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INDIANA STATE FAIR ANNOUNCES COMPLETE AND FINAL LINEUP AS PART OF THE 2018 INDIANA STATE FAIR

Legendary guitarist for The Doors, Robby Krieger Band just added!

A mix of musical genres and performers will be presented as part of the 2018 Indiana State Fair Concert lineup

Indianapolis, IN – Today the Indiana State Fair rolled out the final and complete lineup of 17 concerts that will be part of the Chevrolet Free Stage headline entertainment at the 2018 Indiana State Fair, which returns August 3-19. Each night of the fair features a concert that is free with paid fair admission. Today's final announcement includes the solo band of Rock and Roll Hall of Fame member and guitar legend Robby Krieger of The Doors as well as support artists that will perform on select days.

The Complete Lineup for the 2018 Indiana State Fair Free Stage:

- Rick Springfield Friday, August 3
- Natalie Stovall with openers Cook & Belle and The Brett Wiscons Band- Saturday, August 4
- Why Don't We Sunday, August 5
- Anthony Hamilton Monday, August 6
- Tyler Childers Tuesday, August 7
- Randy Houser and special guest Nora Collins Wednesday, August 8
- Kool & The Gang Thursday, August 9
- HANSON Friday, August 10
- Warrant with special guest FireHouse and openers DUDE! and Rok Hollywood Saturday, August 11
- for King & Country headlining the Contemporary Christian Music Festival, with Sarah Reeves, All the Astronauts, and Jonathan Jackson Sunday, August 12
- Happy Together Tour Monday, August 13 featuring: The Turtles, Chuck Negron (formerly of Three Dog Night), Gary Puckett & The Union Gap, The Association, Mark Lindsay (formerly of Paul Revere & The Raiders and The Cowsills
- Dirty Deeds USA: Xtreme AC/DC Tribute Tuesday, August 14
- Grand Funk Railroad with openers The Easthills Wednesday, August 15
- An Evening with Hunter Hayes Thursday, August 16
- Here Come The Mummies Friday, August 17
- Robby Krieger of The Doors with openers Brandon Whyde and Os Gringos- Saturday, August 18

• Kirk Franklin, headlining the Gospel Music Festival - Sunday, August 19

Online ticket sales are available now, presented by WGU Indiana, at a discounted rate of \$8 plus convenience fee 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 \$13. Check IndianaStateFair.com for additional promotions available throughout the summer.

Purchase of an Indiana State Fair ticket allows for general admission to the Chevrolet Free Stage concert seating area. No seats can be reserved unless otherwise specified. For more information please visit the Indiana State Fair website.

ABOUT THE INDIANA STATE FAIR

The Indiana State Fair is the state's largest multi-day event celebrating Hoosiers' spirit and agricultural heritage. These 17 days celebrate Indiana agriculture and promote it to hundreds of thousands of people across Indiana, and beyond. Nationally recognized for offering great entertainment, showcasing youth, interactive agriculture education programs, premier facilities and a variety of unique, fun foods, the Indiana State Fair has been an annual attraction for generations of Hoosiers since 1852. The 2018 Indiana State Fair will be held August 3-19. The 2018 theme pays homage to Indiana's rich circus heritage by offering a world-class **Big Top Circus presented by Bee Window**. The new family-friendly Big Top Circus is FREE with paid State Fair admission and features acrobats, clowns, trapeze artists and more! For more information, visit www.indianastatefair.com.

ABOUT ROBBY KRIEGER

Born in Los Angeles, California, Robby Krieger was convinced by a Chuck Berry concert to give rock music a go, which resulted in the guitarist trading in his classical guitar in for a Gibson SG, an instrument that would eventually become his signature instrument. Studying physics and Indian music at UCLA, Krieger played in bands with friends, and eventually bumped into a drummer he'd met a few years before, John Densmore. The two began jamming on blues together, while Krieger's interest in Indian music and culture continued to flourish, as he began dabbling with sitars (studying at the Kinnara School, which was founded by Ravi Shankar), and attending meditation classes. It was at one of these meditation classes that Krieger met keyboardist Ray Manzarek. Manzarek eventually convinced Krieger to come down and rehearse with a poet/singer he'd been working with, Jim Morrison. Their first rehearsal supposedly resulted in the penning of "Moonlight Drive," resulting in the birth of the Doors.

Quickly building a name for themselves in L.A. with their unpredictable live shows, the Doors were signed to Elektra Records, and issued their debut album, the Doors, in 1967. The album would become one of rock's all-time classics, as it spawned the monster hit "Light My Fire," a tune penned entirely by Krieger. Subsequent studio releases — 1967's Strange Days, 1968's Waiting for the Sun, and 1969's the Soft Parade — all included several classic songs, and by the dawn of the '70s, the band issued a pair of strong releases, 1970's Morrison Hotel and 1971's L.A. Woman. In the wake of Morrison's untimely passing, the Doors attempted to continue on, resulting in a pair of so-so albums, 1971's Other Voices and 1972's Full Circle, before packing it in.

Krieger would go on to issue solo albums (debuting in 1977 with Robby Krieger & Friends), in addition to playing live dates, and guest appearances on albums by other artists (the Butts Band, Blue Öyster Cult, etc.). In the early 21st century, Krieger and Manzarek resuscitated the Doors (with The Cult's Ian Astbury taking Morrison's position, and the Police's Stewart Copeland initially taking Densmore's spot) for live shows and recordings.

Robby is currently playing Doors songs with his Robby Krieger Band and special guest vocalist Waylon Krieger.

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