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### Duran Duran Announced for 2023 Grandstand Concert Series

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St. Paul, Minn. – DURAN DURAN: FUTURE PAST with special guests Bastille and Nile Rodgers & CHIC is the first show confirmed for the 2023 Grandstand Concert Series sponsored by Sleep Number. Visit [mnstatefair.org/grandstand/](http://mnstatefair.org/grandstand/) for Grandstand information. Show details are as follows:

#### **DURAN DURAN: FUTURE PAST with special guests Bastille and Nile Rodgers & CHIC**

7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 31

Tickets: \$77, \$97, \$107 and \$197 (all reserved seating)

On sale: 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 16

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

Tickets are available through Etix at [etix.com](http://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 Duran Duran:* Icons of British music, Duran Duran have sold more than 100 million records worldwide, had 21 U.K. Top 20 tunes, 18 hit singles in the U.S., six multi-platinum records, and have a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, alongside multiple Grammy, BRIT, MTV and Ivor Novello awards. In 2022, the group was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall Of Fame, a career peak that followed a summer season of epic proportions – headlining London’s Hyde Park in front of 60,000 people, performing at the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Concert at Buckingham Palace, and closing the opening ceremony of the Commonwealth Games in their home town of Birmingham, not to mention a headline tour across North America that included sold-out shows at New York City’s Madison Square Garden and three nights at the Hollywood Bowl. The cinematic release of their new docu-concert film ‘A Hollywood High’ followed, before the band capped off the year with a spectacular performance in Times Square on New Year’s Eve, counting fans down to 2023 in front of a live audience of more than 1 million people on the streets of Manhattan. All this came after the huge success of their most recent studio album FUTURE PAST, which was their highest charting in 16 years, and featured collaborations with Mark Ronson, Graham Coxon, Tove Lo, Mike Garson, Ivorian Doll and CHAI, and was produced by Erol Alkan and Giorgio Moroder. Today, Duran Duran announced that it is embarking on a 26-date North American tour beginning in late May. [duranduran.com](http://duranduran.com)

*About Bastille:* Over the course of a decade together, Bastille’s unique sound – that cinematic, melancholic pop that masks the bleak realities reflected in their lyrics – has connected with audiences across the globe like no other British band in recent memory. In 2011, South Londoner Dan Smith started Bastille alone, releasing 300 copies of Bastille’s debut single. After relentless gigging, genuine word of mouth, some smartly curated mixtapes – and with Chris Wood (drums), Will Farquarson (guitar) and Kyle Simmons (keyboards) added to the lineup, Bastille became a global phenomenon. The band’s chart-conquering No. 1 debut album Bad Blood, which featured the international hit “Pompeii,” drove Bastille to become 2013’s biggest-selling global breakthrough act, with more than a billion Spotify streams, earning them the British Breakthrough Act award at the 2014 BRITS, along with two GRAMMY nominations. Bastille’s second album, Wild World, retained the vivid, rich, filmic songwriting of its predecessor, but pushed the band’s distinctive sound in exciting new directions. The album scored a No. 1 in the U.K. and Top 5 in the U.S., with the record’s lead single “Good Grief” achieving the most week-one streams ever for an alternative single. In 2018, the band collaborated with Marshmello on the hit single “Happier.” The track has cumulative streams exceeding

3.5 billion and is now certified 5x Platinum in the U.S. Bastille's third album, *Doom Days*, charted in the Top 5 in both the U.K. and U.S., the only U.K. band to have achieved this landmark alongside The Beatles and Queen. Their fourth album, the masterful "Give Me The Future," was hailed by critics as their best release to date. Since the release of the record, Bastille has created an immersive experience at their sold-out gigs, bringing the themes of the album to life in arenas across the U.K. and the world. With more than 10 million records sold, Bastille continues to be one of the world's most streamed bands. *bastillebastille.com*

*About Nile Rodgers & CHIC:* Among music legends, Nile Rodgers is truly exceptional. He amplifies his legacy as a multiple GRAMMY-winning composer, producer, arranger and guitarist by constantly traversing new musical terrain and successfully expanding the boundaries of popular music. As co-founder of CHIC and chairman of the Songwriters Hall of Fame, Rodgers pioneered a musical language that generated chart-topping hits such as "Le Freak" (the biggest-selling single in the history of Atlantic Records) and sparked the advent of hip-hop with "Good Times." He transcends all styles of music across every generation with a body of work that's garnered him inductions into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and the Songwriters Hall of Fame. Currently, Rodgers serves as the first-ever chief creative advisor for the incomparable Abbey Road Studios and helms the critically acclaimed Apple Music 1's "Deep Hidden Meaning Radio with Nile Rodgers." He co-founded the We Are Family Foundation and has served as chairman since 2002. His unforgettable live performances with CHIC have been included in "festival best performances" at both Glastonbury and Coachella, resulting in a BBC Music Awards nomination for "Best Live Performance," and the L.A. Times stating, "Nile Rodgers' influence stretches all over Coachella, beaming the sound of a better future." His work in the CHIC Organization and his productions for artists such as David Bowie, Diana Ross and Madonna have sold more than 500 million albums and 75 million singles worldwide, while his trendsetting collaborations with Daft Punk, Avicii, Keith Urban, Disclosure, Sam Smith and Lady Gaga reflect the vanguard of contemporary music. *nilerodgers.com*

Additional Grandstand artists will be announced periodically between now and the 2023 fair. State Fair fans and music enthusiasts are encouraged to sign up for the State Fair's e-news at [mnstatefair.org](http://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 2023 Great Minnesota Get-Together. Visit [mnstatefair.org/tickets/admission-tickets/](http://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 2023 Minnesota State Fair will run Aug. 24 through Labor Day, Sept. 4. Visit [mnstatefair.org](http://mnstatefair.org) for more information.

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