



INDIANA STATE FAIR

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Indiana State Fair Announces Second Wave of Hoosier Lottery Free Stage Concerts for 2023

A Fair Favorite Returns BIGGER and BETTER in 2023!

The Best Concert Value of the Summer Returns Featuring Classic Rock Legends STYX, American Country A Cappella Group Home Free, 90's Hit Makers Gin Blossoms, The Fan Favorite Happy Together Tour, Gospel Music Legend CeCe Winans & Popular DJ Kurt Streblov and More!

July 28-August 20, 2023 (Closed Mondays & Tuesdays)

INDIANAPOLIS (June 14, 2023) – Today the Indiana State Fair unveiled additional shows to its 2023 list of scheduled concerts as a part of the Hoosier Lottery Free Stage schedule, July 28 through August 20 (Fair is closed Mondays and Tuesdays). The Hoosier Lottery Free Stage has become a summertime staple for concert goers and music lovers. The line-up each year consists of some of music's most legendary and diverse acts and this year is no exception. All shows at the Hoosier Lottery Free Stage are free with paid fair admission and seating is first-come, first-served. All shows start at 7:30 p.m., unless noted otherwise.

NEW Shows just announcement today for 2023 Hoosier Lottery Free Stage at the Indiana State Fair schedule includes:

- Clint Black - Friday, July 28 (opening day)
- Peppa Pig Live! Peppa Pig's Adventure - Sunday, July 30 (11am & 2pm)
- Home Free - Sunday, July 30 (7:30pm)
- Keith Sweat - Wednesday, August 2
- Retro Rewind 90's Night featuring DJ Kurt Streblov- Thursday, August 3
- STYX - Friday, August 4
- TobyMac - Sunday, August 6
- Gin Blossoms - Friday, August 11
- THE TAYLOR PARTY: TAYLOR SWIFT NIGHT - Saturday, August 12
- Happy Together Tour 2023 featuring The Turtles, Little Anthony, Gary Puckett & The Union Gap, The Vogues, The Classics IV, The Cowsills - Wednesday, August 16
- Buddy Guy: *Damn Right Farewell* - Friday, August 18

- **Gospel Music Festival featuring CeCe Winans, presented by WTLC AM & FM - Sunday, August 20**

High resolution artist images are available by request or by visiting the State Fair media center photo gallery at www.IndianaStateFair.com.

As title sponsor of the Free Stage, the Hoosier Lottery is inviting fairgoers 18 or older to enter the free myLOTTERY All-Inclusive Indiana State Fair Prize Package promotion. Six people will win State Fair tickets, parking, Free Stage premium seating, Hoosier Lottery Prize Pack, autographed Indiana Pacers jersey, and Indiana Fever tickets. Enter by signing up to become a myLOTTERY member or confirming your existing account at HoosierLottery.com/StateFair by July 9, 2023. Promotional odds are dependent upon the number of entries received.

There will be a limited amount of reserved viewing area tickets sold later this summer for these concerts. The 2023 Indiana State Fair is scheduled to open on Friday, July 28 and runs through August 20, when you can enjoy The Greatest 18 Days of Summer at this iconic Hoosier tradition. For more information, please visit www.indianastatefair.com or follow the Indiana State Fair on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. The Indiana State Fair will be highlighted by its 2023 theme *The State That Grew The Game* presented by Pacers Sports & Entertainment.

2023 Artist Bios:

CLINT BLACK:

It has been three decades since the release of Clint Black's groundbreaking debut album, *Killin' Time*. The genre altering record cemented the Country music icon as one of the truest traditionalists in the game and his widespread influence can still be felt in the works of artists today. Now, the seemingly unstoppable legend is set to release his incredible 12th studio album, *Out of Sane*, dropping on June 19th. Having sold over 20 million records, earning 22 #1 career singles, nearly two dozen gold and platinum awards (U.S. and Canada), a Grammy Award, numerous CMA, ACM and American Music Awards, and being honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, Clint Black has had one of the most storied careers in modern music.

PEPPA PIG LIVE! PEPPA PIG'S ADVENTURE:

Come join Peppa on an exciting camping trip in the woods with George and her school friends, including Pedro Pony, Suzy Sheep and Gerald Giraffe. With lunch boxes packed and Daddy Pig driving the bus, Peppa and friends are excited about their outdoor adventure, full of singing, dancing, games and surprises. Little piggies everywhere will love this 60-minute live musical experience!

HOME FREE:

This country a cappella group comprised of vocalists Austin Brown, Rob Lundquist, Adam Rupp, Tim Foust, and Adam Chance has been captivating audiences with their unique sound with live performances since 2007. As the winners of the fourth season of NBC's *The Sing Off*, they released their first major album *Crazy Life* in 2014 and has been releasing original music since, their most recent album, *So Long Dixie*, released in November 2022.

KEITH SWEAT:

Keith Sweat is a Harlem-born R&B singer/songwriter who released his debut album, 'Make It Last Forever', at the end of 1987. The album sold over three million copies, spawning the hits "I Want Her" (#1 R&B, #5 pop), "Something Just Ain't Right" (#3 R&B), "Make It Last Forever" (#2 R&B), and "Don't Stop Your Love" (#9 R&B). It was followed in June 1990 by 'I'll Give All My Love to You', another million-seller, that featured the hits "Make You Sweat" (#1 R&B, #14 pop), "Merry Go Round" (#2 R&B), "I'll Give All My Love to You" (#1 R&B, #7 pop), and "Your Love - Part 2" (#4 R&B). Sweat's third album was 'Keep It Comin'', an R&B chart-topper at the end of 1991, whose title track was another #1 R&B hit. In 1994 he returned with 'Get Up on It'; a self-titled release followed in 1996, and two years later he issued 'Still in the Game' and 'Didn't See Me Coming' in fall 2000.

RETRO REWIND: 90s Night ft. DJ Kurt Streblow:

DJ Kurt Streblow always brings the party and is one of Indy's favorite DJs and is also the in-house DJ and Host for the Indiana Pacers and Indiana Fever.

STYX:

This classic rock band from Chicago, Illinois continues to leave fans in awe with their upbeat tracks and power ballads, infused with familiar sounds of hard rock guitar mixed with elements of international music theatre. Known for classic rock staples like "Lady," "Come Sail Away," and "Renegade." Styx has remained active both in the studio and the road, releasing their latest album "Crash of the Crown" in 2021.

TOBYMAC:

With more than 16 million units in career sales and a whopping seven GRAMMY® Awards, TobyMac's career continues on the fast track. His RIAA Certified Gold studio album, THIS IS NOT A TEST, garnered a GRAMMY® Award and Billboard Music Award nomination on top of debuting at No. 4 on the Billboard Top 200. Each of his six studio solo projects have achieved Gold certification, a first for any artist in the history of his label, Capitol Christian Music Group. Among those is his project EYE ON IT, which debuted atop the Billboard 200, only the third Christian album ever to do so. THE ELEMENTS, his latest GRAMMY® -nominated, a full collection of music, boasted "Everything," "Scars," "Edge of My Seat," "See The Light" and more alongside the chart-topper, RIAA Gold Certified "I just need U." His most recent singles, "21 Years," "Help Is On the Way (Maybe Midnight)," "Promised Land," "The Goodness (feat. Blessing Offor)," "Everything About You (feat. Marlee)" and "Show Up Choose Love (feat. Jon Reddick)," are available wherever you stream music, along with his seventh studio project, LIFE AFTER DEATH.

GIN BLOSSOMS:

This rock band is a favorite for their jangle-pop sound with hits such as "Allison Road," "Found Out About You," and "Til I Hear It From You," dominating radio and MTV playlists throughout the 90s. They became one of the busiest touring bands in the world in the 2000s, playing close to 150 shows nearly every year. With the fusion of Pop, Melodic Rock, Folk, and Country sounds, Gin Blossoms have sold over 10 million records and remain a high-demand, fan favorite live band.

THE TAYLOR PARTY: TAYLOR SWIFT NIGHT:

Courtesy of <https://www.taylorswiftnight.com/>:

We promise that you'll never find another party like THE TAYLOR PARTY: TAYLOR SWIFT NIGHT, a Taylor Swift Inspired Dance Party. ✨ Best believe our party is Taylor-made for ultimate fans. Surrounded by Swifties, you'll sing and dance through all her iconic eras. ✨ So grab your 👑 and your crew, and come party, for evermore! We know you polish up real... NICE.

HAPPY TOGETHER TOUR:

The Happy Together Tour 2023 consists of six acts: The Turtles, Little Anthony, Gary Puckett & The Union Gap, The Classics IV, The Vogues and The Cowsills. These artists had their biggest hits in the 60's and 70's brought timeless sounds and songs like "Happy Together" by the Turtles, one of the most recognizable songs of that time period. These bands combined have multiple No. 1 hits with this tour starting in 1984. Since then the band has consistently knocked out 50 shows a year, making this tour an iconic homage to an era of music that has influenced many of today's artists. The tour has consisted of several different bands and artists throughout the nearly 40 years it has been running, with the only constant band being The Turtles.

BUDDY GUY: *Damn Right Farewell:*

At age 86, Buddy Guy is a Rock & Roll Hall of Fame inductee, a major influence on rock titans like Jimi Hendrix, Eric Clapton, and Stevie Ray Vaughan, a pioneer of Chicago's fabled West Side sound, and a living link to the city's halcyon days of electric blues. Buddy Guy has received 8 GRAMMY Awards, a 2015 Lifetime Achievement GRAMMY Award, 38 Blues Music Awards (the most any artist has received), the Billboard Magazine Century Award for distinguished artistic achievement, a Kennedy Center Honor, and the Presidential National Medal of Arts. Rolling Stone Magazine ranked him #23 in its "100 Greatest Guitarists of All Time."

CECE WINANS *Gospel Music Festival:*

Gospel superstar CeCe Winans performs as both a solo artist and a duo with her brother BeBe. As one of the most accomplished women in modern music, CeCe Winans is the most-awarded female gospel artist of all time, winning twelve GRAMMY Awards, twenty Dove Awards, and seven Stellar Awards. She's sold more than 5 million albums in the US and topped Gospel, Pop, R&B, and Adult Contemporary charts.

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ABOUT THE GREAT INDIANA STATE FAIR:

The Indiana State Fair is the state's largest multi-day event celebrating the Hoosier spirit and agricultural heritage. These 18 days bring all communities together to celebrate all things Indiana and promote it to hundreds of thousands of people across the state, and beyond. Nationally recognized for offering great entertainment, showcasing youth and interactive agriculture educational programs, premiere facilities and a variety of unique, fun foods, the Indiana State Fair has been an annual attraction for generations of Hoosiers since 1852. This year's Indiana State Fair will take place July 28th – August 20th (closed Mondays & Tuesdays). For information, visit www.indianastatefair.com.

ABOUT THE HOOSIER LOTTERY:

For over 30 years, Hoosier Lottery distributions have benefited every county throughout Indiana. The Hoosier Lottery has contributed more than \$7 billion to good causes, including \$30 million to local police and firefighters' pensions and \$30 million to the Teachers' Retirement Fund annually. The Hoosier Lottery has earned World Lottery Association Level 4 Certification through 2024 for achieving the highest level of responsible gaming. To learn more about the Hoosier Lottery, visit HoosierLottery.com/GivingBack and follow on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Download Hoosier Lottery logos here. Must be 18 or older to play. Please play responsibly. Problem Gambling Helpline: 1-800-994-8448.

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High Resolution Artist Images are Available by Request or By Visiting the Media Center Photo Gallery at www.IndianaStateFair.com.

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