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## GRAMMY WINNER CRYSTAL GAYLE TO BRING SIGNATURE FLAIR TO CHEVY COURT AT THE 2024 GREAT NEW YORK STATE FAIR

The Great New York State Fair will welcome one of country music's most successful artists as Crystal Gayle joins the list of Grammy winners set to entertain fairgoers this summer. Gayle, renowned for her brilliance in the entertainment industry, will perform at **Chevy Court** on **August 28** at **1:00 PM**.

Gayle had a meteoric debut after her first single, "I've Cried the Blue Right Out of My Eyes," written by her sister Loretta Lynn, landed a spot on the Top 25 on the national country music charts in the 1970s. Her first album featured hit songs "Wrong Road Again," and her first number one single "I'll Get Over You".

Since then, she has authored over twenty number one hits and has been recognized numerous times by various outlets, including The Grammys, The Country Music Association, The Academy of Country Music, The American Music Awards, and The American Music Operators Association. Gayle's success and impact on country music was further solidified in 2017 after she was inducted into the Grand Ole Opry by Lynn. In 2019, Gayle won a Cliffie Stone Pioneer Award from The Academy of Country Music for her lifetime achievements in country music. To top it off, in 2009, Gayle received her own star on the legendary Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Gayle introduced country music to new audiences throughout the world with her warm and captivating voice and her signature long hair. She has repeatedly toured in the United States, Japan, England, Canada, Ireland, Germany, Spain, Sweden, Finland, Holland, Australia, and eastern Asia. Putting her music aside, in the late 70s Gayle was also the star of her very own one-hour prime time special on CBS television, hosted a concert special on HBO, and starred in her own Christmas special from Sweden. She has made many guest appearances on specials and talk shows, including Bob Hope's "On the Road to China," that similarly solidified her stardom.

In 1988, Crystal Gayle was awarded the "Celebration of Light Award", recognizing her generous and charitable dedication to special causes. She recorded the official theme song for the Make-A-Wish Foundation and served as co-host for the Arthritis Foundation's telethon for three years. She has recorded two inspirational albums, which led her to be inducted into the Christian Music Hall of Fame in 2009 and a Grammy nomination for her album "Someday." Gayle's album, "In My Arms", a collection of children's lullabies, her visit to Sesame Street to sing with Big Bird, and her performance of "Did You Know" on the tribute album to Mr. Rogers won a Grammy and exemplified her love for children.

"We're so excited to have someone of the caliber of Crystal Gayle perform as part of Women's Day at The Fair this summer. Her impact within the music industry and pop culture has been enormous and she continues to pave the way for the up-and-coming artists," said **Fair Director, Julie LaFave.** "With a handful of acts left to announce, we're really looking forward to the entertainment lineup that we've put together and can't wait to feel the energy this summer in Chevy Court and Suburban Park."

The Fair starts Wednesday, August 21, and runs through Labor Day, Monday, September 2. All concerts and grounds entertainment are included in the price of admission, making The Great New York State Fair one of the most affordable state fairs in the country.

Admission tickets, parking, and passes for The Fair's famous Midway are set to go on sale at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, July 16 and can be purchased by <u>visiting The Great New York State Fair's website</u>. Admission tickets are \$8 for adults while admission is free for children under 12 and senior citizens aged 65 and older. Fairgoers can also purchase a Frequent Fairgoer pass for \$25, which provides admission to all 13-days of The Fair's run. Parking is \$12 per vehicle.

In total, The Fair's Chevrolet Music Series will feature 39 national recording acts. There will be a daily 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. concert at **Chevy Court** (located near Gate 1), and a daily 8 p.m. concert at **Suburban Park** (located on the western end of the Fairgrounds, beyond the Midway).

All concerts announced thus far are provided in the charts below. Fair staff will continue to update schedules on The Fair's website at pages dedicated to <a href="Chevy Court">Chevy Court</a> and <a href="Suburban Park">Suburban Park</a>.

## **Chevy Court:**

Wednesday, August 21	1:00 p.m.	Chubby Checker
Wednesday, August 21	6:00 p.m.	90s Rewind
Thursday, August 22	1:00 p.m.	RVSHVD
Thursday, August 22	6:00 p.m.	Ace Frehley
Friday, August 23	1:00 p.m.	Sophie B. Hawkins
Friday, August 23	6:00 p.m.	Sister Sledge
Saturday, August 24	1:00 p.m.	Kidz Bop
Saturday, August 24	6:00 p.m.	Ying Yang Twins
Sunday, August 25	1:00 p.m.	The Elders

Sunday, August 25	6:00 p.m.	Dax
Monday, August 26	1:00 p.m.	Herman's Hermits Starring Peter Noone
Monday, August 26	6:00 p.m.	CAIN
Tuesday, August 27	1:00 p.m.	Little Anthony and the Imperials
Tuesday, August 27	6:00 p.m.	Blue Öyster Cult
Wednesday, August 28	1:00 p.m.	Crystal Gayle
Wednesday, August 28	6:00 p.m.	Danielle Ponder
Thursday, August 29	1:00 p.m.	Tom Nitti
Thursday, August 29	6:00 p.m.	Chapel Hart
Friday, August 30	1:00 p.m.	The Cleverlys
Friday, August 30	6:00 p.m.	Josh Ross
Friday, August 30	9:00 p.m.	DJ Swiftie
Saturday, August 31	12:00-10 p.m.	JAMS Funk Fest (with headliners Raydio, TMF, and C.P. Lacey)
Sunday, September 1	1:00 p.m.	Blippi: The Wonderful World Tour
Sunday, September 1	6:00 p.m.	Snow Tha Product
Monday, September 2	12:00/4:00 p.m.	Journey From the Heart

## Suburban Park:

Wednesday, August 21	8:00 p.m.	Joey Fatone and AJ McLean
Thursday, August 22	8:00 p.m.	Warren Zeiders
Friday, August 23	8:00 p.m.	TLC
Saturday, August 24	8:00 p.m.	Chevelle
Sunday, August 25	8:00 p.m.	Dropkick Murphys
Monday, August 26	8:00 p.m.	Megan Moroney
Tuesday, August 27	8:00 p.m.	Stephen Sanchez
Wednesday, August 28	8:00 p.m.	Joan Jett and The Blackhearts
Thursday, August 29	8:00 p.m.	Flo Rida

Friday, August 30	8:00 p.m.	Big Boi
Saturday, August 31	8:00 p.m.	Brian Kelley
Monday, September 2	6:00 p.m.	Jackyl

Founded in 1841, The Great New York State Fair showcases the best of New York agriculture, provides top-quality entertainment, and is a key piece of the state's <a href="CNY Rising">CNY Rising</a> strategy of growing the Central New York economy through tourism. It is the oldest fair in the United States and is consistently recognized as being among the top five state fairs in the nation.

The New York State Fairgrounds is a 375-acre exhibit and entertainment complex that operates all year. Audiences are encouraged to learn more about The Great New York State Fair online, browse photos on Flickr, and follow the fun on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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