



News Release

For Immediate Release

Casey Douglass, PR@SantaMariaFairpark.com

(805) 925-8824

Concerts Announced for Santa Barbara County Fair

SANTA MARIA – Break out your dancing shoes because the Santa Barbara County Fair is inviting you to four nights of fun. All four concerts are free with paid admission to the Fair.

The Fair kicks off on Wednesday, July 12, with a tribute band highlighting the best songs from the Eagles and Creedence Clearwater Revival.

On Thursday, July 13, GRAMMY, CMA and ACM award winner Ashley McBryde will perform. The Grand Ole Opry member's 2018 major label debut *Girl Going Nowhere* (Warner Music Nashville) charmed *The New York Times*, *NPR*, *Rolling Stone*, *Paste*, *The Washington Post* and more, all en route to landing a GRAMMY nomination for Best Country Album. McBryde closed out 2019 with ACM New Female Artist, CMT Breakout Artist, a New Artist of the Year win at the 53rd Annual CMA Awards and two nominations for the 2020 GRAMMYs for Best Country Song and Best Country Solo Performance for "Girl Goin' Nowhere." The album *Never Will* earned McBryde a 2021 GRAMMY nomination for Best Country Album, making *Never Will* the *only* album nominated for Country Album of the Year by the ACMs, CMAs and the Recording Academy in the same award season. Her GRAMMY-winning duet with Carly Pearce, "Never Wanted To Be That Girl," went all the way to No. 1 and earned McBryde and Pearce the ACM and CMA award for Musical Event of the Year. McBryde was also honored with the 2022 CMA International Artist Achievement Award for the most significant creative growth, development and promotion of the country music industry outside of the United States.

Country Superstar Uncle Kracker will take the stage on Friday, July 14. Uncle Kracker is a multi-platinum artist, with #1 hits such as “Follow Me,” “Smile,” and Kenny Chesney duet “When The Sun Goes Down.” His Dobie Gray cover of “Drift Away” set a Billboard record for most weeks at #1 on any chart, a staggering 28 weeks. You saw this Detroit Native and Kid Rock band alumni fully embrace his country-side with his 2012 critically acclaimed album Midnight Special.

SWITCHFOOT will close out the lineup on Saturday, July 15. SWITCHFOOT has sold almost 10 million copies worldwide of their twelve studio albums (including their 2003 double-platinum breakthrough The Beautiful Letdown and 2009's Grammy Award-winning Hello Hurricane), racked up a string of Alternative radio hit singles, and performed sold-out tours with over 5 million concert tickets sold in over 40 countries around the world. Through their unique blend of emotionally intelligent and uplifting brand of alternative rock, SWITCHFOOT has earned a devoted and loyal global fan base. SWITCHFOOT has raised over \$2 million dollars to aid kids in their community through their BRO-AM Foundation. SWITCHFOOT consists of Jon Foreman (vocals, guitar), Tim Foreman (bass), Jerome Fontamillas (keys, guitar) and Chad Butler (drums).

Presale tickets will be available online, at the Fairpark box office, and presale outlets from June 9th -July 9th. The Santa Barbara County Fair takes place July 12-16 at the Santa Maria Fairpark.

For more information visit us at www.santamariafairpark.com.

###