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COUNTRY TRAIL BLAZER COLT FORD OPENING THE 2023 COUNTY FAIR

Josephine County Fair Board is pleased to announce country music trail blazer, COLT FORD, will be bringing his 'MUST BE COUNTRY' tour to the Josephine County Fair Grandstands on Wednesday, August 9, 2023!

Colt Ford is known for consistently blazing his own trail. By doing so, the Georgia singer, songwriter, rapper, musician, performer, and co-founder and co-owner of Average Joes Entertainment keeps up pace as country's preeminent independent maverick. By 2019, Colt built a series of staggering successes as he rose to mainstream notoriety. He notched five consecutive Top 10 debuts on the Billboard Top Country Albums Chart with Declaration of Independence bowing at #1 in 2012. Two years later, Thanks for Listening ascended to the Top 10 of the Top 200, with the album reaching #1 on Billboard Rap & Independent charts. Meanwhile, he lobbed six songs onto the Hot Country Songs Chart with "Back" [feat. Jake Owen] going Top 40. Among many accolades, Ford received a nomination in the category of "Vocal Event of the Year" at the Academy of Country Music Awards for "Cold Beer" with Jamey Johnson.

Selling over 3 million albums, attracting millions of followers on social media and hitting 1 billion-plus streams, the country rap pioneer's dynamic discography spans collaborations with everyone from Toby Keith, Brad Paisley, Keith Urban, and Jermaine Dupri to members of No Doubt, Lit, and Lady Antebellum. Additionally, he co-wrote Jason Aldean's #1 hit "Dirt Road Anthem" and Brantley Gilbert's #1 hit "Country Must Be Country Wide" as a behind-the-scenes force in the studio. Moreover, Ford's solo tradition of genre-blurring continued on Love Hope Faith in 2017 by way of cuts such as "Reload" [feat. Taylor Ray Holbrook], his We The People, Volume 1 album and on into his Keys to the Country EP in 2021 with Kevin Gates, RVSHVD and more.

Tickets will be available online starting March 29th at 8 am at www.josephinecountyfairgrounds.com. Additional ticket locations will be announced at a later date. Join us in welcoming Colt Ford to the 2023 Josephine County Fair!

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