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**Gary Allan and Sawyer Brown added to SD State Fair Grandstand Line Up**

HURON, S.D. –The South Dakota State Fair is proud to announce Gary Allan with Sawyer Brown will join the grandstand concert line up on Sunday, Sept. 2, 2018.

With the allure of a modern-day outlaw, Gary Allan has won over fans, peers and critics with his signature blend of smoldering vocals, rebellious lyrics and raucous live performances. While becoming a force on the country music scene, Allan has remained true to his artistic voice each step of the way.

With hits like “Every Storm Runs Out Of Rain,” “Man to Man” and “Tough Little Boys”, Allan has been topping the country radio charts with fourteen Top 10 hits and eight million albums sold. The California native released his first album, *Used Heart for Sale*, in 1996 and has been drawing crowds ever since. He continues to sell out venues as a headliner from NY to LA.

“There is a lot of energy and excitement around the fair this year, and the announcement of Gary Allan will keep that going,” said SD State Fairgrounds manager, Peggy Besch. “We’re excited to welcome him to the stage to celebrate 100 years of the SD State Fair Grandstand.”

Sawyer Brown will open for Gary Allan. Known to be one of the hardest working bands in country music, Sawyer Brown has over 30 years of touring, huge hit records, incredible live stage shows and millions of satisfied buyers and fans. They are an integral thread in the fabric of country music.

The band’s live shows are legendary. Having been described as “the Rolling Stones of country music,” the band bounds onto the stage night after night, delivering its own unique brand of high-energy entertainment, remaining a perennial favorite at fairs, festivals, theatres and casinos.

Sawyer Brown hits include, “The Race is On,” “Some Girls Do,” “Six Days on the Road” and “All These Years”.

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 Day 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](http://www.sdstatefair.com) or find them on Facebook or Twitter.

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