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Ludacris & T-Pain Announced for 2024 Grandstand Concert Series

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St. Paul, Minn. – The Minnesota State Fair is pleased to announce Ludacris & T-Pain for the 2024 Grandstand Concert Series sponsored by Sleep Number. Visit mnstatefair.org/grandstand/ for Grandstand information. Show details are as follows:

Ludacris & T-Pain

7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 27

Tickets: \$44, \$51, \$61 (all reserved seating) & \$88 (Party Deck)

On sale: 10 a.m. Friday, April 19

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 Ludacris: The career of the multitalented Chris “Ludacris” Bridges can best be described as remarkable. As a recording artist, he has sold more than 24 million albums worldwide, thanks to the blockbuster success of singles such as “Stand Up,” “Get Back,” “Southern Hospitality,” “Number One Spot,” “Money Maker” and “My Chick Bad.” All of these records were accompanied by ingenious videos that demonstrated Bridges’ far-reaching imagination and his willingness to stretch the boundaries of what rap videos should look and feel like. With unrivaled lyrical acumen, wit and imagery, Ludacris has solidified himself as one of music’s premier entertainers. His versatility and artistic complexity also enabled him to make a seamless transition to acting, including the fan-favorite role of Tej in Universal Pictures’ box office phenomenon “Fast & Furious” franchise, where he was introduced for the first time in 2003 in “2 Fast 2 Furious.” He reprised his role for the seventh time in “Fast X,” released in 2023. His other notable feature film credits include Garry Marshall’s ensemble comedy “New Year’s Eve,” Ivan Reitman’s romantic comedy “No Strings Attached,” Paul Higgins’ “Crash,” which received an Academy Award for Best Picture in 2006, and “Hustle & Flow,” which earned Bridges a SAG Award for Outstanding Performance by a Cast in a Motion Picture. As a father of four girls, his latest ventures include launching “KidNation,” an educational platform devoted to the enrichment of children. In addition, Bridges created the animated series “Karma’s World,” which launched in the Top 10 in 42 countries on Netflix, received two NAACP Award nominations and is now on its fourth season. This series for children ages 6-9 is a coming-of-age story about a young Black girl finding her voice and using it to change her world. It was originally inspired by Chris’ oldest daughter, Karma, and based on the interactive educational website of the same name created by Karma’s World Entertainment in 2009. A consummate businessman, Ludacris is enjoying success outside of entertainment, including the opening of his Chicken-n-Ber restaurants at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport and Los Angeles International Airport. The Ludacris Foundation, among Bridges’ many philanthropic efforts, was started in 2001 and focuses on helping youth in his hometown of Atlanta and has partnered with No Kid Hungry and Feeding America. facebook.com/ludacris/

About T-Pain: GRAMMY® Award-winning artist, producer, songwriter, entrepreneur and global cultural icon T-Pain has not only changed the course of pop, hip-hop and R&B, but has reshaped the fabric of culture itself. He has sold more than 50 million singles, accumulated billions of streams, racked up 10 iconic No. 1s on the Billboard Hot 100 and captivated the world with his charismatic live performances, earning a reputation as a global phenomenon. T-Pain’s

recent viral sensation “On Top of The Covers (Live From The Sun Rose),” a performance based on the acclaimed covers album “On Top of The Covers,” and inspirational single “Dreaming” – all out now via his own Nappy Boy Entertainment – showcase the innovative artist’s powerful vocals and dynamic voice. Since emerging in 2004, the Tallahassee trailblazer’s influence has transcended generations in music and more. The iconic artist won the first season of FOX’s “The Masked Singer” after stunning audiences with his soulful, non-auto-tuned voice, and he boasts one of the most-watched “Tiny Desk” sessions and “Hot Ones” interviews of all time. He shines as a Twitch phenomenon and uber popular streamer, head of his own Nappy Boy Entertainment and Nappy Boy Automotive, podcast host, director and editor, expert drift driver, actor, author, HelloFresh spokesperson, and his collaboration with Spicewalla has sold out time and time again. Recipient of the 2023 Soul Train Legend Award, the in-demand collaborator recently teamed with Snoop Dogg on “That’s How We Ballin,” with Meghan Trainor on “Been Like This,” and announced his new duo project with Young Cash – Bluez Brothaz. He’ll continue rolling out new music, performing as a resident artist at Zouk Nightclub and Ayu Dayclub (Resorts World Las Vegas), touring in 2024 – which include his annual Wiscansin Fest and performances at The Hollywood Bowl’s Juneteenth Celebration, Central Park SummerStage, Bonnaroo, BottleRock and Lovers & Friends Festival – and more. tpain.com/

The following 2024 Grandstand shows have already been announced with tickets on sale: Chance The Rapper (Aug. 23); Nate Bargatze: The Be Funny Tour (Aug. 24); Blake Shelton (Aug. 25); Happy Together Tour 2024 featuring The Turtles, Jay and the Americans, The Association, Badfinger, The Vogues and The Cowsills (Aug. 26); Mötley Crüe (Aug. 29); Matchbox Twenty (Aug. 30); and KIDZ BOP LIVE 2024 (Sept. 2). Additional Grandstand artists will be announced periodically between now and the 2024 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 2024 Great Minnesota Get-Together. Visit mnstatefair.org/tickets/admission-tickets/ for more information.

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