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South Dakota State Fair Confirms Cheap Trick as Second Grandstand Act

HURON, S.D.—The South Dakota State Fair announces that Cheap Trick has been added to the 2011 grandstand line-up. The band is scheduled to perform on Sunday, Sept. 4 at the South Dakota State Fairgrounds in Huron.

Believed to be one of the most covered bands of all time, the rock group has been making music since the 1970s. Some of the band's timeless classic songs include "*I Want You to Want Me*," "*Surrender*," and "*The Flame*." Their music combines elements of pop, punk, and even metal. Cheap Trick has given more than 5,000 performances, sold 20 million records, contributed to 29 movie soundtracks, and received 40 gold and platinum recording awards.

"Having a classic '70s rock band like Cheap Trick in the lineup reflects the State Fair's ability to choose an act that can appeal to all audiences," said Jerome Hertel, South Dakota State Fair Manager. "The State Fair not only provides great grandstand entertainment but they have developed a strategy that helps keep everyone involved and having fun during the State Fair."

Tickets for the Cheap Trick performance will go on sale in mid-June. Prices have yet to be determined. Friends of the Fair will have pre-sale access to ticket sales. For more information on becoming a Friend of the Fair, visit www.sdstatefair.com.

In an earlier release, the fair announced that Don Williams will perform on Friday, September 2. The 2011 theme for the fair is "Country Pride Statewide."

The fair will run Sept. 1-5 at the South Dakota State Fairgrounds in Huron. You can find the SD State Fair on Facebook and Twitter (@SDStateFair). For more information about the fair or grandstand acts, log onto www.sdstatefair.com.