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Lionel Richie and Brandi Carlile Announced for 2019 Grandstand Concert Series

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St. Paul, Minn. – Lionel Richie and Brandi Carlile are confirmed for the 2019 Grandstand Concert Series sponsored by Sleep Number. Show details are as follows:

Lionel Richie

7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 30

Tickets: \$67 & \$57 (all reserved seating)

On sale: Noon Friday, Feb. 8

The Current's Music On-A-Stick featuring Brandi Carlile

6:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 31

Tickets: \$76, \$66 & \$51 (all reserved seating)

On sale: 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 8

Special guests for both shows will be announced at a later date.

Photos: A gallery of high-resolution, downloadable Grandstand photos is available for media use at the following link:
<https://www.mnstatefair.org/get-involved/media/media-gallery-grandstand-artists/>

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, Feb. 8. For additional State Fair ticket information, call 651-288-4427.

About Lionel Richie: International superstar and Tuskegee, Ala., native Lionel Richie has a discography of albums and singles that is second to none. Richie is one of only two songwriters in history to achieve the honor of having No. 1 records for nine consecutive years. With more than 100 million albums sold worldwide, he also has an Oscar[®], a Golden Globe[®], four GRAMMY[®] Awards, the distinction of MusiCares Person of the Year in 2016, and he was a Kennedy Center Honoree in 2017. Richie is known for mega-hits “Endless Love,” “Lady,” “Truly,” “All Night Long,” “Penny Lover,” “Stuck on You,” “Hello,” “Say You, Say Me,” “Dancing on the Ceiling” and “We Are the World.” His song catalog also includes his early work with The Commodores, when he penned smashes such as “Three Times a Lady,” “Still” and “Easy.” With his most recent All the Hits, All Night Long Tour, Richie sold out arenas worldwide with a set list of his brightest and best anthems. In recent years, he’s headlined festivals, including Bonnaroo, Outside Lands and Glastonbury, drawing the festival’s biggest crowd ever with more than 200,000 attendees.

About Brandi Carlile: American folk rock and Americana singer-songwriter Brandi Carlile was born in Ravensdale, Wash., and taught herself to play piano and guitar. She’s released seven albums, including her debut major label album, *Brandi Carlile*, which was released to critical acclaim. *The Story*, released in 2007, featured a single of the same name and achieved Gold status after selling more than 500,000 copies. She received a GRAMMY[®] nomination for Best Americana Album with *The Firewatcher’s Daughter*; that album peaked at No. 9 on the *Billboard* 200 chart. Her most recent album, *By the Way, I Forgive You*, debuted at No. 5 on the *Billboard* 200 and reached No. 1 on *Billboard’s* Top Rock Albums. The album, Carlile said, is “about radical acceptance (not to be confused with complacency) and unconditional love.” She is nominated for six GRAMMY[®] Awards this year, the most nominations for a female in 2019.

The following 2019 Grandstand shows have already been announced: Hootie & the Blowfish: Group Therapy Tour with special guest Barenaked Ladies (Thursday, Aug. 22) and “Weird Al” Yankovic Strings Attached Tour (Tuesday, Aug. 27). Additional Grandstand artists will be announced periodically between now and this year’s 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.

About the Minnesota State Fair: The Minnesota State Fair is one of the largest and best-attended expositions in the world, attracting more than 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 2019 Minnesota State Fair runs Aug. 22 - Labor Day, Sept. 2.