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Two Additional Shows Announced for Grandstand Concert Series

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

Logic

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 29

Tickets: \$55 and \$43 (general admission plaza-level standing room only, no chairs; and reserved seating)

On sale: noon Friday, May 10

ZZ Top - 50th Anniversary Tour with special guest Cheap Trick

7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 2

Tickets: \$49 and \$39 (all reserved seating)

On sale: 10 a.m. Friday, May 10

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, May 10. Please note on-sale times. For additional State Fair ticket information, call 651-288-4427.

About Logic: Logic – the 29-year-old GRAMMY®-nominated (Song Of The Year and Best Music Video) rapper born Sir Robert Bryson Hall II – burst onto the music scene through a series of mixtapes that led to a significant, rabid underground fan base. “1-800-273-8255,” the six-time-Platinum single off *Everybody*, which spotlights mental health and suicide prevention awareness, has become Logic’s highest charting single to date. Referencing the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline number, the song created a cultural moment globally, affecting the lives of thousands. Logic has sold 650,000 tickets to date, which includes sold-out shows at Madison Square Garden and The Forum in Los Angeles. 2019 is shaping up to be Logic’s biggest year yet. His first novel *Supermarket* debuted at No. 1 on the New York Times Best Seller list and has sold more than 150,000 copies to date. With one of his most recent releases “Keanu Reeves” garnering close to 50 million streams in less than 3 weeks, there is no sign of slowing down.

About ZZ Top: ZZ Top – Billy F. Gibbons, Dusty Hall and Frank Beard – lays undisputed claim to being the longest-running major rock band with original personnel intact, and in 2004, the Texas trio was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. It was in Houston in 1969 that ZZ Top coalesced from the core of two rival bands, Billy’s Moving Sidewalks and Frank and Dusty’s American Blues. The new group went on to record the appropriately titled *ZZ Top’s First Album* and *Rio Grande Mud* reflecting its strong blues roots. The group’s third album, 1973’s *Tres Hombres*, catapulted it to national attention with the hit “La Grange,” still one of the band’s signature pieces. Following a lengthy hiatus, the band returned with albums *Deguella* and *El Loco*. Its next release, *Eliminator*, highlighted three smash singles: “Gimme All Your Lovin’,” “Sharp Dressed Man” and “Legs.” The group continues to release music, and when it comes to the live experience, the trio’s still got it. ZZ Top’s music is instantly recognizable, eminently powerful and profoundly soulful. The band has sold millions of records over the course of its career and is a true rock icon.

About Cheap Trick: Robin Zander (vocals, rhythm guitar), Rick Nielsen (lead guitar) and Tom Petersson (bass guitar) are part of the very fiber of American music, inspiring and delighting generations with their unique union of massive

melodies and razorblade riffs, their own special brand of mischievous wit and maximum rock 'n' roll. Since the 1970s, they've been blending elements of pop, punk and metal in a way that is instantly catchy and recognizable. With timeless classics such as "I Want You to Want Me" and "Surrender," Cheap Trick, now with drummer Daxx Nielsen, is a musical institution. The Rockford, Ill., band is as vital today as ever, having released three records in the last three years: 2016's *Bang, Zoom, Crazy...Hello* and 2017's *We're All Alright!* and *Christmas Christmas*, along with touring relentlessly to packed audiences around the world. 2016 saw Cheap Trick's long-awaited induction into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. The induction honored both the band and the pioneering sound that has earned them group total record sales in excess of 20 million and more than 40 international Gold and Platinum certifications. 2017's *We're All Alright!* was yet another undisputed triumph for the band as the album's first single, "Long Time Coming," enjoyed an unprecedented run of 18 weeks at No. 1 on the Mediabase Classic Rock chart.

The following 2019 Grandstand shows have already been announced: **Hootie & the Blowfish: Group Therapy Tour with special guest Barenaked Ladies** (Thursday, Aug. 22); **Why Don't We** (Friday, Aug. 23); **Trace Adkins & Clint Black with special guest Terri Clark: Hits. Hats. History. Tour** (Sunday, Aug. 25); **Tommy James and the Shondells and Happy Together Tour 2019** (Monday, Aug. 26); **"Weird Al" Yankovic Strings Attached Tour** (Tuesday, Aug. 27); **Daryl Hall & John Oates with special guest G. Love & Special Sauce** (Wednesday, Aug. 28); **Lionel Richie** (Friday, Aug. 30); **The Current's Music On-A-Stick featuring Brandi Carlile with special guests Mavis Staples and Savannah Conley** (Saturday, Aug. 31) and **MSF Amateur Talent Contest Finals** (Sunday, Sept. 1). 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.

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