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### **MOTOWN LEGEND SMOKEY ROBINSON TO PERFORM SENIOR DAY CONCERT OF MASSIVE HITS AT CHEVY COURT**

Some of the greatest songs of the Motown era will ring out from the Chevy Court stage at the Great New York State Fair when the legendary Smokey Robinson performs at 8 p.m. Monday, August 27, Acting Fair Director Troy Waffner announced today. The show is on the first of the Fair's two Senior Days, when people age 60 and up are admitted for free. It will be Smokey Robinson's first appearance at the Fair.

Between 1960 and 1970, Robinson produced 26 top forty hits with the Miracles including classics such as "Shop Around," "You've Really Got a Hold on Me," "I Second That Emotion," and the group's only number-one pop hit, "The Tears Of A Clown."

As a solo artist, his classic hit, "Cruisin,'" peaked at number four on the Billboard Hot 100. Robinson topped the charts again with another sensual ballad, "Being with You," and teamed up with fellow Motown label mate Rick James to record the R&B ballad, "Ebony Eyes." Robinson made a triumphant return with the album One Heartbeat and the singles, "Just to See Her," and the title track, both Top 10 hits. "Just To See Her" won Robinson his first Grammy Award, in the same year that he was inducted as a solo artist to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Robinson was also a major songwriter and producer for Motown, penning several hit singles such as, "Who's Loving You," "My Guy," "The Way You Do The Things You Do," "My Girl," "Get Ready," and "Ain't That Peculiar."

"We are thrilled to welcome an artist of the stature of Smokey Robinson to the Chevy Court stage. It will be an unforgettable night of some of the greatest soul music ever

recorded. As our full lineup develops, music fans will see our commitment to diversity and high quality across musical genres," said Waffner.

This is the second show announced for Chevy Court for the 2018 Fair concert season. Peter Noone of Herman's Hermits will play the 2 pm show on Monday, August 27.

Chevy Court concerts are sponsored by Chevrolet.

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 at the Fair's [Flickr photo archive](#). Also, New Yorkers are invited to send their ideas for the Great New York State Fair at [statefairideas@agriculture.ny.gov](mailto:statefairideas@agriculture.ny.gov).

