

Carrie Underwood adds Country touch

Fair announces final show to go on sale

Allentown, Pa.—Injecting more Country into its concert line-up, The Great Allentown Fair announces that the genre's emerging queen, Carrie Underwood, will be performing at the Grandstand on Sunday, September 2.

Most recently named the Academy of Country Music's best female vocalist, Underwood is the final headliner announced for the fair's six-show line-up that also includes an August 30 performance by the academy's best male vocalist award winner, Brad Paisley.

Underwood also ups the fair's "Idol" count. The 2005 American Idol winner, Underwood joins a weeklong bill that includes the American Idols Live! 2007 Tour on September 1 and a top 10 finalist from last year's season, Kellie Pickler, who is appearing as one of Brad Paisley's special guests.

The fair opens with Counting Crows and Hootie & the Blowfish on August 28, continues with The Badboys of Rock Tour featuring Hinder, Papa Roach, and Buck Cherry on August 29 and starts the Labor Day weekend with singer/actress Hilary Duff on August 31.

Underwood's first record has been a record breaker for the 23-year-old blonde beauty. "Some Hearts" was certified triple-platinum faster than any other debut album by a female country artist, and produced four #1 hits, "Jesus Takes the Wheel," "Don't Forget To Remember Me," "Before He Cheats" and "Wasted."

Even "Inside Your Heaven/Independence Day," the song written for the 2005 American Idol finale that she had to perform against the competition to clinch the title, was certified gold shortly after its release.

For the past two years, Underwood has dominated every major music industry gathering including the Grammy Awards, the American Music Awards, the Country Music Association Awards, the Billboard Music Awards and the People's Choice Awards.

Demonstrating her rapid ascent, she simultaneously took honors as the best new artist and the best female Country artist on many of those occasions. Of her most recent accolades, the Academy of Country Music named "Some Hearts," as album of the year.

Tickets for Carrie Underwood with a special guest to be announced go on sale starting Saturday, June 30. They are \$49 and \$59.

Additional information is available by calling 610-433-7541 or by visiting the Fair's Web site at www.allentownfairpa.org.

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