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Matchbox Twenty Announced for 2024 Grandstand Concert Series

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

Matchbox Twenty

7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 30

Tickets: \$67, \$77, \$87 (all reserved seating) & \$134 (Party Deck)

On sale: 10 a.m. Friday, April 12

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 Matchbox Twenty: Matchbox Twenty have quietly woven their songs into the fabric of American popular culture. It's impossible not to hum along to generational anthems such as "3AM," "Push," "Unwell," "Bent," "If You're Gone" and "She's So Mean." "Push" even recently inspired a key musical moment in Greta Gerwig's history-making film "Barbie" as the "national anthem of the so-called 'Kendom'" (USA Today). Earning hits in each of the last three decades, Matchbox Twenty have gone from perennially dominating radio airwaves and ruling MTV to piling up streams in the billions, speaking to the enduring appeal of their music. They've sold more than 40 million records worldwide, dominated charts, garnered multiple Grammy Award nominations, and played to millions of fans in arenas, amphitheaters and stadiums across continents. Their catalog encompasses the diamond-certified 12x-platinum classic "Yourself or Someone Like You" (1996), quadruple-platinum "Mad Season" (2000), double-platinum "More Than You Think You Are" (2002) and gold-certified "North" (2012), which marked their first No. 1 on the Billboard 200. Beyond dozens of syncs on film and television, their music has been either covered, interpolated or sampled by everyone from Steve Aoki and Kiiara to RMR, while Billboard cited Matchbox Twenty as "one of the most consistent groups of the alternative boom of the '90s' back half." For their first album in 11 years and fifth LP overall, "Where The Light Goes," released in 2023 by Atlantic Records, the band – Rob Thomas, Brian Yale, Paul Doucette and Kyle Cook – simply did what they do best and wrote another great batch of real, relevant and relatable songs recorded with Grammy Award-nominated producer Gregg Wattenberg (Train, John Legend, Goo Goo Dolls). This album benefitted from the musicians' respective solo journeys. Thomas has proven one of the most highly decorated artists of recent years – releasing five solo albums and receiving three Grammy Awards, 11 BMI Awards, the first-ever Songwriters Hall of Fame Hal David Starlight Award, two Billboard Songwriter of the Year honors and Top 5 placement on Billboard's Top 20 Hot 100 Songwriters of the 2000s. Meanwhile, Paul Doucette has scored and contributed original music to film and television series such as "Utopia," "For All Mankind" and more. From the album, the single "Don't Get Me Wrong" landed at No. 1 on Sirius XM's The Pulse. After releasing their long-awaited project, the band hit the road for the 54-date North American Slow Dream Tour, which was named "one of the success stories of the summer" by "Rolling Stone" in 2023. matchboxtwenty.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); 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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