Christian concert set for 2018 fair

The Mercer County Fair Board has announced they will host a new event, a Christian concert, at this year’s fair featuring the well known Newsboys. Opening act will be Adam Agee with the concert slated for the grandstands on Saturday, August 11, at 7 p.m. Tickets are on sale now at the office or at mercercountyohiofair.com.

Since arriving on the scene in 1985 in their native Australia, the Newsboys have taken Christian music by storm. Nearly three decades later, the iconic band is an undisputed industry leader, garnering six gold albums, eight-million units in career sales, 33 number one singles, multiple Grammy and American Music Award nominations and signature hits ranging from “He Reigns” and “Born Again” to their recent chart-topper, “We Believe.”

Expanding their reach into film, the band appeared in the 2014 Pure Flix hit, “God’s Not Dead,” inspired by their song of the same name. Currently comprised of drummer Duncan Phillips, lead vocalist Michael Tait, guitarist Jody Davis and keyboardist Jeff Frankenstein, the Newsboys’ latest recording, “Hallelujah For The Cross,” marks their first-ever collection of hymns.

“We are excited to bring a Christian concert to the Mercer County Fair,” stated fair manager Cara Muhlenkamp. “There is a want for this type of entertainment. It’s taken some time to get all of the details worked out, but with having our first ever (concert) featuring the Newsboys, is a wonderful blessing.”

A live show by the Newsboys exhibits high energy flowing between rock, pop, worship and dance. Their legion of fans span the globe and have followed the group as they helped define the sound of Christian music for more than two decades.

Prices for tickets are as follows: Grandstand or Handicap Seats $30, Grandstand Wings $25 and Track or Box Seats $40. Call the fairground office at 419-586-3239 or visit www.mercercountyohiofair.com to purchase your tickets. Follow the fairgrounds’ Facebook page for up to date information.

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Howling good time at 2018 fair

If you enjoyed the live bears at the 2017 Mercer County Fair, you’ll have a howling good time with this year’s animal act, “Wolves of the World.”

This most unique show will be at the fair all seven days, August 10-16. Various show times will be throughout the day. This is the only traveling wolf pack in the world.

The Sandlofer family explains about the history of wolves. They recount the story of how these rescued wolves are raised in captivity and display the traits of the wolf packs, including the alpha male and female and how they interact. The show even features a hero wolf, who saved a young girl from drowning, showing the wolves to be intelligent empathetic animals.

The shows will feature: demonstrations of natural wolf behavior, wildlife and environmental conservation, the do’s and don’ts of human interaction with wild animals while demonstrating the old-fashioned values of our ancestors who founded this country.

At the conclusion of the show, audience members are invited into the wolves habitat where they actually have the chance to watch the wolves being fed.

Reverse Raffle was a sell out

The second annual Reverse Raffle/Auction was held on March 24 with a sold out crowd. Proceeds from this event will go towards the construction of new restroom facilities on the east side of the fairgrounds.

“The current restrooms located behind the Hopewell Grange are very outdated,” explained Mercer County Fair Manager Cara Muhlenkamp. “No matter how much cleaning and painting you do, it’s still a very old building.”

Plans are to take down the current facility and the new one will be built just east of the Hopewell Grange.

At the time of this article, totals from the raffle were not complete, but Muhlenkamp reported that the outcome appears to be a great start for the new building.

“We will be asking for bids from contractors and if our goals are all met, we plan to start construction in Fall 2018,” Muhlenkamp added.

Everyone who attended had a chance to win $5,000 if their ticket was drawn last. This year’s winner was Gerry and Connie Kohn.

WOLVES OF THE WORLD will perform every day of the 2018 Mercer County Fair, August 10-16.

REMINDER...

CONCERT TICKETS
(Neal McCoy/Joe Diffie/Walker Hays & Newsboys)
DO NOT INCLUDE THE PRICE OF GATE ADMISSION
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Seven days of entertainment is slated for the Mercer County Fair, August 10-16. Aside from the always thrilling Poor Jacks Amusements and tasty carnival foods, you can enjoy music, watch glass blowing artists and celebrate our veterans while remembering those who lost their lives during 9/11.

If you like 50’s and 60’s music, you’ll enjoy live music by the Bulldogs. They will perform Tuesday, August 15.

The Bulldogs take you back the days of the “Drive In” and the “Sock Hop”. The Bulldogs have been bringing the “Oldies” back for the last 30 years. They play to sold-out audiences throughout the Tri-State area.

The Bulldogs were voted “Best Oldies Performers” nine years in a row, as voted on by the readers of “Whatz Up Magazine.” They have performed with such artists as the Beach Boys, Chubby Checker, Herman’s Hermits and Mike Smith of the Dave Clark Five. They have been the featured performers on 17 Cruises throughout the Caribbean and Mexican Riviera.

The Bulldogs play music from 1955-1969. Playing tunes from Buddy Holly, Bill Haley, the Beach Boys, the Beatles, Wilson Pickett, the Righteous Brothers, Chuck Berry, Martha and the Vandellas, Lesley Gore, the Chiffons and many more.

A tribute, “Remembering the Fallen: 9/11 Memorial” will be on display every day of the fair.

The owner’s mission is to honor the military from today’s War on Terror going back to World War II, including those who have died, while serving the United States of America. They do that by creating photo memorials, holding events open to veterans, their families and the public and recording stories to share with future generations.

Remembering Our Fallen: 9/11 Memorial is a photographic war memorial that honors our country’s military Fallen from The War on Terror. Because 9/11 was such a defining moment, this memorial includes our country’s Fallen since that tragic day in our nation’s history.

Ever wonder how glass is blown into beautiful pieces of art? You will find out at this year’s fair when you watch the Mobile Glass Blowing attraction. They will be creating works of art on August 10, 11 and 12.

Glass blowing is an ancient art invented thousands of years ago that is still in practice today. It cannot be done by machine and must be performed by a skilled artisan. Although modern manufacturers of glass bottles and other glass products use the same recipe for the glass material, they often use machines and molds to shape the glass instead of blowing the glass by hand. The level of skill and craftsmanship that goes into glass blowing makes it a more expensive and time-consuming process.

MOBILE GLASS BLOWING artist will be creating works of art on August 10, 11 and 12.

THE BULLDOGS will perform 50’s and 60’s music at the 2018 Mercer County Fair on Tuesday, August 14.

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