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RISING BRONX HIP-HOP STAR A BOOGIE WIT DA HOODIE TO PERFORM AT CHEVY COURT DURING THE 2018 GREAT NEW YORK STATE FAIR

Chevy Court Concerts Complement "Central NY Rising" - The Region's Comprehensive Strategy to Revitalize Communities and Grow the Economy

Rising hip-hop star A Boogie Wit Da Hoodie, praised by several publications including the New York Times, will make his Great New York State Fair debut at 8 p.m. Saturday, September 2 on the Chevy Court stage, Acting Fair Director Troy Waffner announced today. Free concerts at Chevy Court, which drew more than a quarter million people in 2017, complement Central New York Rising, the region's comprehensive strategy to grow the economy.

"We love nothing better than being able to present an up-and-coming star in any genre of music, such as our shows featuring Bruno Mars and Florida Georgia Line just as they were becoming household names. This promises to be a great show and highlights our commitment to providing a lineup that reflects the diversity of our great state," said Waffner.

A Boogie Wit Da Hoodie joins a diverse and star-studded 2018 lineup that includes:

- Blondie, at 8 p.m. Wednesday, August 22
- +LIVE+, at 2 p.m. Saturday, August 25
- Counting Crows, at 8 p.m. Saturday, August 25
- Hunter Hayes, at 8 p.m. Sunday, August 26
- Peter Noone of Herman's Hermits, at 2 p.m. Monday, August 27
- Smokey Robinson, at 8 p.m. Monday, August 27
- Lil Yachty, at 8 p.m. Wednesday, August 29

- Maren Morris, at 1 p.m. Monday, September 3
- Niall Horan, at 6 p.m. Monday, September 3

The Chevy Court stage is the home of up to 26 national touring acts each year. A diverse 2017 lineup, including performers and groups such as Migos, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Earth Wind & Fire, The Beach Boys and Three Doors Down drew 264,600 fairgoers. Chevy Court won two Syracuse Area Music Awards in 2017 as People's Choice for Favorite Venue for Live Music and Favorite Festival or Music Series. The Fair was nominated for Fair of the Year by the International Entertainment Buyers association, the trade organization for live entertainment industry professionals. Free concerts at Chevy Court are sponsored by Chevrolet.

About A Boogie Wit Da Hoodie

In less than two years, the multi-platinum Bronx native A Boogie Wit Da Hoodie has become an imposing force in hip-hop, proclaimed the “most promising young rapper the city has produced in some time” by the New York Times. In 2017, he released his debut album, “The Bigger Artist.”

Forbes said that “A Boogie is “no one hit wonder,” and at the age of 21, having three Billboard Hot 100 singles proves them right. After he broke the ice with "Timeless" off of his TBA EP, his next two hits became RIAA Certified Platinum including his smash hit "Drowning" featuring Kodak Black, which spent 21 weeks on the chart and was streamed over 300 million times. The XXL Freshman's debut features a high-profile cast of featured artists including Chris Brown, 21 Savage, Trey Songs, PnB Rock, YoungBoy Never Broke Again, and fellow High Bridge The Label rapper Don Q. Production duties were executed by an eclectic group; Metro Boomin, Scott Storch, DJ Mustard, Murda Beats, Cardo and more.

On September 20th, A Boogie teamed up with the Garden of Dreams Foundation and WHEDco (Women's Housing and Economic Development Corporation) to give back to his hometown, the Highbridge neighborhood of the Bronx. A Boogie gave kids in need from his community school supplies while hanging out, taking pictures and signing autographs.

There's no doubt that A Boogie, born Artist Dubose, was born to live up to his name. From being called “a key part of the revitalization of New York rap” by Forbes, to playing Jay-Z's Made in America Festival, to being brought out by Drake at his sold-out Madison Square Garden appearance, the 21-year old with an affinity for euphony is on the brink of superstardom.

Accelerating Central NY Rising

Today's announcement complements "Central NY Rising," the region's comprehensive blueprint to generate robust economic growth and community development. The State has already invested more than \$4.7 billion in the region since 2012 to lay the groundwork for the plan – capitalizing on global market opportunities, strengthening entrepreneurship and creating an inclusive economy. Today, unemployment is down to the lowest levels since before the Great Recession; personal and corporate income taxes are down; and businesses are choosing places like Syracuse, Oswego and Auburn as a destination to grow and invest in.

Now, the region is accelerating Central NY Rising with a \$500 million State investment through the Upstate Revitalization Initiative, announced by Governor Cuomo in December 2015. The State's \$500 million investment will incentivize private business to invest well over \$2.5 billion – and the region's plan, as submitted, projects up to 5,900 new jobs. More information is available [here](#).

The New York State Fair, operated by the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, runs from August 22 to September 3, 2018. The Fair's mission, reflected in its theme, "FIND YOUR GREAT," is to showcase the best of New York agriculture while providing top-quality entertainment.

The home of the Great New York State Fair is a 375-acre exhibit and entertainment complex that operates all year. A year-round schedule of events is available on the Fair's website. Find The Great New York State Fair on Facebook, follow @NYSFair on Twitter, on Snapchat at nysfair and enjoy photos from the Fair at [Flickr.com/photos/nysfair](https://www.flickr.com/photos/nysfair). Also, New Yorkers are invited to send their ideas for the Great New York State Fair at statefairideas@agriculture.ny.gov.



