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## INDIANA STATE FAIR ANNOUNCES FIRST FOUR OF 17 CONCERTS TO BE PART OF THE 2016 INDIANA STATE FAIR

Legends of the 60's, A Movie Star, Hit making classic rockers & a Harmonica Virtuoso all part of initial concert lineup

Indianapolis, IN – Today the first four of 17 concerts were announced that will be part of the Free Stage lineup at the 2016 Indiana State Fair, which will take place August 5-21. Each night of the fair features a concert that is free with paid fair admission.

The first four shows announced today include:

- Happy Together Tour Wednesday, August 10 starring: The Turtles feat. Flo & Eddie, Chuck Negron formerly of Three Dog Night, Gary Puckett & The Union Gap, The Cowsills & Mark Lindsay (former lead singer of Paul Revere & The Raiders) and The Spencer Davis Group
- 38 Special Friday, August 12
- The Bacon Brothers Saturday, August 13
- Blues Traveler Monday, August 15

Additional Free Stage Shows will be announced soon

Online ticket sales are available now at a discounted rate of \$8 plus transaction fees on the Indiana State Fair <u>website</u>. Tickets can also be purchased at the Indiana Farmers Coliseum Box Office during regular business hours at the discounted rate. Tickets purchased at the gate are \$12.

Purchase of an Indiana State Fair ticket allows for general admission to the Free Stage concert seating area. No seats can be reserved unless otherwise specified. In response to customer demand and in an effort to improve the customer experience the Indiana State Fair will sell alcohol in designated areas at the Free Stage. For more information please visit our website.

**HAPPY TOGETHER TOUR:** This summer, music fans will rejoice as the celebrated Happy Together Tour returns to their city featuring the best musical talent of the sixties and seventies. The 2016 tour will include six headline artists with a total of 59 Billboard hits amongst them.



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38 SPECIAL: After more than three decades together, 38 Special continue to bring their signature blast of Southern Rock to over 100 cities a year. And at each and every show, thousands of audience members are amazed by the explosive power of the band's performance. Their many Gold and Platinum album awards stand in testament to the endurance of a legendary powerhouse. With sales in excess of 20 million, most associate the band with their arena-rock pop smashes, "Hold On Loosely," "Rockin' Into the Night," "Caught Up in You," "Fantasy Girl," "If I'd Been the One," "Back Where You Belong," "Chain Lightnin'," "Second Chance," and more — Timeless hits that remain a staple at radio, immediately recognizable from the first opening chord, and paving the way to their present-day touring regimen.

**THE BACON BROTHERS:** The Bacon Brothers are anything but a typical rock band. Brothers Michael and Kevin Bacon, each accomplished in their own right, play gritty rock that is unapologetically unique and authentic. Their style can best be described by their first album title, *Forosoco*, a word describing the blend of folk, rock, soul and country influences. Now, nearly 20 years later, The Bacon Brothers continue to impress audiences and critics with their soulful sound and their latest offering of Americana *36 Cents*.

**BLUES TRAVELER:** After selling millions of records and logging thousands of miles on the road, GRAMMY award-winning band Blues Traveler continue to chart new musical directions evident on their upcoming record *Blow Up The Moon*. A clever collaboration between various artists, *Blow Up The Moon* sees Blues Traveler keep an open-minded perspective on making music and enlists an eclectic mix of songwriters influenced by the band's remarkable 25+ year career. Some of Blues Traveler's biggest hits include, "Hook," "But Anyway," "The Mountains Win Again," and the mega-hit single "Runaround".

## About the Indiana State Fairgrounds & Event Center

The Indiana State Fairgrounds and Event Center is a modern public event facility that annually hosts more than 300 meetings, shows, sports and agricultural events, including the Indiana State Fair. The year-round management of the Fairgrounds is overseen by the Indiana State Fair Commission which is a quasi-governmental agency that was established in 1992, with the mission to preserve and enhance the Indiana State Fairgrounds and the annual Indiana State Fair for the benefit of all citizens of Indiana. Additional information is available at <a href="https://www.indianastatefair.com">www.indianastatefair.com</a>.