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Zac Brown Band: Out In The Middle Tour Announced for 2022 Grandstand Concert Series

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St. Paul, Minn. – Zac Brown Band: Out In The Middle Tour with special guest Robert Randolph Band is the first show confirmed for the 2022 Grandstand Concert Series sponsored by Sleep Number. Visit mnstatefair.org/grandstand/ for Grandstand information. Show details are as follows:

Zac Brown Band: Out In The Middle Tour with special guest Robert Randolph Band

7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 2

Tickets: \$75, \$96, \$106 and \$194 for VIP Golden Circle tickets (all reserved seating)

On sale: 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 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 Zac Brown Band: Multi-platinum, Grammy Award-winning southern rock group Zac Brown Band is led by front-man Zac Brown, along with Jimmy De Martini (violin), John Driskell Hopkins (guitar), Clay Cook (guitar), Chris Fryar (drums), Coy Bowles (guitar), Daniel de los Reyes (percussion) and Matt Mangano (bass guitar). Since their debut, Zac Brown Band has developed a reputation with critics and fans alike as one of the most dynamic live/studio acts, marked by strong musicianship and a creative range that defies genre boundaries. The band's first widely distributed studio album, *The Foundation*, sold more than 5 million copies following its release in 2008. From that album, "Chicken Fried," the band's first national release, exceeded 5 million sales and 255 million streams. Since then, the band has released the following studio albums - *You Get What You Give* (2010), *Uncaged* (2012), *Jekyll + Hyde* (2015), *Welcome Home* (2017), *The Owl* (2019) and most recently, their seventh studio album, *The Comeback* (2021). *The Comeback* is deeply rooted in their iconic, original Southern rock sound and debuted as the Top New Country Album release and earned the No. 1 spot on the Current Country Album Sales chart. The album's unifying lead single, "Same Boat," also swiftly rose to the No. 1 spot on country radio. In August, Zac Brown Band made their long-awaited return to the road, with 2021's "The Comeback Tour." Tour stops included the storied Fenway Park in Boston, where the band extended their sellout record, marking their 12th consecutive sold-out show. Last summer, they released their single "The Man Who Loves You The Most," which debuted at No. 1 on Billboard's Country Digital Song Sales chart. Throughout their career spanning more than a decade, Zac Brown Band has had six consecutive albums reach the top 10 on the Billboard 200 chart and five consecutive albums debut at No. 1 on the Billboard Country Albums chart. To date, they have sold more than 30 million singles, 9 million albums, amassed more than 10 billion catalog streams and have achieved 16 No. 1 radio singles. The Out In The Middle Tour kicks off in April 2022. zacbrowband.com

About Robert Randolph Band: Renowned pedal steel guitarist, vocalist and songwriter Robert Randolph grew up in New Jersey performing with his family and upholding a little-known gospel music tradition called sacred steel. In his teens, he discovered rock, funk, soul, jazz and the jam band scene, and soon began forging his own sound by fusing elements of those genres. By the early 2000s, Randolph had begun applying his dazzling steel guitar technique to secular music, and from that grew the Family Band. The group's sound was so different than anything else around that they were soon packing New York City clubs. The band's first album, 2002's *Live at the Wetlands*, was followed by six studio albums (*Unclassified*, *Colorblind*, *We Walk This Road*, *Lickety Split*, *Got Soul*) and most recently, *Brighter*

Days in 2019. The *Brighter Days* album brought him back to where he started – church music – and appeals to rock, blues, gospel, and soul music audiences. Rolling Stone has included Randolph on its list of the 100 greatest guitarists of all time. robertrandolph.net

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.

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