

# MINNESOTA STATE FAIR

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### The Chicks Announced for 2023 Grandstand Concert Series

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St. Paul, Minn. – The Minnesota State Fair is pleased to announce The Chicks 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:

**THE CHICKS: World Tour 2023 with special guest Wild Rivers**

7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25

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

On sale: 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 17

**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 The Chicks:* The Chicks, originally from Dallas, have been a force in the music industry since their 1998 album “Wide Open Spaces,” an album that sold more CDs that year than all other country music groups combined. Composed of lead singer Natalie Maines (lead vocals, guitar) and sisters Emily Strayer (vocals, guitar, banjo, Dobro) and Martie Maguire (vocals, fiddle, mandolin, guitar), the band boasts 13 Grammy Awards, including five in 2007 for Album of the Year (“Taking the Long Way”), Record of the Year and Song of the Year (both for “Not Ready to Make Nice”). The group’s hit singles also include “There’s Your Trouble,” “Wide Open Spaces” and “You Were Mine” (from the album “Wide Open Spaces”); “Cowboy Take Me Away,” “Goodbye Earl,” “Ready to Run” and “Without You” (from the album “Fly”); “Travelin’ Solder,” “Top of the World” and “Landslide” (from the album “Home”). These have earned the group multiple Country Music Association, Academy of Country Music, American Music and Billboard Music awards. The Chicks continue to embrace a bluegrass, folk, country and pop sound, while remaining firm in their identity, continuing to spread messages of freedom and evoking change with their music. Earning universal recognition as the biggest-selling U.S. female band of all time, The Chicks have sold more than 30.5 million albums and are among an elite group of artists and the only female group to achieve multiple “diamond” selling (10 million copies) releases. In March 2020, after nearly 14 years, the group released its fifth studio album, “Gaslighter,” to rave reviews. Prior to the album’s release, the band changed its name from Dixie Chicks to The Chicks. The Chicks are embarking on a 37-date mega-tour that kicks off in June in Norway, with stops in the U.K. and Europe before returning to North America. [thechicks.com](http://thechicks.com)

*About Wild Rivers:* Comprising Khalid Yassein (guitar, vocals, keyboards), Devan Glover (vocals) and Andrew Oliver (lead guitar, synthesizers), Toronto’s Wild Rivers has a gift for penning introspective lyrics and genre-fluid melodies that transmit wisdom beyond their years. Yassein and Glover first connected at Queen’s University in Kingston, Ontario, in 2013. Starting out as an acoustic singer-songwriter project, Yassein and Glover expanded their aesthetic to a more full-bodied sound, adding multi-instrumentalist Oliver. The indie trio first caught audiences’ attention in 2016 with a self-titled debut, followed by two EPs (2018’s “Eighty-Eight” and 2020’s “Songs To Break Up To”). Building an authentic relationship with fans, while channeling classic singer-songwriters such as James Taylor and Fleetwood Mac, the band originally cultivated a dedicated following through its live performances, opening for celebrated acts

including The Paper Kites, Donovan Woods and Jake Bugg. In early 2022, the group released “Sidelines,” the much-anticipated 10-track album infusing pop, rock, indie and folk into each song’s blueprint. As the group embarks on the next chapter of its journey, Wild Rivers is eager to take “Sidelines” on the road. [wilddriversmusic.com](http://wilddriversmusic.com)

The following 2023 Grandstand show has already been announced with tickets going on sale Thursday, Feb. 16: DURAN DURAN: FUTURE PAST with special guests Bastille and Nile Rodgers & CHIC (Aug. 31). 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. Follow along on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and TikTok @mnstatefair for year-round Minnesota State Fair updates. 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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