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THE BIG E IS BACK FOR SEVENTEEN FUN-FILLED DAYS! SEPTEMBER 13-29, 2024

The food, music and must-see attractions of The Big E begin Sept. 13, and the fun-filled event runs through Sept. 29. Here is the most up-to-date information on this year's Fair. **Please note:** All information is subject to change.

ENTERTAINMENT

From major headliners with chart-topping hits, to up and coming artists performing original tracks, The Big E is bringing more than 80 live bands to three stages:

The Big E Arena, sponsored by *Truly Hard Seltzer*
All shows 7:30pm – Doors open at 5:30pm.

Sept. 13 – [Phil Wickham](#)
Sept. 14 – [Ludacris](#)
Sept. 15 – [Umphey's McGee with Lotus](#)
Sept. 20 – [Dustin Lynch with special guest Dylan Scott](#)
Sept. 21 – [Diplo with special guest Kito](#)
Sept. 22 – [America with special guest Jim Messina](#)
Sept. 27 – [Brothers Osborne with special guest Elvie Shane](#)
Sept. 28 – [Public Enemy](#)
Sept. 29 – [Big Time Rush](#)

Court of Honor Stage, sponsored by *MattressFirm*
All concerts are free with Fair admission.

Sept.13-18 – [DNA Mindreaders](#), 12 & 5pm
Sept. 13-15 – [Siamsa Tire](#): The National Folk Theatre of Ireland, 2pm
Sept. 13 – [Let's Sing Taylor](#), 8pm
Sept. 14 – [Young Dubliners](#), 8pm
Sept. 15 – [Average White Band](#), 8pm
Sept. 16-17 – [Chubby Checker](#), 2pm
Sept. 16-17 – The Australian Bee Gees, 8pm
Sept. 18-19 – [Debbie Boone](#), 2pm
Sept. 18 – [Asia](#), 8pm
Sept. 19-23: [Careless Vibe](#), 12 & 5pm
Sept. 19 – [Paul Russell](#), 8pm
Sept. 20-22: [Deep Blue Something](#), 2pm
Sept. 20 – [Fuel](#), 8pm
Sept. 21 – [The Kentucky Headhunters](#), 8pm

Sept. 22 – Quiet Riot, 8pm
Sept. 23-24 – [Herman's Hermits starring Peter Noone](#), 2pm
Sept. 23 – [Wang Chung](#), 8pm
Sept. 24-29 – [Powerhouse!!!](#), 12 & 5pm
Sept. 24 – [Wang Chung](#), 8pm
Sept. 25-26 – [Femmes of Rock](#), 2pm
Sept. 25 – [Slaughter](#), 8pm
Sept. 26 – [Great Southern](#) featuring Lee Roy Parnell, 8pm
Sept. 27-29 – [Andy Kim](#), 2pm
Sept. 27 – [Lisa Loeb](#), 8pm
Sept. 28 – [Matt Friend](#), 8pm
Sept. 29 – [Hinder](#), 8pm

The E Stage, sponsored by *Blue Chair Bay Rum*

Listen to talented emerging artists and original music. Check out **The New Limits**, Sept. 15; **Delta Generators**, Sept. 16; **Krishna Guthrie Band**, Sept. 21; and so many more! Show times are Mon.-Thurs., 3 & 7pm; Fri.-Sun., 12:30, 4:30 & 8:30pm.

Halfway to St. Patrick's Day – Sept. 13-15

DINGLE STAGE – Young Building

Live music

Meet the Makers – Noon, 2 & 4pm

Siamsa Tire: The National Folk Theatre of Ireland, Storrowton Gazebo, Sept. 13-15, 11am
With Mickela Mallozzi, Sept. 14 only

Siamsa Tire: The National Folk Theatre of Ireland, Court of Honor, Sept. 13-15, 2pm

Slainte – The E Stage, Sept. 13, 8:30pm

The Corner Boys – The E Stage, Sept. 14, 12:30pm

Young Dubliners, Court of Honor, Sept. 14, 8pm

Sarah the Fiddler – The E Stage, Sept. 15, 4:30pm

Dolly's Honky Tonk, sponsored by *Boot Barn*, with World Champion Trick Roper Trevor Dreher, Sept. 13-19; Kansas Carradine, Sept. 20-22; and Cowboy Circus, Sept. 23-29. Plus: a mechanical bull, Stompin' Boots Line Dancing, Sept. 16-19 and Sept. 23-26; and the NEW Boot Scootin' Saloon!

The Big Parade, sponsored by *MGM Springfield*, with Mardi Gras floats, a new "Alligator" float, marching bands and more, every day at 6pm; **Barnyard Petting Zoo**; the **Sky-High Super Wheel** on the **North American Midway**; and much more!

Collector Car Live: Cruise Night --Sept. 17, The Big E Arena, sponsored by *Truly Hard Seltzer*

Longtime show hosts, Mike Brewer and Wayne Carini, are joined by Steve Magnante and Mike Joy to present Collector Car Live as a special cruise night in The Big E Arena from 4-8pm.

Circus Spectacular: Circus United

Under The Big Top • Daily, 1, 4, & 7pm

An international cast of performers. Limited Premium Ringside tickets at TheBigE.com.

Our esteemed international cast includes: Fan favorite, comedian Renaldo; Paul Cifuentes performing the Wheel of Destiny; Alec and Daniella in the acrobatic Cradle act "Cabril Amore;" The Petrov family's Plate Spinners Extraordinaire; Winner of America's Got Talent All Stars, acrobat Aiden Bryant on the Lyra hoop; Nelson Escobar, the World's fastest juggler; and Tina Miser the Human Cannonball.

Disc-Connected K-9s, sponsored by *Leaf Filter Gutter Protection*

Daily at the Mallary Rotunda • Daily, 11am, 1, 3, 5 & 7pm

Grab a front row seat under the Mallary Rotunda and watch these agile Frisbee Dogs run through their paces.

Cast in Bronze

Daily at the Avenue ShowPlace • 1, 4 & 7pm

A unique musical experience: five centuries of history with four tone of bronze bells. Witness the magic of carillon bells as they have never been heard before.

Street Performers

Fritz Brothers One-Man Circus – 11:30am, 2:30 & 5:30pm

Cowgirl Circus – Sept. 23-29

SPECIAL DESTINATIONS

Ireland's Dingle Peninsula Showcase

The Dingle Distillery Bar, authentic Dingle merchandise, incredible woolens, and the Halfway to St. Patrick's Day

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UNITED WE FAIR

celebration, Sept. 13-15! Celebration abounds with Irish-themed musical entertainment and dancing throughout the grounds led by four-time Emmy Award winner, Mickela Mallozzi, host of the PBS travel series "Bare Feet with Mickela Mallozzi," who will make special appearances on Saturday, Sept. 14 for a series of dance and cultural presentations. New this year, is Dingle Art School, where you can join artist Anne Lundon painting and bring home a little piece of Dingle; or maybe join Anne for an Art Class on the afternoons of Sept. 14-17 (limited to 10 per class). She will also create a painting in acrylics to commemorate West Springfield's 250th anniversary. Come and meet all the makers, hear their stories and see their amazing hand-crafted products. Dignitaries from across the pond will visit The Big E including the Mayor of Kerry, Breandán Fitzgerald, who hails from Dingle town, members of Ireland's Kerry County Council, Údarás na Gaetachta and the Irish Consulate in Boston.

Eastern States Farmers Market & Wine Barn

Home to some of New England's finest wines, cheeses, ciders and more! Want a refreshing drink? Pick up a wine slushy and cheese plate, or a wine sundae in **The Wine Café** and relax in the courtyard. Brimming with more than New England's finest wines and cheeses, visit the Farmers Market for high quality home goods, clothing, bags, jewelry and more!

Avenue of States

The only place in the nation where you can visit all six New England states without stepping foot outside of the fairgrounds! Each building offers unique products, crafts, foods, vacation information and more. Stick around for **Harvest New England Day** Friday, Sept. 27, to witness Avenue lawns brimming with native products and specialty vendors!

FAIR FOOD

The Big E is all about food! Dive into some of our signature treats such as The Big E Cream Puff, introducing an exciting new Cookies and Cream flavor, The Big Éclair, or experience the new and improved Craz-E Burger! Craving something different? There are hundreds of options to choose from across the grounds.

New this year – **3 Buck Bites** – on Monday, Sept. 16, fairgoers can enjoy small portions of popular dishes at participating vendors – for \$3!

AGRICULTURE

Known as the largest agricultural event on the eastern seaboard, The Big E offers an exceptional educational showcase and an up-close view of life on the farm.

Mallory Complex

Meet and cheer on the amazing people and animals of the New England agricultural community at competitions, shows, and exhibits every day at The Big E! Come on down to see 4-H and FFA youth in action!

Butter Sculpture, sponsored by Cabot

Witness the food artistry team of Jim Victor and Marie Pelton's masterpiece made from 600 pounds of AgriMark/Cabot Creamery Cooperative butter!

4-H Milk Booth & Apple Booth

Indulge in an old-fashioned chocolate, vanilla or strawberry "Jetshake!" Stop by the 4-H Milk Booth located under the Mallory Rotunda. Or, if you feel like having a light, healthy snack, the 4-H Apple Booth in Farm-A-Rama is sure to hit the spot.

Farm-A-Rama

Pigs and piglets, beekeepers, goats, hatching chicks and, new this year, The Hobby Knoll Clydesdales. Meet the American Beekeeping Federation Honey Princess, hosted by the Hampden County Beekeepers Association, Sept. 13-15.

COLISEUM

Eastern States Exposition Horse Show

A USEF Heritage Competition

- Hunter Show and USHJA Zone 1 HOTA Finals: Sept. 11-15
- \$15,000 Hunter Classic: Sept. 13
- Saddlebreds, Hackneys, Morgans, Friesians & Open Opportunity Classes: Sept. 19-22

The Big E Draft Horse Show – Sept. 26-29

Sept. 29:

2024 North American Classic Cart Series Eastern Regional Finals

Haflinger and Hitch Pony Championship Series Finals

\$50,000 Six-Horse Hitch Showdown

Horse Pulling: Sept. 16

Ox Pulling: Sept. 17

NEW ENGLAND CENTER

Step inside the New England Center, home of Creative Arts, 4-H Clubs, Food Contests and The Big E Bakery! See what fun, family entertainment is happening on the New England Center Community Stage or watch creativity in the making at the Demonstration Corral.

Creative Arts

If you have a passion for the arts, visit the New England Center to see the display of entries and winners from the Exposition's annual Creative Arts contest--from photography to quilting, sewing, beading, knitting and more. This year's New England Center contest lineup includes: **Make it with Clay Pottery Contest** on Sept. 17; **Recycled or Repurposed Crafts Contest** on Sept. 19; **Plein Air Contest** on Sept. 24; **Woodturning & Scroll Contest** on Sept. 25; and the **Puzzle Contest** on Sept. 26.

STORROWTON VILLAGE

This reconstructed 19th century New England Village is an oasis of peace and tranquility. During the Fair, it will be buzzing with activity, such as demonstrations of broom making and more. There will also be glass blowing demonstrations by Mobile Glass Studios, children's games on the green and tours of historic buildings.

Entertainment in the Village

Swing by the Storrowton Gazebo, sponsored by *Good Health Sauna*, to see fun entertainers such as **Mighty Mike**, Sept. 13-18; **Bex in Motion**, Sept. 19-23; and **Hilby, the Skinny German Juggle Boy**, Sept. 24-29. Show times are 12:30, 3:30, & 6:30pm.

Eastern States Exposition History Museum

Learn about the history of The Big E!

Hampden County Building • Daily, 10am-10pm

SHOPPING

Treat yourself to something special, buy a few gifts and crafts for family and friends, or start (and finish) your holiday shopping at The Big E! Begin with the **Farmers Market**, just inside Gate 9A, and don't miss a corner of our 175-acre fairgrounds. The buildings and byways overflow with unique shops and vendors to satisfy all your shopping needs.

Official Merchandise

Stop by and pick up your Fairwear! T-shirts, sweats, hats and more! Stores are located inside Gate 5 on the Court of Honor, on Commonwealth Avenue and inside Gate 9A.

The Shops at Storowton

The Christmas Shop, in Potter Mansion, features holiday decorations, collectibles and more. While there, visit the Halloween Shop nearby. You'll find an array of scented candles, candleholders, dinnerware and accessories in the Yankee Candle shop on the lower level of the Grange Building.

The Front Porch

The Big E's district for local goods and gatherings, delectable foods, music and memorable moments! Located near Gate 5, outside the Better Living Center, The Front Porch features Adirondack chairs, cozy spaces and live performances from The E Stage. You won't want to miss what this neighborhood has to offer!

Crafts

Discover one-of-a-kind jewelry, artwork, decorative items and more in Craft Common (on Storowton Village's back green), along Hampden Avenue, and in the Carriage House.

Outdoor Exhibits

Searching for the perfect addition to your backyard? Find a new gazebo, garage, shed, hot tub, or tractor as you make your way around the fairgrounds.

Better Living Center

Our 123,000 square foot shopping center has something for everyone! In the BLC, find everything from fine jewelry to the latest hair accessories, kitchen gadgets or unique items for your pet.

International Plaza in the Young Building

Looking for unique products? Maybe some home décor or keepsakes? We have some great products from around the world featuring places such as Ireland, India, Ecuador, Greece, China, Thailand and more!

NORTH AMERICAN MIDWAY

New Midway Rides:

The Himalaya – The mighty Himalaya travels at extreme speed, thrashing backwards and forwards over peaks and valleys, sirens blaring and lights flashing, all while pumping out the best music on the Midway.

New to Kiddieland: Mississippi Train, Venetian Swings and Movie Magic.

Midway Tickets:

- 1 Ticket - \$.50
- 20 Tickets - \$10
- 45 Tickets - \$20
- 65 Tickets - \$30
- 140 Tickets - \$60
- 240 Tickets - \$98

Sky-High Super Wheel: 21 Tickets

VIP Gondola: 45 Tickets

Pay-One-Price Midway Magic Pass

\$35 – Good any one-day Mon-Fri • (\$30 if purchased by Sept. 11)

[Available online](#) and at The Big E Box Office.

Wristbands are not transferable

Midway Express Access Pass

Go to the head of the line • \$15

Sold on the Midway.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Catholic Masses

Every Sunday: 8am in the Storowton Meetinghouse; 10am in the Big Top Circus Tent
Sept. 15, 10am – Mass celebrated by Bishop William Byrne in the Big Top Circus Tent

Non-Denominational Services

Storowton Village Meetinghouse
Sept. 13 – 9am – POW/MIA Memorial Service
Sept. 22 – 9:15am – First Baptist Church of Agawam
Sept. 29 – 9:15am – Christ Presbyterian Church

TICKETS & FAIR INFO

Buy Advance Discount Tickets & Save!

Advance discount tickets are sold online, at The Big E Box Office, or through our new official presale ticket partner **Rocky's Ace Hardware** through Sept. 11. Advance tickets are \$16 for adults and \$10 for children ages 6-12. Visit TheBigE.com or Rocky's Ace Hardware to purchase. Visit TheBigE.com for a listing of participating Rocky's locations.

Opening Day is Friday, Sept. 13

Military Appreciation Day – ID Required for free admission for:

- Active Duty and retired military personnel and dependents
- Veterans (no dependents)

Regular Gate Admission

Tickets purchased at the gate are \$20 for adults, \$12 for children (6-12), and FREE for 5 & under.

Gate Discounts

Eleven-After-Five - \$11 after 5pm Sunday-Thursday
Senior Days – \$16 (60 & over) Sunday-Thursday

Value Passes

17-Day Value Passes are \$70 for adults and \$35 for children (6-12), and are available for purchase at TheBigE.com in the Big E Box Office or at the gates.

The Big E Hours

Gates – 8am
Buildings, exhibits and crafts – 10am-10pm
Storowton Village, Yankee Candle Shop, Avenue of States and New England Center – open until 9pm.
The Village Craft Area is open until 10pm
North American Midway – Sun.-Thurs., 11am-10pm; Friday & Saturday, 10am-11pm.

Find The Big E's full program and learn more about these attractions at TheBigE.com.

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The Big E, brought to you by Eastern States Exposition, takes place September 13 -29 in West Springfield, Mass. The Big E is the seventh largest fair in North America and is recognized as the largest event on the East Coast by attendance numbers. Advance discount tickets are now available at TheBigE.com and select Rocky's Ace Hardware locations. Visit the website for a full schedule of events check out the fairtime excitement on social media!