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### OKLAHOMA STATE FAIR ANNOUNCES 2019 LINE-UP FOR CHICKASAW COUNTRY ENTERTAINMENT STAGE

**Oklahoma City** - The Oklahoma State Fair is proud to present a variety of talented and entertaining performances on the Chickasaw Country Entertainment Stage. Our 2019 talent lineup brings a wide range of musical styles to the stage, from country to rock to R&B and everything in between. Performances on the Chickasaw Country Entertainment Stage are free with outside gate admission. Don't miss the chance to experience FUN MADE HERE with these great concerts.

"We look forward to hosting this great group of performers," said Tim O'Toole, president & CEO, Oklahoma State Fair, Inc. "There is a concert that anyone can enjoy on any given night of the Fair."

Kicking-off the opening night of the Fair is country star Kevin Fowler. *How Country Are Ya?* is the good-timing, tradition-steeped and honky-tonk-stomping Amarillo native's return to basics effort. Kevin Fowler has earned his reputation as one of the most amped-up concert performers to emerge from the modern-day Texas country movement and will surely bring his energy to the 2019 Oklahoma State Fair.

For 60 years, the close family harmonies of Larry, Rudy and Steve Gatlin, better known as Larry Gatlin & The Gatlin Brothers, have given the trio a signature sound that led to country classics like "All The Gold In California" and "Houston (Means I'm One Day Closer To You)." The brothers won a GRAMMY for their 1976 breakthrough hit, "Broken Lady," and reached #1 with "I Just Wish You Were Someone I Love" soon after. This iconic trio will take the Chickasaw Country Entertainment Stage on Friday, September 13.

Journey fans won't want to miss the performance on Saturday, September 14 where they can see Resurrection – A Journey Tribute take the stage. Setting out to create the most authentic Journey experience anyone has ever witnessed, this band has worked tirelessly to deliver a live experience that would resonate on the highest level with the most avid Journey fan. The band has been on a whirlwind ride, growing quickly from a weekend-warrior act into one of the most highly sought-after tribute experiences in the country.

Arriving at the musical world as a revolution for the Mexican Regional genre, from Mazatlan, Sinaloa, Mexico, Banda Carnaval was born. Distinguished by being composed of talented young musicians who carry joy in their blood, their passion shines through in the music they create. Watch this band perform on Sunday, September 15.

Fans of contemporary Christian artists won't want to miss the performance on Monday, September 16. Unspoken is an American Christian band that released their debut single "Who You Are" in 2012 and led the group to several appearances on the charts. They have had four straight Top 5 AC singles in their career and have steadily built momentum among fans with inspiring music for listeners of any age.

For a night jam packed with three iconic classics, head to the stage on Tuesday, September 17 for The Grass Roots, The Buckingham's and The Box Tops – singing their hits all in one night!

Headlining the night will be The Grass Roots, an American rock band, has sold over twenty million records worldwide. Currently, band members are carrying on the legacy of the group with nationwide live performances.

From Chicago's Holiday Ballroom to America's living room on The Ed Sullivan Show, across the USA and in the White House, The Buckingham's have stayed true to their Chicago roots. Original founding members Carl Giammarese and Nick Fortuna continue to deliver a powerful replay of their hits and solid gold memories.

Featuring founding members Bill Cunningham and Gary Talley, The Boxtops are an act you won't want to miss. You can feel that gentle southern breeze and smell the smoky barbecue as if you are walking down Beale Street to the beat of their sweet, sensuous, and slightly gritty sounds.

One of our most popular shows is back! Elvis Extravaganza brings impersonators of the King to the Oklahoma State Fair to see who most accurately and entertainingly captures the essence of Elvis Presley. Don't miss this show on Wednesday, September 18!

Cancelled due to weather events during the 2018 Oklahoma State Fair, we're thrilled to bring Dru Hill back on Friday, September 20. This group of four has created a name for itself in the R&B industry. With dynamic sounds and hits such as "Tell Me" and "How Deep Is Your Love," the iconic quartet has made a splash in the world of music that is still felt years after the group's formation.

With more than 17 million albums sold worldwide, over 3,500 live performances, and a radio audience that exceeds 1 billion, Night Ranger has both epitomized and transcended the arena rock sound and style well beyond that era. Don't miss the hits from this iconic group on the Chickasaw Country Entertainment Stage, Saturday, September 21.

Tony Lewis from the Outfield took the 80s by storm with their infectious pop songs, including "Your Love," "All the Love," and "Say it isn't So." After a break from the music scene, Tony Lewis re-entered the game with the completely self-produced album *Out of the Darkness*. Fans of this prolific musician won't want to miss his performance on Sunday, September 22 during the 2019 Oklahoma State Fair.

### **FREE Concerts on the Chickasaw Country Entertainment Stage**

Thursday, September 12, at 7:30 p.m. – Kevin Fowler

Friday, September 13, at 7:30 p.m. – Larry, Steve and Rudy: The Gatlin Brothers

Saturday, September 14, at 8 p.m. – Resurrection – A Journey Tribute

Sunday, September 15, at 6 p.m. – Banda Carnaval

Monday, September 16, at 7:30 p.m. – Unspoken

Tuesday, September 17, at 7:30 p.m. – The Grass Roots, The Buckingham's & The Boxtops

Wednesday, September 18, at 7:30 p.m. - Elvis Extravaganza

Thursday, September 19, at 7:30 p.m. – TBD

Friday, September 20, at 7:30 p.m. – Dru Hill

Saturday, September 21, at 8 p.m. – Night Ranger

Sunday, September 22, at 6 p.m. – Tony Lewis from the Outfield

Special event announcements and general updates for the 2019 Oklahoma State Fair will be released as information becomes available. To stay up-to-date on all the Fair fun, visit [www.okstatefair.com](http://www.okstatefair.com), find us on [Facebook](#) or follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#). And don't forget to share your Fair memories and stories with us using #OKStateFair and #FunMadeHere