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OKLAHOMA STATE FAIR ANNOUNCES CHANGE IN TOYOTA STAGE TALENT LINE-UP

OKLAHOMA CITY, September 11, 2008—Oklahoma State Fair officials received word late yesterday that the Eric Burdon performance, originally scheduled for Sunday, September 21 at the Oklahoma State Fair LIVE!, will need to be cancelled. Burdon's management company cited health problems going on to say that "Eric always gives 100% to his performance, and feels that under the circumstances he may not be able to deliver the excellent performance he and his fans are accustomed to." Burdon also cancelled several television appearances in Europe, as a transatlantic flight would only aggravate his health concerns.

Replacing Burdon will be Felix Cavaliere's Rascals. Early in 1965, Felix formed the "Young Rascals" with the additions of Dino Danelli, Eddie Brigati and Gene Cornish. From 1965 through 1969, the Rascals were one of the biggest groups in the country, their hits including the Felix-sung "Good Lovin'," "Groovin'," "A Girl Like You," "A Beautiful Morning," and "People Got to Be Free," as they evolved from blue-eyed soul (a term coined to describe them) to pop psychedelia and jazz fusion. Felix sang lead on most of the tracks, while Eddie sang lead on their ballads. The Rascals' biggest hit, "People Got to Be Free," was co-written by Felix and Eddie as an impassioned response to the assassinations of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy and the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. It topped the charts for five weeks in 1968.

In 1997, Felix Cavaliere along with former Rascals band members was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall Of Fame, the highest recognition a band/musician can receive. Felix is in good company with Hall Of Fame inductees Elvis Presley, The Beatles, The Rolling Stones and Chuck Berry among other greats!

Felix Cavaliere's Rascals will perform at the 2008 Oklahoma State Fair LIVE! on Sunday, September 21 at 3:00 p.m. on the Toyota Stage. The concert is free with outside gate admission to the State Fair. Visit us at www.okstatefair.com for more detailed information.

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