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SD State Fair Announces First Grandstand Act

HURON, S.D. – The South Dakota State Fair and C&B Operations welcome classic rock and roll acts Foreigner and Night Ranger to the SD State Fair grandstand on Saturday, Sept. 1, 2018.

With 10 multi-platinum albums and 16 top 30 hits, Foreigner is universally hailed as one of the most popular rock acts in the world with a formidable musical arsenal that continues to propel sold-out tours. Foreigner has been rocking the charts for more than 40 years and is responsible for some of rock and roll's most enduring anthems like "Juke Box Hero," "Cold as Ice," the world wide number one hit "I Want to Know What Love Is," and more.

Opening for Foreigner will be the guitar heavy, melodic hard rock of Night Ranger. With more than 17 million albums sold world wide and over 3,000 live shows performed, Night Ranger is proof that powerful songs, plus accomplished musicians is the perfect formula for continued success. Hits include instantly recognizable legends like "Sister Christian," "Don't Tell Me You Love Me," and more.

"We are excited for this first concert announcement. Foreigner and Night Ranger are a great rock and roll combination for Saturday night at the grandstand." said Peggy Besch, SD State Fair director.

Pre-sale on tickets will begin June 4 for backrest holders, followed by Friends of the Fair ticket sales on June 7. General public ticket sales will begin June 11.

The 2018 South Dakota State Fair will run from Thursday, Aug. 30 through Monday, Sept. 3. Channel Seeds Preview Night will be Wednesday, Aug. 29. This year's theme is "Experience the Magic." 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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