



Kentucky Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet Kentucky State Fair

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Reba McEntire to Perform at Kentucky State Fair with Special Guest Parmalee

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. (April 25, 2016) — Award-winning artist Reba McEntire will perform on the Kentucky State Fair Main Stage Thursday, Aug. 18 in Freedom Hall.

As one of the world's most successful female recording artists, Reba has four decades of chart-topping songs under her belt. She's been recognized as the biggest female "hit maker" in country music history, earning 64 Top 10 hits and reaching her 35th No. 1 hit with "Turn on the Radio."

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Parmalee, nominated for the Academy of Country Music's New Vocal Duo/Group of the Year Award in 2016, will take the stage first. Their "Feels Like Carolina" album earned critical praise from People, The New York Times, USA Today, Billboard and more. The band has toured with other leading country stars.

A member of the Country Music Hall of Fame, Reba has won 15 American Music Awards, 13 Academy of Country Music Awards, nine People's Choice Awards, seven Country Music Association Awards, two GRAMMY Awards and is one of only four entertainers to receive the National Artistic Achievement Award from Congress.

Reba's talents and passions extend beyond the microphone. She starred in and produced the popular TV sitcom "Reba" for six seasons; launched successful lines of clothing, footwear and home collections; and earned rave reviews for her Broadway performance in "Annie Get Your Gun."

Tickets are \$58, \$50 and \$46 each and include Kentucky State Fair gate admission. Tickets can be purchased at the Kentucky Exposition Center and Kentucky International Convention Center Ticket Offices. Charge by phone at 1-800-745-3000, or purchase online at www.ticketmaster.com. Tickets go on sale Monday, May 2 at 10:00 a.m.

The Kentucky State Fair runs August 18-28 at the Kentucky Exposition Center. For more information, 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 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 \$15.3 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.

Conveniently located adjacent to the Louisville International Airport and near the junction of three major interstates, the Kentucky Exposition Center is easily accessible and just five minutes south of downtown Louisville. The spacious grounds have 19,000 parking spaces and is accessible from six gates surrounding the facility. Gates are located off of Phillips Lane, Crittenden Drive and Preston Highway. Parking at the Kentucky Exposition Center is \$8 per vehicle and \$20 per bus.