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### **MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT** **Kentucky State Fair Main Stage Concerts**

**Louisville, Ky (July 29, 2009)** - From Grammy Award winners to consistent Billboard chart-topping performers, fans of all music genres will fill the seats of Freedom Hall during the Kentucky State Fair Main Stage concert series. The concert line-up will excite fans of all music genres during the Fair, Aug. 20-30. All Main Stage Concert tickets are on sale now.

Pop sensation **Kelly Clarkson** will perform on opening night of the Kentucky State Fair with special guest **Gavin DeGraw**, Thursday, Aug. 20 at 8 p.m. Former American Idol champion and cross-genre musician, **Kelly Clarkson** will perform songs from her latest album, "All I Ever Wanted" and hits from her storied seven-year career in the music industry, including songs like "A Moment Like This," "Since U Been Gone," "Because of You" and her recent No.1 smash hit "My Life Would Suck Without You." Special Guest Gavin DeGraw is also no stranger to the spotlight. New York-native **DeGraw** has been featured on the television show, "One Tree Hill," where his song, "I Don't Want to Be" was the show theme song. DeGraw's third album, "Free" was released March 31.

The second night of the Fair, Aug. 21, belongs to rock favorites **Journey** and **Heart**. According to USA Today, **Journey** was named the fifth best rock band in American history. Throughout Journey's three decades of commercial success, 18 power ballad hits reached top 40 including, "Any Way You Want It," "Faithfully", "Open Arms", "Send Her My Love" "Separate Ways," and "Wheel in the Sky." Their signature song, "Don't Stop Believing" is the top-selling catalog track in iTunes history, surpassing two million downloads in 2008. **Heart** members, Ann and Nancy Wilson, stormed the charts in the '70s and '80s with hits like "Crazy on You," "Barracuda," "Straight On," "What About Love" and "Alone." These hits have been featured on numerous movies and television shows, as well as influencing the sale of 30 million records.

**Keith Urban**, who released his fifth studio album in April, will play to admiring fans at the Kentucky State Fair, Aug. 22 at 8 p.m. As a country music tour-de-force, Urban has released a total of seven studio albums charting more than 15 singles on the U.S. country charts, including 10 number ones. Urban's last album, "Love, Pain & the whole crazy thing" spawned four top six sensations and was certified two-times Multi- Platinum. Special Guest **Pat Green** will open for Urban singing chart-rising songs like "Wave on Wave" and "Feels Just Like It Should."

Country singer-songwriter **Taylor Swift** takes the stage with **Kellie Pickler** and **Gloriana** on the last night of the Fair for her sold-out performance. Pennsylvania-born Swift has emerged on the country/pop music scene as a successful crossover act, with her self-titled debut album producing five hit singles on the Billboard charts and was certified three-times Multi-Platinum. At only 19 years old, Swift has touched younger and older listeners with hits like "Tim McGraw," "Teardrops on My Guitar" and "Love Story." The latter song recently became the most paid downloaded country song and the first country song to top the Mainstream Top 40 chart. Fellow country artist **Kellie Pickler** rose to fame after finishing sixth place on American Idol in 2006. Her debut album generated three top 25 singles, with "I Wonder" reaching #14. Newcomer **Gloriana** released its first single, "Wild at Heart" in 2009. Band member Cheyenne Kimball has achieved independent success as the winner of TV show America's Most Talented Kid at the age of 12 and the subject of a MTV show called "Cheyenne."

All tickets will be available at the Kentucky Exposition Center and Kentucky International Convention Center Ticket Offices and all Ticketmaster outlets. Charge by phone at 1-800-745-3000, or purchase online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

For more information on this and other exciting Kentucky State Fair entertainment and events, visit [www.kystatefair.org](http://www.kystatefair.org).

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The Kentucky State Fair is an 11-day celebration of the history, heritage and culture of the Bluegrass State. Nearly 600,000 attend America's largest indoor fair, which uses all 1.2 million square feet of contiguous exhibit space at the Kentucky Exposition Center. While its roots are in agriculture, the Kentucky State Fair has grown into a trade and public education exposition, as well as a major entertainment venue. The World's Championship Horse Show, held during the Fair, is the world's richest and most prestigious saddlebred show. Attendees and exhibitors contribute over \$16.8 million annually in economic impact. The Kentucky State Fair & World's Championship Horse Show are owned and produced by the Kentucky State Fair Board, an agency of the Kentucky Tourism, Arts & Heritage Cabinet.

