 1,000 items simultaneously, Juicy's makes outdoor dining an event. The Outlaw Grill will make its first appearance in

Minnesota at the State Fair, serving burgers, brats and BBQ food. *Located on Underwood Street near Lee Avenue*

- **Grilled Shrimp** - Serving grilled shrimp on-a-stick. *Located on Underwood Street near the Ye Old Mill*
- **Old Fashioned Ice Cream** - Serving fresh-made vanilla ice cream in slow-churned, hand-cranked ice cream makers. *Located on the corner of Lee Avenue and Cooper Street*
- **Panda Palace** - Serving traditional asian foods such as lo mein, sweet & sour chicken, egg rolls and cream cheese won-tons. *Located in the International Bazaar*
- **San Felipe Tacos** - Serving southern California style fish tacos and deep-fried ice cream. *Located in the Food Building*

SAVINGS

- **BRBB Bonus Coupon**

The State Fair Blue Ribbon Bargain Book has 100 coupons worth over \$500 in savings on food, merchandise and attractions.

New this year, the book contains a bonus coupon good for a free ride or admission at one of the five favorite fair attractions, including the Butterfly House, Pirate Island Shootout, Space Tower, Sky Ride and Ye Old Mill.

Blue Ribbon Bargain Books are available through Aug. 20 for only \$4 wherever pre-fair discount admission tickets are sold. During the fair, books may be purchased at State FairWear Gift Shops on the fairgrounds for just \$5.

- **Sunset Sunday Savings**

This Sunday evening promotion will feature a minimum of 20% off at participating vendors from 8 p.m. until close on Aug. 24 & 31.

TEXAS TRICK RIDERS

Located in the Warner Coliseum

The Texas Trick Riders will perform at all paid English and Western Horse Shows and the Minnesota State Fair Bullriding Show. Performances feature riders and horses demonstrating Roman riding, trick riding, whip cracking, trick horses and trick roping. For a complete schedule, see "Horse Shows and Warner Coliseum Events" on page 18 of this press kit.

OTHER NEW ELEMENTS

- **2008 Minnesota State Fair Art by Edie Abnet**

The 2008 State Fair commemorative art is featured on the cover of this media kit.

Creator of the 2008 State Fair commemorative art, Minnesota resident Edie Abnet is best known for her unique style which combines multiple types of media to create her unique still-life portraits. A renowned local artist, Abnet's work can be found throughout the Midwest as well as in galleries throughout the St. Croix River area.

Exclusively for the fair, Abnet created the original interpretation of the Great Minnesota Get-Together using watercolor and pastels. The piece captures the joy and excitement of our great State Fair.

Commemorative merchandise featuring Abnet's art is available at State FairWear Gift Shops on the fairgrounds, which are located in Visitors Plaza,

the Lower Grandstand and the Warner Coliseum (north entrance), as well as in the Fine Arts Center. Proceeds support the Minnesota State Fair Foundation 501(c)(3) and its mission to preserve State Fair buildings, grounds and educational programs.

The original art will be displayed in the Fine Arts Center during the fair.

- **Commemorative Sesquicentennial Mosaic**

Created in mosaic and handmade tile, this public art piece is a collaboration of community members throughout Minnesota. The Sesquicentennial Commission selected artist Susan Warner to create this monumental travel postcard celebrating the regional landmarks, culture and spirit of Minnesota. The State Fairgrounds will be the permanent home of this tribute to our state and will be available for all Minnesotans to enjoy for many years to come. Unveiling ceremony for the mosaic will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 21. The mosaic is sponsored by the Minnesota Sesquicentennial Commission, General Mills and Securian.

- **Street Painting at the X-Zone**

Sponsored by Coca-Cola

Highly skilled Madonnari, or street painting artists, create colorful three-dimensional images on the streets of The X-Zone. Artists render the illusions of flights of stairs and other 3-D designs by drawing correctly proportioned images on the pavement. The colored chalk brings the images to life when viewed from the correct angle. The craft of 3-D street painting is one mastered by only a few artists in the world.

- **Bottle Sculptures**

Sponsored by Coca-Cola

Located in the Family Fair

Students from art and design schools around the Twin Cities compete to create unique sculptures made entirely out of a pre-determined number of glass Coca-Cola bottles. The theme of the contest centers around recycling. The winning sculptors will receive an award and have their sculpture displayed at the Coca-Cola Bottling Plant in Eagan, Minn. In addition, fairgoers can learn more about recycling and the steps Coca-Cola is taking to help with the greening of the environment.

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