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Tim McGraw Announced for 2020 Grandstand Concert Series

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St. Paul, Minn. – Tim McGraw with special guest Midland is confirmed for the 2020 Grandstand Concert Series sponsored by Sleep Number. Show details are as follows:

Tim McGraw with special guest Midland
7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 1
Tickets: \$88, \$78, \$60 (all reserved seating)
On sale: 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 21

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 noon on Friday, Feb. 21. For additional State Fair ticket information, call 651-288-4427.

About Tim McGraw: Tim McGraw's unparalleled career includes 43 No. 1 radio singles, 16 No. 1 albums and countless industry awards and accolades. His unique chart achievements include having three singles in the Top 20 of the radio charts on multiple occasions, as well as having two singles spend more than 10 weeks at No. 1. His last solo project spawned one of the biggest hit singles of all-time, "Humble and Kind," which McGraw also sang in Spanish. The song conveys a message that continues to impact fans around the world. He has routinely been cited as one of the biggest touring artists in the history of country music. As part of the host committee, McGraw welcomed his largest outdoor crowd ever to his Nashville performance at the 2019 NFL Draft. He also appeared in the NFL Tailgate Party for Super Bowl LII and the College Football Playoffs 2020.

About Midland: Hailing from Dripping Springs, Texas, lead vocalist Mark Wystrach fronts country group Midland's rich sound that is rounded out with lead guitarist/vocalist Jess Carson and bass player/vocalist Cameron Duddy. Rooted in tradition in both sound and style, the trio initially garnered attention playing clubs in the region. Its critically acclaimed sophomore album, *Let It Roll* (Big Machine Records), earned the No. 1 position on Billboard's Top Country Album Sales chart upon release, receiving praise from outlets such as Rolling Stone, Variety, NPR and Entertainment Weekly, among others. Wystrach, Carson and Duddy all played an integral role in writing the 14-track album with Shane McAnally and Josh Osborne. The album was produced by Dann Huff, McAnally and Osborne and was a follow-up to the critically acclaimed debut album, *On The Rocks* (Big Machine Records). Launched in 2017 with rave reviews, that album was declared "the year's best country album" by Washington Post. The group's two-time Platinum-certified chart-topping debut "Drinkin' Problem" earned the band its first GRAMMY® nominations for Best Country Song and Best Country Duo/Group Performance. Midland was also named New Vocal Group of the Year at the 2018 ACM Awards.

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) 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 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.

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.

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