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COUNTING CROWS “25 YEARS AND COUNTING” TOUR INCLUDES CHEVY COURT CONCERT AT THE 2018 GREAT NEW YORK STATE FAIR

Tour Partners +LIVE+ to Perform Afternoon Show

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

Counting Crows will make its debut performance on the Chevy Court stage at the Great New York State Fair at 8 p.m. Saturday, August 25, Acting Fair Director Troy Waffner announced today. The band announced its “25 Years And Counting” summer tour today. Chevy Court is the only Upstate stop on that tour. Tour partners +LIVE+ will perform at 2 p.m. that day on Chevy Court. 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, which includes a focus on boosting tourism to grow the economy.

“We are thrilled to be able to bring Counting Crows and Live to Chevy Court. I believe this will be one of the biggest shows of our concert season, which is already shaping up to be one of the very best and most diverse in our long history,” Waffner said.

These concerts join the Fair’s diverse lineup of free national touring performances, including:

- Blondie, at 8 p.m. Wednesday, August 22
- 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 Counting Crows

Counting Crows – Adam Duritz (vocals), Jim Bogios (drums), David Bryson (guitar), Charlie Gillingham (keyboards), David Immergluck (guitar), Millard Powers (bass) and Dan Vickrey (guitar) – have sold more than 20 million albums worldwide after exploding onto the music scene with their multiplatinum breakout album August and Everything After in 1993. Known for creating unique and innovative concert experiences year after year, Counting Crows is recognized as one of the world's most pre-eminent touring live rock bands. The band released their seventh studio album "Somewhere Under Wonderland" in September 2014, which earned critical acclaim as one of the "band's best," scored a top 10 debut and was recognized as one of the group's "stronger works," according to USA Today, claiming a spot on Rolling Stone's Top 50 Songs of the 2014 list with the track "Dislocation". For more information on Counting Crows visit: www.countingcrows.com

About +Live+

+LIVE+, the multi-platinum band from Pennsylvania -- Ed Kowalczyk (vocals, guitar), Chad Taylor (guitar, backing vocals), Patrick Dahlheimer (bass) and Chad Gracey (drums, percussion) -- have sold over 22 million albums worldwide and earned two number one albums ("Throwing Copper," "Secret Samadhi"). Their catalog is filled with such gems as "Lightning Crashes," "I Alone," "All Over You," and "Lakini's Juice," which live on today as classics at rock radio. "Throwing Copper" produced the band's biggest single, "Lightning Crashes," which was #1 at Modern Rock radio for 10 consecutive weeks. "Throwing Copper" reached #1 on the Billboard Top 200 and eventually surpassed sales of 10 million albums sold with Rolling Stone honoring the album with

placement on their "1994: The 40 Best Records From Mainstream Alternative's Greatest Year." "Secret Samadhi" (1997) immediately shot to #1 on the Billboard Top 200 and eventually went double platinum. The release of the platinum-selling "The Distance to Here" (1999) turned +LIVE+ into an international powerhouse and moved the band from arenas into stadiums. +LIVE+ has been and remains today a global concert juggernaut. For more information on +LIVE+ visit: <http://freaks4live.com/>

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 already has invested nearly \$3 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.



