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South Dakota State Fair and Sherwin Linton Seek Talent

HURON, S.D. – The South Dakota State Fair and entertainer Sherwin Linton are looking for South Dakota entertainers of all genres and styles to be included in the 2017 State Fair AARP Centennial Stage Shows. People of all ages and skill levels are encouraged to submit information.

“We are now inviting South Dakota talent to submit CD’s, DVD’s, photos and bios for consideration to be included as a guest on the 2017 Centennial Stage,” stated Linton. “Adults, children, students, professionals and non-professionals are all welcome.”

([*Download Linton1 audio here***](#))**

Materials can be sent to:
Sherwin Linton
Centennial Stage
South Dakota State Fair
1060 3rd Street SW
Huron, SD 57350

Linton got his start at the State Fair by performing on the free entertainment stages as well as doing featured performances in the grandstand. Since the early 1970s, “Sherwin Linton and The Cotton Kings” have been a perennial entertainment show at the South Dakota State Fair. Linton, a native South Dakotan who is in his 61st year as a professional entertainer said, “No matter where I perform, from Minnesota to Texas, when people ask me what my favorite venue is, I always say the ‘Centennial Stage at the South Dakota State Fair.’ The fair is my homecoming each year.” **([***Download Linton2 audio here***](#))**

The 2017 South Dakota State Fair will run from Thursday, Aug. 31 through Monday, Sept. 4. Channel Seeds preview night will be Wednesday, Aug. 30. This year’s theme is “Seriously Twisted Fun.” For more information on State Fair events, contact the Fair office at 800.529.0900, visit www.sdstatefair.com or find them on Facebook or Twitter.

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