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Check out Kentucky State Fair's Lineup for Free Turf Concert Series

11 nights and 25 bands: from retro pop to hip hop, gospel to rock, and country to soul.

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (May 16, 2017) — The Kentucky State Fair announces the lineup for its Turf Concert Series, which runs throughout the fair, Aug. 17-27. The series features a wide range of musical artists and there's a different concert every night, for a total of 25 bands. All shows are free with paid admission to the Kentucky State Fair.

Thursday, Aug. 17, 8 p.m.	"Elvis Extravaganza" Tribute to the King plus Tribute to "The Statler Brothers"
Friday, Aug. 18, 8 p.m.	Ginuwine and TONY! TONI! TONÉ!
Saturday, Aug. 19, 8 p.m.	Blues Traveler with Special Guest The Social Animals
Sunday, Aug. 20, 8 p.m.	The Oak Ridge Boys with Special Guest Alaska and Madi
Monday, Aug. 21, 8 p.m.	For King & Country with Special Guest Zach Williams
Tuesday, Aug. 22, 8 p.m.	Happy Together Tour featuring The Turtles, the Cowsills, The Box Tops, Ron Dante from the Archies, Chuck Negron and The Association
Wednesday, Aug. 23, 8 p.m.	Whiskey Jam: Chase Bryant, with Dylan Scott, Special Guest Chris Shrader
Thursday, Aug. 24, 8 p.m.	Faireinheit 17 featuring Ben Sollee, with Special Guests Tony and the Tan Lines and 64West
Friday, Aug. 25, 8 p.m.	Easton Corbin with Special Guest JD Shelburne
Saturday, Aug. 26, 8 p.m.	Theory of a Deadman with Special Guest Goldy lockS
Sunday, Aug. 27, 3 p.m.	Matthew West, Colton Dixon, Hawk Nelson and Sarah Reeves

Thursday, Aug. 17, 8 p.m.

"**Elvis Extravaganza**" recreates the magic and music of the King's live performances. Recognized as the country's best Elvis tribute artists, these singers cover his entire career – from the hip-shakin' 50s to the rhinestone-studded Vegas years. www.elviscontest.com

Brian, Dale, Mike, Scott and Jamie fly their fan flag in **Tribute to "The Statler Brothers."** This heartfelt performance honors the country giants whose careers spanned 47 years, 38 albums and countless music awards. www.therivercityboys.com

Friday, Aug. 18, 8 p.m.

At 12 years old, **Ginuwine** was already performing with a local hip-hop group. Skip forward, and it wasn't long before he had signed a deal with Sony Music. That's all it took to launch a career filled with multiple double-platinum LPs and hit singles on R&B and pop charts. www.ginuwine.com

Tony! Toni! Toné! helped define the R&B genre – and their classic songs continue to make rotation on radio stations more than 25 years later. Today the group can be found on the road, performing their hits across the U.S. and around the world. www.tonytonitonemusic.com

Saturday, Aug. 19, 8 p.m.

Grammy-award winning **Blues Traveler** covers a lot of ground with their music – blues rock, psychedelic rock, folk rock, soul and Southern rock. After selling millions of records and logging thousands of miles on the road, the band continues to deliver energetic, eclectic live performances. www.bluestraveler.com

The Social Animals deliver indie sounds with a passion and honesty that move audiences both physically and emotionally. The young van-living band released its debut EP, “Formative Years”, last summer. www.thesocialanimals.com

Sunday, Aug. 20, 8 p.m.

A country and gospel quartet, **The Oak Ridge Boys** have been entertaining Kentucky State Fair audiences for 42 years. The group has scored 12 gold, three platinum and one double platinum album; earned Grammy, Country Music Association and Academy of Country Music Awards; and were recently inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame. www.oakridgeboys.com

Alaska and Madi, a country western duo from Tulsa, have been singing together since they were 11 and 12 years old. Members of “Team Blake” on season 6 of “The Voice,” they can now be found playing stages throughout the U.S. www.alaskaandmadi.com

Monday, Aug. 21, 8 p.m.

Australian brothers Joel and Luke Smallbone hit the music scene in 2012 as **For King & Country**, winning fans and Billboard’s New Artists to Watch. If the duo looks familiar, they have performed on “The View,” “The Today Show,” “The Tonight Show” and “Jimmy Kimmel Live.” www.forkingandcountry.com

A Christian singer and songwriter, **Zach Williams** was a member of Zach Williams & The Reformation before going solo in 2016. That same year he released his first single, which reached the Top 10 on Billboard’s Hot Rock Songs Chart. His first full-length album quickly followed. www.zachwilliamsmusic.com

Tuesday, Aug. 22, 8 p.m.

Hit after hit from the '60s and '70s, the **Happy Together Tour** unites some of the era’s top artists: The Association; Ron Dante of the Archies; The Turtles, featuring Flo and Eddie; The Box Tops; Chuck Negron, formerly of Three Dog Night; The Cowsills and more.

Wednesday, Aug. 23, 8 p.m.

Raised in Orange Grove, Texas, population 1,200, **Chase Bryant** has said there were 20 guitars in his town, and he owned all of them. The young guitar player, songwriter and recording artist produces his own music, including a single that landed in the Top 20 on Billboard’s Hot Country Songs Chart. www.chasebryant.com

One of Spotify’s Spotlight on 2016 Country Artists, **Dylan Scott**’s respect for traditional country, embrace of modern genres, unique voice and warm personality have made him a favorite with fans. His singles rank high on Billboard Charts, with millions of plays via social media and streaming. www.dylanscottcountry.com

Chris Shrader rocks audiences with a contemporary style that has strong roots in traditional country. His wide range of influences can be heard in his songs and include: Jimi Hendrix and Johnny Cash; Smashing Pumpkins and Hank Williams; and Foo Fighters and Travis Tritt. www.chrisshrader.com

Thursday, Aug. 24, 8 p.m.

Kentucky-born cellist and composer **Ben Sollee** has performed at Carnegie Hall, and his music can be heard on TV shows such as “Parenthood” and “Weeds.” He also uses his music to raise awareness and has performed and spoken on sustainability at South by Southwest Music and TEDx San Diego. www.bensollee.com

Capturing the smooth soul of the '70s and the hot Miami sound from the early '80s, **Tony and the Tan Lines** knows how to get the party started. From Hall and Oates to Huey Lewis and Gloria Estefan to Steely Dan, this group keeps the energy going till the last note is played. www.tonyandthetanlines.com

64West began as a duo when University of Kentucky students Aaron Weaver and Bill Yackey played rock, country and R&B shows in Kentucky, Tennessee, Indiana and Ohio. The two later added a bassist, guitarist and drummer; and moved from Lexington to Louisville, which is how the band got its name. www.64westband.com

Friday, Aug. 25, 8 p.m.

Having spent last year on one of country music's biggest tours – Carrie Underwood's "The Storyteller" – **Easton Corbin** is back in the studio working on a new album. The Florida native is known for his traditional country sound, authentic lyrics and mastery of understatement. www.eastoncorbin.com

A Kentucky native, **JD Shelburne** grew up on country, gospel and pop rock music. The young musician started playing small bars in Louisville and Lexington before taking the stage at events such as the CMA Music Festival, Quaker State 400 NASCAR Race and NCAA Women's Final Four. www.jdshelburne.com

Saturday, Aug. 26, 8 p.m.

Canadian rock band **Theory of a Deadman** incorporates the musical styles of country and acoustic, post-grunge and alternative rock. The group has racked up eight Top 10 hits on the Billboard Hot Mainstream Rock Chart, with two singles reaching number one. www.theoryofadeadman.com

Each member of **Goldy lockS** brings their own style to the group, for a fusion of rock, pop, jazz, R&B and heavy metal. They've shared the stage with a wide range of artists, including Nickelback, Ted Nugent, Collective Soul, Stevie Nicks, Pat Benatar, Maroon 5 and Grand Funk Railroad. www.goldylocks.net

Sunday, Aug. 27, 3 p.m.

Matthew West is an award-winning Christian artist – Dove Award, American Music Award, Billboard Music Award and Billboard's Hot Christian Songwriter of the Year – plus an Emmy and four-time Grammy nominee. His music has sold more than 1.6 million albums. www.matthewwest.com

A gospel performer from Tennessee, **Colton Dixon** started singing when he was 13 years old and placed seventh on the 11th season of "American Idol." www.coltondixon.com

Hawk Nelson is a Christian rock and pop punk band. The Canadian group has released seven albums and won multiple GMA Awards. Their songs have also been used in promotions for "American Idol," the NFL, Nike, JCPenny and the Olympics. www.hawknelson.com

A Christian performer, **Sarah Reeves** plays pop and worship style music and has released a number of albums with chart-topping hits. Her popularity is boosted by her YouTube channel which, at last count, had over 13 million views from around the world. www.sarahreevesmusic.com

The Turf Concert Series is held in Cardinal Stadium with seating on the field, which is first-come first-served. Gates open approximately an hour-and-a-half before the music begins.

The 2017 Kentucky State Fair is Aug. 17-27 at the Kentucky Exposition Center. For more information, visit www.kystatefair.org or find the Fair on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or its blog.

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The [Kentucky State Fair](http://www.kystatefair.org) (KSF) is an 11-day celebration of the history, heritage and culture of the Bluegrass State. More than 600,000 attend the nation's largest indoor fair, which covers 1.2 million square feet of contiguous exhibit space at the Kentucky Exposition Center. With its agricultural roots, KSF is a trade and public education exposition, a major entertainment venue and home to the World's Championship Horse Show. Attendees and exhibitors contribute over \$15.3 million annually in economic impact, and both events are owned and produced by Kentucky Venues.