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Meet the Kentucky State Fair's Star-Studded Cast of Musicians

LOUISVILLE, Ky. – (July 8, 2008) ... Music fans won't want to miss the multi-genre roster of stars performing at Freedom Hall during the Kentucky State Fair. From easy listening and country to pop and hard rock, all music fans will enjoy this year's exciting lineup. The stars are sure to shine as a singing sensation and multi-winner of ABC's hit, "Dancing With the Stars," and leading ladies and men of Disney's smash hit "High School Musical" perform during the event. Best of all, tickets purchased in advance of the Fair will get concertgoers in to all the action the Fair offers at no additional charge.

Toyota Tundra Presents Brooks & Dunn: The Cowboy Town Tour with ZZ Top and special guest Rodney Atkins – Thursday, Aug. 14

Hard rock and country fans will unite for opening night of the Fair when **Brooks & Dunn** and **ZZ Top** take center stage for a performance that will leave fans wanting more. Joining "The Cowboy Town Tour" is **Rodney Atkins**, current six time Academy of Country Music (ACM) nominee. With an astonishing 23 No. 1 hits under their belts, Brooks & Dunn are sure to please with songs from their hit album "Cowboy Town," and the group known nearly as much for their trademark appearance as their blues-inspired rock music, ZZ Top, will perform songs from their career, which spans nearly four decades. Atkins, whose six 2008 ACM nominations include Top Male Vocalist and Album of the Year, will entertain with his chart-topping single "Cleaning This Gun" and other smash hits. Tickets for the concert are \$49 and are on sale now.

Vanessa Hudgens and Corbin Bleu with special guests Jordan Pruitt and Drew Seeley – Friday, Aug. 15

"High School Musical" fans will have their chance to meet the stars of Disney's hit movie series first hand when its leading lady and other stars showcase their musical talents on stage the second night of the Fair. Pop sensation, **Vanessa Hudgens**, who played the lead female role in the film and released her sophomore album "Identified" this July, will perform songs from both of her solo albums, including "Come Back to Me" and "Say OK." Sharing the stage with this starlet is **Corbin Bleu**, who played the role of Chad Danforth in "High School Musical." Bleu starred in "Jump In!," one of the highest rated Disney Channel Original Movies of all time, and released his debut album, "Another Side", following his role as Danforth. Last summer, Bleu toured with **Jordan Pruitt**, who will also entertain the audience this year at Freedom Hall. Set to release her second album in September, Pruitt's music was featured in "Jump In!" Her debut

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album sold over 14,000 copies in its first week of sales. **Drew Seeley**, best known as the voice of Zac Efron's character in the first "High School Musical," will round out the show. Seeley co-wrote the Emmy-nominated song "Get'cha Head in the Game" and toured with the "High School Musical" cast last summer as the lead male character opposite Vanessa Hudgens. Tickets for this concert are \$31 and are on sale now.

Hershey's Presents Brad Paisley "The Paisley Party Tour 2008" with special guests Jewel, Chuck Wicks and Julianne Hough – Saturday, Aug. 16

Concertgoers will find that **Brad Paisley** is certainly not cooler online than he is in person. Paisley, who was awarded Top Male Vocalist by the Academy of Country Music in both 2007 and 2008, will keep the crowd laughing and dancing the entire night when he performs his humor-laced hits such as "Online" and "I'm Gonna Miss Her," beginning at 8 p.m. Grammy-nominated singer/songwriter, **Jewel**, will take the stage and enchant the audience with her strong yet sweet voice as she sings her hit "Stronger Woman" and other songs from her new album "Perfectly Clear." Country newcomer, **Chuck Wicks**, will join the party following Jewel's performance where he is sure to woo the audience with his widely popular single "Stealing Cinderella." **Julianne Hough** will then dance her way into audience members' hearts with her debut single "That Song in My Head." Tickets for this concert are on sale now for \$49.

Trace Adkins "American Man Tour" with special guests Miranda Lambert and Keith Anderson – Sunday, Aug. 24

The Fair is sure to go out with a bang when the "American Man Tour" hits the stage at Freedom Hall. **Trace Adkins** will headline the tour and keep the audience on their toes with songs from his double-platinum, award-winning album, "Songs About Me." The firecracker known as **Miranda Lambert** will keep the audience lively in the evening with celebrated songs such as "Gunpowder and Lead" and "Famous in a Small Town" from her album "Crazy Ex-Girlfriend," which won the 2008 Academy of Country Music award for album of the year. Brilliant singer/songwriter **Keith Anderson** will heat up the stage with his hit song "Pickin' Wildflowers" as well as songs from his recently released album "C'Mon!" Anderson has written material for Gretchen Wilson and Big & Rich along with his own material. Tickets are \$46 and are on sale now.

All concert tickets include admission to the Kentucky State Fair and \$1 facility fee. Tickets are available at the Kentucky Exposition Center Ticket Office, all Ticketmaster outlets, by phone at (502) 361-3100 or 1-800-487-1212 or via www.ticketmaster.com using ticketFast. Doors open approximately an hour and a half before show time. For more information on these and other exciting events and attractions at the Kentucky State Fair, visit 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. More than 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 Commerce Cabinet.

