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Final Show Announced for 2024 Grandstand Concert Series Jon Pardi with special guest MacKenzie Porter

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St. Paul, Minn. – The Minnesota State Fair is pleased to announce the final Grandstand show for the 2024 Grandstand Concert Series sponsored by Sleep Number – Jon Pardi with special guest MacKenzie Porter. Visit mnstatefair.org/grandstand/ for Grandstand information. Show details are as follows:

Jon Pardi with special guest MacKenzie Porter

7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 28

Tickets: \$44, \$51, \$61 (reserved seating); \$71 (general admission pit) & \$88 (Party Deck)

On sale: 10 a.m. Friday, June 28

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 Jon Pardi: Since first hitting the country landscape, Jon Pardi has separated himself from the pack, carving a lane that is all his own by producing, writing and singing songs he created. Having “cut a path through modern country’s embrace of pop, hip-hop and EDM” (The New York Times), this ACM and CMA award-winning artist is a “hero in the making” (Variety) with “an emboldened work ... that draws both vitality and assurance from his anything-but-sterile relationship to his tradition’s modern era” (NPR). With his “state-of-the-art blend of traditional instrumentation and progressive grooves that point to country’s future” (Rolling Stone), Pardi is “a leader among a growing number of artists bringing back fiddle, steel and twang” (People). His “long-lasting mark on the genre” (MusicRow) and his impressive ability show “the kind of country music multiple generations came to know, and love, can still work on a mass scale” (Variety). Filled with fiddle, twang and steel guitar, Pardi “applies new ideas to country’s old sounds” (Los Angeles Times) and “brings authenticity back into country music” (People). 2023 saw career milestones, including a surprise at California’s famed Stagecoach Festival, when country icon Alan Jackson invited Pardi to join Grand Ole Opry. At his history-making induction in October – presented by Opry member Garth Brooks – Pardi became the first artist from California ever inducted. Additionally, the multi-platinum singer, songwriter and producer released his first-ever Christmas record, “Merry Christmas From Jon Pardi.” Pardi recently released “Cowboys and Plowboys” featuring Luke Bryan as the follow-up single to his sixth career No. 1, “Your Heart Or Mine,” off his ACM Album of the Year-nominated “Mr. Saturday Night,” which has proven Pardi “might be the most successful at combining the old-school sound with today’s need for hooks” (Nash News), earning praise for his ability to “blaze his own trail over the past decade” (Billboard). His critically acclaimed CMA and ACM Album of the Year-nominated project “Heartache Medication” debuted among the top albums on Billboard’s Country Albums chart and was named one of 2019’s Best Albums of the Year by Rolling Stone and the Los Angeles Times. Pardi’s breakthrough platinum-selling album “California Sunrise” featured the multi-platinum, chart-topping hits “Dirt On My Boots,” “Head Over Boots,” “Heartache On The Dance Floor” and “Night Shift.” jonpardi.com

About MacKenzie Porter: Rising to international acclaim with a distinct country-pop shimmer, Canada-born, Nashville-based rising star MacKenzie Porter has a sound that knows no borders. Making a statement with her recently

released, 19-track Big Loud Records debut, “Nobody’s Born With A Broken Heart,” Porter shines across the project that EUPHORIA Magazine praises as having “a song on it for everyone.” The 2022 MusicRow Discovery Artist of the Year has earned global buzz for her “clear sound that instantly cuts deep” (CMT), earning nominations from the American Music Awards, Academy of Country Music Awards, CMT Awards and JUNO Awards. She’s also earned a whopping 22 CCMA Awards nominations, including a nod for Entertainer of the Year. This fall, she’ll co-host the CCMAs in Edmonton, Alberta, alongside Thomas Rhett. Porter has made high-profile global appearances on “The Kelly Clarkson Show,” “Good Morning America,” “Jimmy Kimmel Live!,” CBC’s “q,” “The Morning Show,” and many more. She broke out in 2022 with the chart-dominating, six-week U.S. No. 1 “Thinking ‘Bout You” with duet partner Dustin Lynch, building on international success as the first female this century to have six No. 1 songs at Canadian country radio and adding to more than 932 million global on-demand streams. The quadruple threat (singer, songwriter, multi-instrumentalist and actor) stars across both stage and screen as part of the cast of Netflix’s cult-followed sci-fi television series “Travelers” and a series regular on AMC’s “Hell On Wheels,” acting when she’s not impressing with her “mesmerizing vocals and hook-driven songs” (Billboard). Touring the globe opening for Blake Shelton, Kenny Chesney, Walker Hayes, Jordan Davis, Brad Paisley, Dallas Smith, Rascal Flatts and more, Porter wrapped her own Canadian headline tour earlier this year and will open for Parker McCollum, Keith Urban, Brett Young, Jon Pardi and others this summer. mackenzieporter.com/

More Grandstand news: These special guests were just announced - Emily Anne Roberts will be the special guest for Blake Shelton, and Beauty School Dropout will be the special guest for Matchbox Twenty. Tickets are currently on sale for the 2024 Grandstand series: Becky G (Aug. 22); Chance The Rapper (Aug. 23); Nate Bargatze: The Be Funny Tour (Aug. 24); Blake Shelton with special guest Emily Ann Roberts (Aug. 25); Happy Together Tour 2024 featuring The Turtles, Jay and the Americans, The Association, Badfinger, The Vogues and The Cowsills (Aug. 26); Ludacris & T-Pain (Aug. 27); Mötley Crüe (Aug. 29); Matchbox Twenty with special guest Beauty School Dropout (Aug. 30); Stephen Sanchez (Aug. 31); MSF Amateur Talent Contest Finals (Sept. 1 – free); and KIDZ BOP LIVE 2024 (Sept. 2).

The Nightly Fireworks Spectacular, sponsored by Mazda, follows all Grandstand shows, weather permitting.

Pre-fair discount admission tickets are currently on sale for the 2024 Great Minnesota Get-Together. Visit mnstatefair.org/tickets/admission-tickets/ for more information.

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