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FIVE MORE SHOWS ANNOUNCED FOR THE 2023 BIG FRESNO FAIR TABLE MOUNTAIN CONCERT SERIES LINE-UP

Exclusive Big Fair Fan Club Pre-sale starts May 9 at 10 a.m. with Fair Admission Discount

FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, May 1, 2023...The Big Fresno Fair is excited to announce five more dynamic shows as part of the Table Mountain Concert Series in the Paul Paul Theater presented by Modelo Especial and Toyota. These new concerts are: En Vogue with special guest Exposé; Elle King; Hairball; Danny Gokey and Ryan Stevenson; and The Beach Boys.

These concerts will go on sale first to Big Fair Fan (BFF) Club members, the Fair's free email newsletter, as part of an **online-only** pre-sale starting on Tuesday, May 9 at 10:00 a.m. and going until Thursday, May 18 at 11:59 p.m. During this time, any BFF Club member who purchases concert tickets to one of these shows can also purchase a 50% off Fair admission ticket. Discounted admission and concert ticket must be purchased in the same transaction. Tickets will then go on sale to the general public online-only on Friday, May 19 at 10:00 a.m.

BFF Club Members will receive a special password via email the day before the pre-sale. Know someone who isn't a part of the BFF Club, but would like to purchase their concert tickets AND receive 50% off Fair admission ahead of time? Tell them to sign up for free at www.FresnoFair.com/BFFClub.

MORE ABOUT THE NEW CONCERTS ADDED!

En Vogue with special guest Exposé
Thursday, October 5 | Ticket Prices: \$50, \$40, \$35

This will be a throwback night for the books! Formed in 1989 in the Bay Area, **En Vogue** began their official takeover in 1990 with their hit single, "Hold On" from their critically-acclaimed debut album, *Born to Sing*, which reached No. 1 on both the Dance and R&B/Hip-Hop charts. In their career, En Vogue has sold over 20 million physical albums. More impressively, they have transitioned effortlessly into the digital age, garnering over 30 million streams and 26 million plus YouTube views for their Top six singles alone, which, in addition to "Hold On," includes "Free Your Mind," "Never Gonna Get It," "Giving Him Something He Can Feel," "Don't Let Go" and "Whatta Man (feat. Salt-N-Pepa)."

Doubling down on their En Vogue legacy has yielded tremendous fruit. Their Ne-Yo-penned, Curtis "Sauce" Wilson-produced radio single "Rocket" became their first Top 10 single in 20 years. To date, the video has nearly two million YouTube views. Their second single, "Reach 4 Me" hit the Top 20. The album itself on En Vogue Records, the label formed by Herron and Ellis in 2016 and distributed by eOne Music, reached the Top 20 on Billboard's independent album chart. 30 years later, the evolution of En Vogue, now a trio with Terry Ellis, Cindy Herron-Braggs and Rhona Bennett, is still thriving.





Exposé started their musical journey in the mid-to-late 1980s, becoming the first group in history to have four Top 10 hits on their debut album, surpassing records originally set by The Beatles and The Supremes. In a time when rock and roll dominated the charts, Exposé brought dance music into the spotlight and music would never be the same. Exposé actively toured and recorded music from 1985 to 1995 while topping the Top 40, R&B and Adult Contemporary charts in the US and throughout the world. Along with their No. 1 smash hit, “Seasons Change,” Exposé became the first girl group to have seven back-to-back Top 10 hits on the Billboard Hot 100.

After taking over 15 years off to raise families, embark on solo projects and work with other artists, Exposé returned to recording and performing. Their first new dance/pop single “Shine On” was released in 2016 and has quickly become a crowd pleaser, lighting up dance floors around the world.

Elle King

Saturday, October 7 | Ticket Prices: \$42, \$32, \$22

Award-winning country and pop-rock sensation, **Elle King**, isn’t your typical singer and songwriter. She began writing songs at the young age of 13 and by 16, had her own residency at the now closed Spike Hill in Brooklyn, New York. One day a kid name Cranston showed up with a banjo, which put her whole life in order. Only, the business where she had her residency had other ideas advising the blonde with the tattoos and a wide-open spirit to “tone down the country and play up the rock and roll stuff.” Suddenly an alternative icon – scoring Best Rock Vocal Performance and Best Rock Song Grammy nomination for “Ex’s & Oh’s” – Elle toured with some of the biggest – male fronted – alternative rock bands, where she held her own.

King’s latest album, *Come Get Your Wife*, features appearances by country forces Dierks Bentley and Miranda Lambert, with hit songs “Worth a Shot” and “Drunk (And I Don’t Want to Go Home)” – garnering King multiple music industry recognitions such as CMA’s Vocal Event of the Year, a 2021 ACM Award, CMA Vocal Event nomination and set streaming records.

Come Get Your Wife draws on the ups and downs of King’s life – and how she got here. Teaming with two-time BMI Songwriter of the Year Ross Copperman, the pair worked in two-day blasts to create an album that was bright and aggressive, smart and porous. They enlisted some of Nashville’s best roots players – Fred Eltringham and Nir Z on drums, Kenny Greenberg, Ilya Toshinskiy and Rob McNelley on electric, two-time CMA Musician of the Year Jenee Fleanor on fiddle and mandolin, and Linda Ronstadt veteran Dan Dugmore on steel. It lends the dreamy gratitude of “Lucky,” the cowgirl power-strumming self-assessment “Bonafide” and the steamy Etta James-evoking blues soul “Love Go By”.

Hairball

Monday, October 9 | FREE with paid Fair admission

Hairball is a bombastic celebration of arena rock, and a Rock & Roll experience you don’t want to miss. A band puts on a concert - Hairball puts on an event! Vocalists Kris Vox, Dave Moody and Drew Hart lead the band through a mind-blowing and drop-dead accurate homage to some of the biggest arena rock acts in the world. Van Halen, KISS, Mötley Crüe, Queen, Journey and Aerosmith are just a few of the acts fans will see brought to life. The Hairball stage becomes an entirely new rock concert right before your eyes throughout the night!





The motor that drives the Hairball dragster consists of HBK on the electric bass, Billy on drums, and Happy on the lead guitar. These Rock & Roll soldiers pride themselves on nailing some of the most memorable licks and chops of all times, while still adding their own style and flare that they've cultivated over decades of tireless performing. Don't confuse Hairball with the countless "80's Tribute" bands across the country. Hairball is an experience, an attitude, and expression of music that isn't simply a retro flashback, it's a way of life!

Danny Gokey & Ryan Stevenson

Tuesday, October 10 | \$32, \$22, \$18

Three-time Grammy® Nominee, three-time KLOVE Male Vocalist of the Year, Dove Award winner, and eight-time Dove Award Nominee, Milwaukee native **Danny Gokey** became a favorite of millions of fans as a Top 3 finalist on Season Eight of American Idol. Following Idol, Gokey dropped his first album, *My Best Days* and since that time has celebrated a series of No. 1 hits including "Hope In Front of Me," "Rise," "Haven't Seen It Yet," and holiday albums *Christmas Is Here* and *The Greatest Gift*. His most recent album *Jesus People*, released in August 2021, explores a broad spectrum of musical styles. Spawning singles like "Rise," "The Comeback," "Love God Love People," and RIAA Gold-certified "Hope in Front of Me," "Tell Your Heart to Beat Again" and "Haven't Seen It Yet," Danny Gokey has cemented his place on radio charts with multi-week, multi-chart-topping runs in the United States, Canada, and now Latin markets with the releases of Spanish singles and collaborations. The desire to make a broader impact with his message of hope led to the founding of nonprofit organization, Better Than I Found It. He and his wife Leyiet also launched *Living la Vida Gokey*, a podcast featuring conversations about faith and family.

Holding Nothing Back - more than the compelling title of singer/songwriter **Ryan Stevenson's** debut EP on Gotee Records, it's the theme of his life these days. Unafraid to bare his heart before the world, the Boise-based artist is quickly gaining acclaim as a transparent songwriter, adeptly balancing hardship and hope with a beat. And among his growing legion of fans is TobyMac himself. The multi-platinum artist and co-founder of Gotee Records first discovered the power of Ryan's pen through the song "Speak Life," a track he co-wrote with Ryan and producer Jamie Moore, which is featured on his Grammy®-winning album, *Eye On It*. Ryan's *Holding Nothing Back* EP, produced by Moore, offers four songs—including an acoustic version of "Speak Life". While the title-cut marries smart, confident production with Ryan's earnest prayer for an undistracted life, his vulnerable approach marks every song on the project, especially "The Human Side."

The Beach Boys

Thursday, October 12 | \$42, \$32, \$22

The Beach Boys, which is led by Mike Love, who, along with longtime member Bruce Johnston, musical director Scott Totten, Brian Eichenberger, Christian Love, Tim Bonhomme, John Cowsill, Keith Hubacher and Randy Leago, continue the legacy of the iconic group. Grammy®-winning songwriter Bruce Johnston joined The Beach Boys in 1965, replacing Glenn Campbell, who filled-in for Brian Wilson, on vocals/bass, when he retired from touring. Highly regarded in his field, Johnston's vocal work with such legendary artists as Elton John and Pink Floyd firmly established him among rock's elite artists.

The band continues to create and perform with the same bold imagination and style that marked their explosive debut over 50 years ago. In 2013, their Capitol Records release, *Sounds of Summer* (RIAA





certified triple platinum with over three million in sales and climbing), and its companion *The Warmth of the Sun*, marked a resurgence in Beach Boys interest that again rocked the world.

The Beach Boys have garnered multiple awards and nominations in the industry including being inducted into the 1988 Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, and the NARAS Lifetime Achievement Award in 2001. In 2016, The Beach Boys celebrated the 50th anniversary of the hit "Good Vibrations" – which is widely considered one of the greatest masterpieces in the history of rock and roll – with a *50 Years of Good Vibrations* tour. Additionally, to commemorate this prolific time in the band's life, Love released his highly-anticipated memoir titled *GOOD VIBRATIONS: My Life as a Beach Boy*, which made its way to the New York Times Best Seller list immediately following its release.

Presently, Mike Love continues to bring new, creative projects to his dedicated fans year after year. In 2020, he debuted his latest single, "This Too Shall Pass," featuring special guest John Stamos. Released at the start of the pandemic, he wrote the song to remind everyone that better days are yet to come. In 2019, Love released *12 Sides of Summer*, a collection of original songs, covers and fresh takes on hits including George Harrison's "Here Comes the Sun," The Dave Clark Five's "Over and Over and Over Again," as well as updated renditions of The Beach Boys' "Surfin," "Surfin' Safari" and "It's Ok," featuring Hanson. The song marked Love's second recording with Hanson, after previously collaborating on "Finally it's Christmas" for Love's 2018 holiday album, *Reason For The Season*, which also features vocals from Love's children: Ambha, Brian, Christian, and Hayleigh Love. In 2017, Love released a special double album entitled *Unleash the Love* featuring 13 previously unreleased songs and 14 re-recordings of Beach Boys classics to positive acclaim.

About The Big Fresno Fair:

The Big Fresno Fair, founded in 1884, is the 5th largest fair in the state of California and represents the 21st District Agricultural Association. Nearly 600,000 people from throughout the state visit The Big Fresno Fair each year, making it the largest annual event in the Central Valley. Members of the Board of Directors include: Terry Gonsalves, President; Gary Chahil, Vice President; Frank Flores, Secretary/Treasurer; Linda Mae Balakian Hunsucker; Jerry Pacheco; Annalisa Perea, Chuck Riojas and Lawrence Salinas. Lauri L. King heads the daily operations in her role as CEO. The 2023 Big Fresno Fair will run October 4 – 15. For more details, please visit www.FresnoFair.com.

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