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Two Shows Announced for 2020 Grandstand Concert Series: Miranda Lambert and NF

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St. Paul, Minn. – Two shows - Miranda Lambert and NF - are confirmed for the 2020 Grandstand Concert Series sponsored by Sleep Number. Show details are as follows:

Miranda Lambert with special guest to be announced

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27

Tickets: \$65, \$55, \$40 (all reserved seating)

On sale: 10 a.m. Friday, March 13

NF - The Search Tour with special guest to be announced

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3

Tickets: \$45 (general admission plaza-level standing room only, no chairs), \$35 (reserved seating in mainstand)

On sale: noon Friday, March 13

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, March 13. Note on-sale times for each show. For additional State Fair ticket information, call 651-288-4427.

About Miranda Lambert: East Texas native Miranda Lambert is no stranger to taking corners on two-wheels, getting into – and out of – trouble, laughing at what life hands you and creating authenticity on her own terms. Along the way, her brand of seriously girly, post-“Thelma & Louise” hardcore feminism broke Merle Haggard’s Academy of Country Music Awards record for most awards – including five Album of the Years, four Song of the Years, four Single of the Years and nine Top Female Vocalists of the year, as well as 13 CMAs (across Female, Album, Single, Song, Video and Event), two CMT Artist of the Years and a pair of GRAMMY® Awards (Best Female Vocal, Album of the Year) with songs that own mistakes and create the kind of havoc that sets women free. With all that, what could possibly be left? *Wildcard*. The Lone Star songwriter/cultural force’s most diverse effort yet moves from fraught, taut rock & roll to gentle folk, classic Wurlitzer country and a bit of funky gospel with just enough humor to keep things in a sweet spot that’s definitively the freewheeling platinum blonde’s comfort zone.

About NF: Operating from outside of the system and against all odds, NF quietly and unassumingly ascended to the forefront of modern hip-hop on his own terms. *Forbes* noted “NF’s success speaks to what can be done these days outside of the traditional system.” Last summer, NF topped the *Billboard* charts with *The Search*, another No. 1 album. Released on NF Real Music/Caroline, *The Search* sold 130,000 equivalent album units and now boasts more than 120 million global streams to date. *The Search* marks the rapper’s second consecutive album to land at No. 1 on the *Billboard* Top 200, following 2017’s multi-platinum certified *Perception*. NF surprised the industry with *Perception*’s success, and he proved his place atop the music industry with *The Search* - selling more than double his previous chart-topping album.

The following 2020 Grandstand shows have 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), Tim McGraw with special guest Midland (Tuesday, Sept. 1) and Darci Lynne & Friends: Fresh Out of the Box Tour with special guest Okee Dokee Brothers (Monday, Sept. 7). Additional Grandstand artists will be announced periodically between now and the 2020 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.

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 for more information. The 2020 Minnesota State Fair runs Aug. 27 - Labor Day, Sept. 7.