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Nate Bargatze: The Be Funny Tour Announced for 2024 Grandstand Concert Series

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St. Paul, Minn. – Nate Bargatze: The Be Funny Tour is confirmed for the 2024 Grandstand Concert Series sponsored by Sleep Number. Visit mnstatefair.org/grandstand/ for Grandstand information. Show details are as follows:

Nate Bargatze: The Be Funny Tour

7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24 Tickets: \$77, \$97, \$107, \$197 (all reserved seating) & \$154 (Party Deck) On sale: 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 2

<u>Media Photos</u>: A gallery of high-resolution Grandstand photos is available for media use at: mnstatefair.org/get-involved/media/media-gallery-grandstand-artists/

Tickets are available through Etix at etix.com or by calling 800-514-3849. For additional State Fair ticket information, call 651-288-4427. Please note that the State Fairgrounds Ticket Office will not be open for in-person sales. Currently, tickets will be sold online and by phone only.

About Nate Bargatze: Hailed as "The Nicest Man in Stand-Up" by The Atlantic Magazine and a "Rising Star" by "CBS Mornings," 2021 Grammy-nominated comedian, podcaster, director and producer Nate Bargatze is selling out shows around the world. A native of Old Hickory, Tenn., Bargatze followed in the showbiz footsteps of his father, a clown turned world-class magician, whose influence is seen on his 2015 debut Comedy Central special, "Full Time Magic," and his debut album, "Yelled at By a Clown," which reached No. 1 on the iTunes Comedy Charts and remained on Billboard's Top 10 Comedy Charts for weeks. Bargatze's half-hour Netflix special "The Standups" premiered in 2017, and his first solo one-hour Netflix special, "The Tennessee Kid," premiered globally in 2019. In 2021, he released his critically acclaimed second Netflix special, "The Greatest Average American," which received a Grammy nomination for Best Comedy Album. Bargatze's third one-hour special, "Nate Bargatze: Hello World," released on Amazon Prime, holds the record as Amazon's most-streamed original comedy special in its first 28 days of viewership. Bargatze's comedy is both clean and relatable, evident in his 13 appearances on "The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon," as well as on "Conan" and the late-night shows of Seth Meyers and James Corden. He was a recurring guest on "@midnight" and had his own Comedy Central Presents in 2011. Off-screen, Bargatze was part of Jimmy Fallon's Clean-Cut Comedy Tour and has performed live shows for the troops in Iraq and Kuwait. In addition to touring the country as a headliner, he toured arenas with Chris Rock on his 2017 Total Blackout Tour and performed at SXSW, Oddball Comedy Festival, Sasquatch, Clusterfest and the JFL Montreal Comedy Festival. Bargatze was named one of Esquire's "Best New Comedians" by Jim Gaffigan, one of Marc Maron's "Comedians to Watch" in Rolling Stone, one of Variety's "10 Comics to Watch" for 2015, and as No. 1 on Vulture's "50 Comedians You Should Know" in 2015. He also appeared on the cover of Variety's annual comedy issue in 2022. natebargatze.com

The following 2024 Grandstand show has already been announced with tickets on sale: KIDZ BOP LIVE 2024 (Sept. 2). Additional Grandstand artists will be announced periodically between now and the 2024 fair. State Fair fans and music enthusiasts are encouraged to sign up for the State Fair's e-news at mnstatefair.org to receive concert announcements before tickets go on sale.

The Nightly Fireworks Spectacular, sponsored by Mazda, follows all Grandstand shows, weather permitting.

Pre-fair discount admission tickets are currently on sale for the 2024 Great Minnesota Get-Together. Visit mnstatefair.org/tickets/admission-tickets/ for more information.

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