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Josh Turner & Elle King to Co-Headline at the 2022 SD State Fair

HURON, S.D. –The South Dakota State Fair and Pioneer welcome Josh Turner and Elle King to the SD State Fair grandstand on Saturday, September 3.

MCA Nashville recording artist Josh Turner, while a multi-platinum-selling star himself, is a country music fan first and foremost. From the very start of his career through chart-topping hits like "Your Man", "Would You Go With Me", "and Why Don't We Just Dance", Turner has immersed himself in country music's history and its iconic figures. For nearly two decades, Turner has been one of country music's most recognizable voices, selling more than 8.5 million units and amassing more than 2.5 billion global streams, he has never kept his reverence for traditional country music a secret, but, with this latest album, he is definitely in a *Country State of Mind*.

The dozen tracks on *Country State of Mind*, including songs from legends like Johnny Cash, Hank Williams, Randy Travis, and others, span more than half a century of classic country music, encompassing both well-known standards and deep-catalog cuts. The album is a conversation between the past and present of country music, relayed in the distinctive, resonant baritone that brought Turner #1 hits, and five gold and platinum albums.

Turner's hits include: "Your Man", "Would You Go With Me", "Why Don't We Just Dance", "All Over Me", "Firecracker", "Long Black Train", "Hometown Girl", and "Time Is Love".

Co-headlining with Turner, multi-platinum, award winning recording artist Elle King combines punkish country and raw R&B with crotchety rock and deep blues to create a tautly rocking, contagious live set.

Her breakthrough hit "Ex's & Oh's" hit No. 1 on Billboard's Hot Rock Songs Chart, and topped the AAA, Hot AC, and the Alternative Radio charts. It earned her two GRAMMY nominations and is certified 4 times platinum. Her single with Dierks Bentley, "Different for Girls", scored a No. 1 on the Country Airplay Charts and won a CMA for "Musical Event of the Year".

Elle's latest EP *Elle King: In Isolation* was released in summer of 2020 and is a collection of raw demos/songs she's recorded acoustically while quarantining at home in Los Angeles.

King is the only act in history to have scored No. 1 singles on the Adult Pop Songs, Adult Alternative Songs, Alternative Songs, and Country Airplay charts.

Her most recent single release has her reuniting with Miranda Lambert on the dynamic collaboration "Drunk (And I Don't Wanna Go Home)", which debuted at #1 on Billboard's Rock and Country Digital Song Sales Charts. This is the second time the two female platinum-selling powerhouse performers have recorded together with their first release "Fooled Around and Fell in Love" (along with Maren Morris, Ashley McBryde, Tenille Townes, and Caylee Hammack) going on to win the 2020 ACM Award for "Music Event of The Year."

King's hits include: "Ex's & Oh's", "America's Sweetheart", "Good Thing Gone", "Fooled Around and Fell in Love", "Different for Girls", "I Told You I Was Mean", "Shame", and "Drunk (And I Don't Wanna Go Home)".

Turner and King join previously announced Lady A and Priscilla Block welcomed by Legend Seeds, and Stone Temple Pilots welcomed by C &B Operations at the SD State Fair grandstand.

Presales begin on June 6 for those eligible for the Friends of the Fair VIP table presale, followed by backrest holders and Friends of the Fair ticket presales. General public ticket sales will begin June 21.

Friends of the Fair is a program through the State Fair Foundation offering a variety of benefits including early bird access to State Fair VIP table sales, presale access to grandstand reserved seating and standing room tickets for the State Fair, complimentary daily gate admission passes, and recognition on the fair website. The backrest program is an advertising program allowing businesses or individuals to put signage on a backrest in the grandstand. Backrest signage holders can purchase South Dakota State Fair grandstand tickets for their corresponding signage area prior to general and Friends of the Fair ticket sales. Presale information can be found on www.sdstatefair.com.

The 2022 South Dakota State Fair runs Thursday, September 1, through Monday, September 5. Channel Seeds preview night will be Wednesday, August 31. For information about the South Dakota State Fair, contact the Fair office at 800-529-0900, visit www.sdstatefair.com or find them on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.