

Hilary Duff to return to Allentown Fair

Star of concert stage, screen coming August 31

Allentown, Pa.—Hilary Duff, an actress-singer idolized by teens and "tweens" since the start of the decade, will return to The Great Allentown Fair on Friday, August 31.

Tickets for this show go on sale starting Saturday, June 16. They are \$50 for reserved seats and \$45 for general admission seats.

Duff, who gained initial fame in 2001 as the leading character in the Disney television series "Lizzie McGuire," will be just shy of her 20th birthday when she performs at the Fair.

Her multi-platinum recording career began with the release of the "Lizzie McGuire" soundtrack featuring songs she performed on the show. Her 2003 debut solo album "Metamorphosis" was followed up by the 2004 release, "Hilary Duff."

The tour for her self-titled album included a stop at the 2005 Allentown Fair. In an energetic performance in front of more than 9,000 glow-stick-waving fans, she sang such top 40 hits as "So Yesterday," "Fly," "Come Clean" and "Wake Up."

Duff has developed into a singer/songwriter, co-writing all the songs on her CD just released in April, "Dignity." The first two singles off the album, "With Love" and "Stranger," reveal a more mature perspective on life and love relationships and a bit edgier sound than on her previous recordings.

At age 15, she made the jump from the small to big screen in 2003 with Walt Disney's "The Lizzie McGuire Movie." She went on to feature roles in "Agent Cody Banks," "Cheaper By the Dozen" "Cinderella Story," "Raise Your Voice," "Perfect Man," and "Material Girls."

Continuing her acting career, she has two projects scheduled to be out this year—the film "War, Inc." co-starring with John Cusack, Sir Ben Kingsley and Marisa Tomei, and an animated feature, "Foodfight."

Tickets still remain for the previously announced Fair shows at the Grandstand. They are Counting Crows and Hootie & The Blowfish on Tuesday, August 28, The Badboys of Rock Tour featuring Hinder, Papa Roach and Buckcherry on Wednesday, August 29, Brad Paisley and special guests Taylor Swift, Jack Ingram and Kellie Pickler on Thursday, August 30 and American Idols Live! 2007 on Saturday, September 1.

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

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