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AWARD-WINNING COUNTRY TRIO MIDLAND TO MAKE ITS CHEVY COURT DEBUT AT THE 2019 GREAT NEW YORK STATE FAIR

Country trio Midland, whose debut album of tight harmonies and classic-sounding songs earned them an Academy of Country Music award and five other nominations, will make their first visit to the Great New York State Fair at 8 p.m. Monday, August 26 as part of the Chevrolet Music Festival at Chevy Court. All performances on Chevy Court are free with Fair admission.

"We're always excited to feature up and coming artists who can turn out to be the next big thing in music. Midland's traditional sound is perfect for a Monday night under the stars and I hope country music fans circle this date on their calendars," said Fair Director Troy Waffner.

Midland is one of more than two dozen shows by national touring groups that will take place at Chevy Court and on the Experience Stage. Shows announced so far for Chevy Court include:

- Bad Company, 8 p.m., Aug. 21
- Dropkick Murphys, 8 p.m., Aug. 25
- Why Don't We, 2 p.m., Aug 29

Over 13 days, the Chevrolet Music Festival at Chevy Court and the New York Experience Stage features more than two dozen national touring groups and performers in diverse genres. Chevrolet sponsors the performances on both stages.

About Midland

Hailing from Dripping Springs, TX lead vocalist Mark Wystrach fronts Midland's rich sound that is rounded out with lead guitarist Jess Carson and bass player Cameron Duddy. Rooted in tradition in both sound and style, the trio initially garnered attention playing clubs in the region. Their critically-acclaimed freshman album, "On The Rocks" (Big Machine Records), features 13 tracks with songwriting credits from each member alongside hitmakers Shane McAnally and Josh Osborne. Launching to rave reviews from notable outlets such as the Los Angeles Times and Rolling Stone Country, "On The Rocks" was declared "the year's best Country album" by The Washington Post. The Dann-Huff produced album earned the No. 1 position on Billboard's Top Country Album Sales chart upon release. Their debut No. 1 single "Drinkin' Problem," which offers an intentional nod to country music reminiscent of the 1970s and 80s, earned the band their first Grammy Awards nominations for Best Country Song and Best Country Duo/Group Performance. Midland was also named New Vocal Group of the Year at the 2018 Academy of Country Music Awards and are nominated for three Country Music Association Awards including Vocal Group of the Year, Single of the Year for "Drinkin' Problem" and New Artist of the Year. Their current single "Burn Out" is Top 20 at Country Radio and the band released a video for the song, which was inspired by the vintage style of "Urban Cowboy" and filmed at the legendary Billy Bob's Honky Tonk in Fort Worth, Texas. This year, Country Radio Broadcasters voted the trio as one of the esteemed 2018 Country Radio Seminar New Faces. Midland is currently on the road headlining dates for their Electric Rodeo Tour. For a full list of tour dates and more, visit MidlandOfficial.com.

Founded in 1841, the Great New York State Fair is America's third largest state fair. The Fair showcases the best of New York agriculture and provides top-quality entertainment. The 2019 Fair runs from August 21 to September 2. Information about the Fair can be found [here](#).

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

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