

# MINNESOTA STATE FAIR

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Darci Lynne Farmer Announced for 2020 Grandstand Concert Series

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St. Paul, Minn. – Darci Lynne Farmer with special guest Okee Dokee Brothers is confirmed for the 2020 Grandstand Concert Series sponsored by Sleep Number. Show details are as follows:

#### **Darci Lynne Farmer: Fresh Out of the Box Tour with special guest Okee Dokee Brothers**

**4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 7**

**Tickets: \$25 (all reserved seating)**

**On sale: Noon Friday, Dec. 6**

**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](http://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 noon to 1 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 6. For additional State Fair ticket information, call 651-288-4427.

*About Darci Lynne Farmer:* Winning NBC's "America's Got Talent" at just 12 years old by the most votes for a final performance in the history of the show, singer/ventriloquist Darci Lynne Farmer impresses audiences across the country with her sweetheart disposition and undeniable, show-stopping talent beyond her years. She is accompanied on stage by her musical friends, including a diva-esque rabbit, Petunia; a shy and soulful mouse, Oscar; and a sarcastic old woman, Edna. Singing through her friends helped the young entertainer find a voice inside she didn't know she had and helped her overcome a lifelong struggle with shyness.

An Oklahoma native, Darci began participating in talent-based pageants at a young age and picked up ventriloquism shortly after. Two weeks later, Darci began tackling talent shows, eventually making it to the biggest talent show on television, NBC's "America's Got Talent." Following her big win, she has been featured on NBC's "Little Big Shots," Food Network's "Kids Baking Championship," "Ellen" and "TODAY." Her first Christmas special, "Darci Lynne: My Hometown Christmas," aired on NBC on Dec. 11, 2018, and, in January 2019, Darci returned to the "America's Got Talent" stage for AGT "The Champions" and won second place. Darci and her friends are continually on the road bringing smiles to audiences across the country.

*About Okee Dokee Brothers:* Justin Lansing and Joe Mailander have been exploring the outdoors together since they were kids. Now, as the GRAMMY®-winning Okee Dokee Brothers, they write songs to encourage kids and families to get outside and get creative. The duo's most recent album, *Winterland*, is a tribute to the season of coziness, family time and outdoor fun! This cold-weather project is the follow-up to their wildly popular *Adventure Album* trilogy, which was inspired by their extended canoe trip down the Mississippi River ("Can You Canoe?"), their month-long trek along the Appalachian Trail ("Through The Woods") and a joyous horseback adventure through the American West ("Saddle Up"). With songs written under wide-open skies and harmonies fine-tuned around the campfire, the natural world is at the heart of the duo's Americana folk music. The Okee Dokee Brothers make room for kids to dance, for parents to share stories, and for everyone to gain respect for nature, each other and the world we live in.

The following 2020 Grandstand show has already been announced: The Doobie Brothers – 50th Anniversary Tour featuring Tom Johnston, Michael McDonald, Pat Simmons, John McFee with special guest Dirty Dozen Brass Band (Friday, Aug. 28). Additional Grandstand artists will be announced periodically between now and next year's fair. State Fair fans and music enthusiasts are encouraged to sign up for the State Fair's e-news at [mnstatefair.org](http://mnstatefair.org) to receive concert announcements before tickets go on sale.

There will be a Nightly Fireworks Spectacular, weather permitting, sponsored by Mazda.

*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](http://mnstatefair.org) for more information. The 2020 Minnesota State Fair runs Aug. 27 - Labor Day, Sept. 7.

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