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Two Additional Shows Announced for 2022 Grandstand Concert Series Jim Gaffigan and Diana Ross

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St. Paul, Minn. – The Minnesota State Fair is pleased to announce an additional two Grandstand artists for the 2022 Grandstand Concert Series sponsored by Sleep Number. Visit mnstatefair.org/grandstand/ for Grandstand information. Show details are as follows:

Jim Gaffigan: The Fun Tour

7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30

Tickets: \$94, \$79, \$59, \$39 (all reserved seating)

On sale: 10 a.m. Friday, March 11

Diana Ross with special guest Naturally 7

7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 3

Tickets: \$60, \$51, \$34 (all reserved seating)

On sale: 11 a.m. Friday, March 11

Media Photos: A gallery of high-resolution Grandstand photos is available for media use at: mnstatefair.org/get-involved/media/media-gallery-grandstand-artists/

Tickets are available through Etix at etix.com or by calling 800-514-3849. For additional State Fair ticket information, call 651-288-4427. Please note that the State Fairgrounds Ticket Office will not be open for in-person sales. Currently, tickets will be sold online and by phone only.

About Jim Gaffigan: Jim Gaffigan is a six-time Grammy-nominated comedian, actor, writer and producer, two-time New York Times best-selling author, three-time Emmy-winning top touring performer, and a multi-platinum-selling recording artist. He is known around the world for his unique brand of humor, which largely revolves around his observations on life. Gaffigan recently released his ninth stand-up special, “Comedy Monster,” on Netflix. On the silver screen, his many credits include “Three Kings,” “Super Troopers” 1 and 2, “Chappaquiddick,” “Tesla” and “Most Wanted.” He was the lead in “Being Frank” and “American Dreamer.” 2019 was Gaffigan’s biggest year to date with an astonishing eight films released. Up next, Gaffigan will be seen as the lead in the sci-fi dramedy, “Linoleum,” which premieres at SXSW this year, and will star as Mr. Smee in Disney’s “Peter Pan and Wendy.” He was also recently heard in Disney and Pixar’s “Luca.” In addition to two seasons of the critically acclaimed semi-autobiographical “The Jim Gaffigan Show” and his widely popular stand-up comedy specials, Gaffigan has guest starred on many television comedies and dramas, including “Portlandia,” “Bob’s Burgers,” “Flight of the Concorde” and “Law & Order.” He regularly does humorous commentaries on CBS “Sunday Morning,” for which he has won three Emmys. He is the first comedian to reach one billion streams on Pandora. jimgaffigan.com

About Diana Ross: Diana Ross defines icon. With a remarkable career spanning more than 50 years, she is considered the most successful recording artist and entertainer of all time. When he presented her with the Presidential Medal of Freedom, President Barack Obama said, “She exudes glamour and grace, her influence is inescapable.” Ross’ international achievements were acknowledged in 2007 by the prestigious Kennedy Center Honors, which celebrated an illustrious career of excellence in music, film, television and theater, as well as her humanitarian work and contributions to American culture. The National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences celebrated her remarkable

career in 2012 with its highest honor, the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award. From her roots in Detroit, where she helped to create the Motown cultural movement of racial integration and popular music, to her string of hits as leader of The Supremes to her landmark solo career, Ross has shaped the sound of popular music. She has 14 Top 10 albums, 18 No. 1 songs, a career total of 70 hit singles, and music sales exceeding 100 million units around the world. Her portrayal of Billie Holliday in the classic film “Lady Sings the Blues” resulted in an Oscar nomination. As a stage actress, she won a Tony Award for her one-woman show, “An Evening with Diana Ross.” Other career milestones include induction into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and the Songwriters Hall of Fame, National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences Heroes Award, NAACP Image Award for Entertainer of the Year, Billboard’s Female Entertainer of the Century award, Soul Train Lifetime Achievement Award, and the American Music Award Lifetime Achievement Award, among countless others. dianaross.com

About Naturally 7: The jaw-dropping audio pyrotechnics of Naturally 7 inspired the phrase “vocal play,” as “acapella group” vastly underplays this group’s perfectly interwoven vocal choreography as they transform their voices into instruments, effortlessly producing music of any genre. Their sonic mastery was on full display in a series of unforgettable performances on “The World’s Best” TV show, where they reigned supreme as the world’s “Best Group.” Over their 20-year career, they’ve embarked on three world tours with Michael Bublé and shared the stage with Stevie Wonder, Diana Ross, Quincy Jones, Sarah Connor, Lionel Richie, Ludacris, The Roots, and more. With the release of their 11th studio album, “20/20,” a celebration of their 20th anniversary in the music industry, Naturally 7 comes full circle, adding a fresh spin on 20 fan favorites. This group of tightly orchestrated singers includes “Ricky” Lee Ricardo Cort, Rod Eldridge, Kelvin “Kelz” Mitchell, Sean Simmonds, Dwight Stewart, Roger Thomas and Warren Thomas. naturallyseven.com

The following 2022 Grandstand show has already been announced with tickets still available: Zac Brown Band: Out In The Middle Tour with special guest Robert Randolph Band (Sept. 2). Additional Grandstand artists will be announced periodically between now and the 2022 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 2022 Great Minnesota Get-Together. Visit mnstatefair.org/tickets/admission-tickets/ for more information.

The Minnesota State Fair is one of the largest and best-attended expositions in the world. Showcasing Minnesota’s finest agriculture, art and industry, the Great Minnesota Get-Together is 12 Days of Fun Ending Labor Day. The fair is self-supporting and has not received state government funding since 1949. The 2022 Minnesota State Fair will run Aug. 25 through Labor Day, Sept. 5. Visit mnstatefair.org for more information.

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