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KENTUCKY STATE FAIR ANNOUNCES THE FIRST TWO MAIN STAGE CONCERTS

Third and final concert will be announced in July

LOUISVILLE, KY (March 5, 2014) – Lady Antebellum with special guest Billy Currington will open the 2014 Kentucky State Fair Main Stage Concert Series on Thursday, August 14 as a part of their “Take Me Downtown Tour.” The next night, the “Soundtrack of Summer” Tour featuring rock bands **Styx and Foreigner** will rock in Freedom Hall.

Tickets will go on sale Monday, March 24 at 10 a.m. for both concerts. Tickets for Lady Antebellum with special guest Billy Currington are \$45 and \$55 and tickets for Styx and Foreigner are \$40 and \$50. All prices include Kentucky State Fair gate admission.

Country music trio Lady Antebellum took a break last summer, after being awarded Group Artist of the Year at the 2012 American Country Music Awards, for the birth of lead vocalist Hillary Scott’s daughter. The group has released seven No. 1 singles including “I Run to You,” “American Honey,” “Just a Kiss,” and the group’s fastest-charting single, “Downtown.”

Grammy Award-nominee Billy Currington, opening for Lady Antebellum, has produced seven No. 1 singles including “Must Be Doin’ Somethin’ Right,” “Good Directions,” “People are Crazy,” “Let Me Down Easy,” and “Hey Girl.”

American rock band Styx is back in Freedom Hall after the group was a part of the largest grossing concert in Kentucky State Fair history when they opened for Def Leopard in 2007. The band released four consecutive albums that have been certified Multi-Platinum. Styx is best known for their 1983 hit song “Mr. Roboto” and the No. 1 single “Babe.” Other hit singles that charted on the Billboard Top 100 include “Too Much Time on my Hands,” “The Best of Times,” “Lady,” “Come Sail Away” and “Show Me the Way.”

Foreigner, a British-American rock band that was formed in 1976, will co-headline on the second night of the Kentucky State Fair. The band first played in Freedom Hall in 1985 and was also a part of the opening act for the largest grossing concert in Kentucky State Fair history. Among the 39 singles released by the band, 14 of them became top 20 hits on the Billboard Hot 100 chart. Top hits by the band include their No. 1 song “I Want to Know What Love Is” and “Waiting for a Girl Like You.” They are one of the world’s best-selling bands of all time with

worldwide sales of nearly 80 million albums, including 37.5 million albums in the United States alone.

The third and final Main Stage Concert at the 2014 Kentucky State Fair will be announced in July. In addition to the fair's Main Stage Concert Series, the Turf Concert Series returns this year and includes 11 free concerts on the field of Cardinal Stadium.

Tickets, on sale Monday, March 24, will be available at the Freedom Hall and Kentucky International Convention Center Ticket Offices and all Ticketmaster outlets. Purchase online at www.ticketmaster.com or charge by phone at 1-800-745-3000.

The 2014 Kentucky State Fair will run from August 14-24 at the Kentucky Exposition Center. For more information about the 2014 Kentucky State Fair, visit www.kystatefair.org.

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About the Kentucky State Fair

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 over 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 and Heritage Cabinet.