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## ARETHA FRANKLIN CANCELS KENTUCKY STATE FAIR CONCERT Boyz II Men and Kool & The Gang Will Perform

**LOUISVILLE, KY (July 16, 2015)** – Kentucky State Fair officials have announced the cancellation of An Evening with Aretha Franklin at the Kentucky State Fair on August 30. The news comes after Franklin canceled summer tour dates in Memphis, TN and Highland, CA. Franklin's management said that she had another commitment.

Boyz II Men and Kool & The Gang will replace the Queen of Soul at the Kentucky State Fair on August 30 at 8 p.m. in Freedom Hall.

Four-time Grammy Award-winning group, Boyz II Men, remains one of the most truly iconic and best-selling R&B groups in music history with 60 million albums sold. The group is best known for their NO. 1 hits "I'll Make Love to You," "On Bended Knee," "End of the Road," "One Sweet Day" and "4 Seasons of Loneliness." Other top hits include "Motownphilly," "Water Runs Dry," and "It's So Hard to Say Goodbye to Yesterday."

Kool & The Gang has sold over 70 million albums worldwide and influenced the music of three generations. Best known for their hit "Celebration," the group has also earned two Grammy Awards, seven American Music Awards, 25 Top 10 R&B hits, nine Top 10 Pop hits and 31 gold and platinum albums. Other top singles include "Cherish," "Joanna," "Jungle Boogie," and "Ladies' Night."

Tickets go on sale Friday, July 24 at 10 a.m. Ticket prices remain the same at \$50 and \$55 and include Kentucky State Fair admission.

Tickets are 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). Tickets include facility fee and gate admission to the Kentucky State Fair.

Tickets purchased for An Evening with Aretha Franklin will be refunded at point of purchase. Tickets purchased online through Ticketmaster.com will receive an automatic refund.

The 2015 Kentucky State Fair is August 20-30 at the Kentucky Exposition Center. Parking at the Kentucky Exposition Center is \$8. For More information, visit [www.kystatefair.org](http://www.kystatefair.org) or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

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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 \$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.