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The Doobie Brothers – 50th Anniversary Tour Announced for 2020 Grandstand Concert Series

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St. Paul, Minn. – The Doobie Brothers – 50th Anniversary Tour featuring Tom Johnston, Michael McDonald, Pat Simmons, John McFee with special guest Dirty Dozen Brass Band is the first show confirmed for the 2020 Grandstand Concert Series sponsored by Sleep Number. Show details are as follows:

The Doobie Brothers – 50th Anniversary Tour featuring Tom Johnston, Michael McDonald, Pat Simmons, John McFee with special guest Dirty Dozen Brass Band

7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28

Tickets: \$69.25 and \$54.25 (all reserved seating)

On sale: 10 a.m. 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 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, Dec. 6. For additional State Fair ticket information, call 651-288-4427.

About The Doobie Brothers: The Doobie Brothers' rugged, real and authentic approach to rock and roll began in 1969, when a drummer named John Hartman arrived in Northern California and met Tom Johnston, a local singer/songwriter/guitarist. The two began playing local Bay Area bars and soon met singer/guitarist Pat Simmons, whose finger-style playing richly complemented Johnston's R&B strumming-style, and the foundation for The Doobie Brothers was set. The group's second record, *Toulouse Street*, became a breakout sensation. From there the band hit the road, tirelessly working its way around the world. The Doobie Brothers established themselves with a run of hits, including "Listen to the Music," "Jesus Is Just Alright," "China Grove," "Black Water," "Rockin' Down the Highway," and "Long Train Runnin'." The group was augmented in 1975 by Michael McDonald, whose soulful vocals and songwriting led to the hits "What a Fool Believes," "Minute by Minute," "Takin' It to the Streets," and "You Belong to Me." Multi-instrumentalist and vocalist John McFee joined in 1978 bringing his wide range of musical styles. The Doobie Brothers were inducted into the Vocal Group Hall of Fame in 2004, have won four GRAMMY[®] Awards, sold more than 48 million records worldwide, and tallied five Top 10 singles and 16 Top 40 hits. Known for dynamic live performances, the band plays close to 100 shows a year worldwide.

About Dirty Dozen Brass Band: Celebrating more than 40 years since their founding in 1977, New Orleans-based Dirty Dozen Brass Band has taken the traditional foundation of brass band music and incorporated it into a blend of genres including bebop jazz, funk and R&B/soul. This unique sound, described by the band as a 'musical gumbo,' has allowed the Dirty Dozen to tour across five continents and more than 30 countries, record 12 studio albums and collaborate with a range of artists from Modest Mouse to Widespread Panic to Norah Jones. More than 40 years later, the Dirty Dozen Brass Band is a world-famous music machine whose name is synonymous with genre-bending romps and high-octane performances.

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 to receive concert announcements before tickets go on sale.

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

Pre-fair discount admission tickets are currently on sale for the 2020 Great Minnesota Get-Together. Visit <https://www.mnstatefair.org/tickets/admission-tickets/> for more information.

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.

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