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Beach Boys and Impractical Jokers Announced for 2018 Grandstand Concert Series

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St. Paul, Minn. – Two additional evenings of entertainment are confirmed for the 2018 Grandstand Concert Series sponsored by Sleep Number. Show details are as follows:

Beach Boys with special guest The Righteous Brothers

8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 27

Tickets: \$38.50 (all reserved seating) (Includes a digital download of Mike Love's new double album *Unleash The Love*)

On sale: 10 a.m. Friday, March 9

truTV Impractical Jokers Starring The Tenderloins

8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30

Tickets: \$60 and \$50 (all reserved seating)

(Recommended for ages 16+. Parental discretion is advised.)

On sale: Noon Friday, March 9

Photos: A gallery of high-resolution, downloadable Grandstand photos is available for media use at the following link:

http://gallery.mnstatefair.org/media/18_GS/index.html

Tickets will be available through Etix at etix.com or by calling (800) 514-3849. In addition, tickets may be purchased at the State Fairgrounds Ticket Office during a limited-time opening from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, March 9. For additional State Fair ticket information, call (651) 288-4427.

About Beach Boys: The Beach Boys debuted more than 50 years ago and continue to play an astoundingly busy schedule of concerts, averaging 150 shows a year. With hits such as “Good Vibrations,” “Wouldn’t It Be Nice,” “God Only Knows,” “California Girls,” “Surfin’ U.S.A.” and “I Get Around.” The Beach Boys are unmatched in concert presence, spirit and performance. The iconic group’s songs convey carefree summer vibes – which has translated into a torrent of hit singles and tens of millions of albums sold. In addition to that success, the group’s 1988 hit “Kokomo” is the best-selling single ever – and the band was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame that same year. The Beach Boys, led by Mike Love, continue to release hits and travel the globe performing their timeless hits, making their music a mainstay for generations to come.

About The Righteous Brothers: American musical duo Bill Medley and Bobby Hatfield got their start performing together as part of the Paramours, but became The Righteous Brothers when their recording career took off in the 1960s and ‘70s. The music style can be described as “blue-eyed soul,” and the duo’s first hit came in 1964 with “You’ve Lost That Lovin’ Feelin’.” In 1965, both “Just Once in My Life” and “Unchained Melody” reached the Billboard Top 10. In March 2003, the duo was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, and after the passing of Hatfield that same year, The Righteous Brothers now perform with Medley and Bucky Heard.

About Impractical Jokers: The Tenderloins are a New York-based comedy troupe, whose four members - Joe Gatto, James Murray, Brian Quinn and Sal Vulcano - are the creators, executive producers, and stars of truTV's hit series, Impractical Jokers. Now in its seventh season, Impractical Jokers follows The Tenderloins as they coerce one another into doing public pranks while being filmed by hidden cameras. With each new season, the show continues to take dares to outrageous levels with new over-the-top hijinks. At the end of its fourth season, the series celebrated 100 episodes in the U.S. with a live television event, The Impractical Jokers Live Punishment Special. Hosted by Howie Mandel, the special drew in 3 millions viewers with an impressive 150 million social media impressions. The Troupe have toured steadily nationwide over the last three years with their highly successful "truTV Impractical Jokers 'Where's Larry?' Tour Starring the Tenderloins," playing to thousands of fans per market including a 3-night sold out run at New York's historic Radio City Music Hall. The new tour, "Santiago Sent Us," continues on The Tenderloins' success on the road, broadening the live show's reach in the U.S. and the United Kingdom, selling out four shows at The O2 Arena in London in January 2017. Natives of Staten Island, N.Y., Sal, Joe, "Murr" and "Q" met while attending high school and later formed The Tenderloins Comedy Troupe in 1999. After years of performing live improv and sketch comedy shows, The Tenderloins crossed over to the web, garnering millions of views for their Internet sketches, eventually creating the runaway success Impractical Jokers for truTV. Impractical Jokers is top 5 in its timeslot on cable in the U.S. and is the No. 1 show on Comedy Central in the United Kingdom and India.

The following 2018 Minnesota State Fair Grandstand shows have already been announced: Niall Horan: Flicker World Tour 2018 with special guest Maren Morris (Thursday, Aug. 23), Sugarland: Still The Same 2018 Tour with special guests Frankie Ballard and Lindsay Ell (Friday, Aug. 24) and Good Vibes with Jason Mraz and Brett Dennen (Tuesday, Aug. 28). Additional Grandstand artists will be announced periodically throughout the next several months. 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.

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

About the Minnesota State Fair: The Minnesota State Fair is one of the largest and best-attended expositions in the world, attracting nearly 2 million visitors annually. Showcasing Minnesota's finest agriculture, art and industry, the Great Minnesota Get-Together is always 12 Days of Fun Ending Labor Day. Visit mnstatefair.org for more information. The 2018 Minnesota State Fair runs Aug. 23 - Labor Day, Sept. 3.

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