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FOUR ADDITIONAL PERFORMERS ADDED TO THE 2017 BIG FRESNO FAIR'S TABLE MOUNTAIN CONCERT SERIES LINE-UP *These join the already announced Chicago show; Big Fair Fan Club Pre-sale Starts August 1*

FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, May 12, 2017...The Big Fresno Fair is excited to make another big concert announcement with the addition of Chris Young, Granger Smith, Brian Wilson and Gabriel Iglesias to its 2017 Table Mountain Concert Series line-up in the Paul Paul Theater, presented by Coors Light and Toyota. These performers join the already announced Chicago show that will be held on Friday, October 6.

"It's shaping up to be another exciting year for entertainment at The Big Fresno Fair," said John C. Alkire, CEO, The Big Fresno Fair. "We are working on additional shows to make sure we meet the diverse musical tastes of our community. So we will have even more entertainment announced in the coming months."

Award-winning country singer and songwriter, **Chris Young**, will kick off the first night of entertainment in the Paul Paul Theater on Opening Day, October 4. Chris Young first came into the spotlight after being named winner of *Nashville Star* in 2006. Since then, he has released five albums that have resulted in several No. 1 hits, including "Voices," "Gettin' You Home (The Black Dress Song)," "Tomorrow" and "You." Tickets cost \$38/\$33.

Rising country star, **Granger Smith**, his alter-ego **Earl Dibbles Jr.** and opening act **Jackson Michelson**, also join the Table Mountain Concert Series line-up with a performance on Wednesday, October 11. So far in his career Granger Smith has released eight studio albums, one live album and one EP. He has performed three times at the White House and in 2008 he traveled to perform for soldiers in Iraq and Kuwait. His 2013 album *Dirt Road Driveway* peaked at number 15 on the U.S. country charts and number 11 on the U.S. indie charts. In 2016, his son "Backroad Song" won the County Award at the BMI Awards. Tickets to this show are \$20/\$15.

Then on Thursday, October 12, **Brian Wilson** along with special guests Al Jardine and Blondie Chaplin will bring their international tour, *Brian Wilson Presents Pet Sounds: The Final Performances*, to The Big Fresno Fair. Wilson continues to deliver a live performance of *Pet Sounds* in its entirety, as well as top hits and fan favorites spanning his 54-year career with The Beach Boys and as a solo artist. Universally hailed as a writer of one of the greatest American songbooks, *Pet Sounds* has reigned atop countless critic and fan polls, and has maintained its timeless rank as one of popular music's most-cited influences. Wilson began his career as a

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founding member of The Beach Boys, who signed with Capitol Records in July 1962 and released their first album, *Surfin' Safari*, that same year. Wilson's innovative vocal and instrumental arrangements for major hits including "I Get Around," "California Girls," "Wouldn't It Be Nice," "God Only Knows" and the No. 1 smash "Good Vibrations" established The Beach Boys as America's preeminent band of the 1960s. Wilson has also achieved great success as a solo artist with 11 of his own albums released to-date, including his acclaimed 2004 completion of an album he first began recording in the '60s, *Brian Wilson Presents... SMiLE*. The album earned Wilson his first Grammy for a recording, which was followed by his second Grammy win for producing The Beach Boys' acclaimed 2011 release, *The SMiLE Sessions*. Wilson is a Kennedy Center Honors recipient, a Songwriters Hall of Fame inductee and a U.K. Music Hall of Fame inductee. As a member of The Beach Boys, Wilson was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 1988 and honored with The Recording Academy's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2001. Tickets for this show are \$42/\$33.

Lastly, after taking a personal break at the beginning of the year, funny man **Gabriel Iglesias**, better known as "Fluffy," returns for a fifth year to The Big Fresno Fair on Friday, October 13. His highly-acclaimed stand-up routine *Gabriel Iglesias: I'm Not Fat...I'm Fluffy* and then later *Hot & Fluffy* have kept audiences around the world entertained and made him a household name. Most recently, he has voiced animated characters in *Smurfs: The Lost Village*, *Blazing Samurai* and *The Nut Job 2: Nutty By Nature*. He has already performed four sold-out shows at The Big Fresno Fair, so don't miss your chance to see Fluffy live either for the first time or as a repeat fan! Each show is different and he definitely brings special material for his beloved Fresno crowd! Tickets will be \$45/\$35

As previously announced, the legendary rock and roll band, **Chicago**, will perform at the Fair on Friday, October 6. Tickets for this show are \$70/\$60/\$45.

All concert tickets will go on sale Tuesday, August 1 at 9 a.m. until Sunday August 13 at 11:59 p.m. online only to members of the Big Fair Fan Club, the Fair's free email newsletter. Tickets will then go on-sale to the general public on Monday, August 14. Individuals who are not members of the Big Fair Fan Club can sign up at www.FresnoFair.com. All Big Fair Fan Club Members will receive a unique password for the pre-sale via email by Friday, July 28. During the Big Fair Fan Club pre-sale, 50 percent discounted Fair admission will be available for every concert ticket purchased. Discounted admission and concert tickets must be purchased in the same transaction. Expect more concert announcements in the coming months.



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About The Big Fresno Fair:

The Big Fresno Fair, founded in 1884, is the fifth largest fair in the state of California and represents the 21st District Agricultural Association. More than 600,000 people from throughout the State visit The Big Fresno Fair each year making it the largest event in the Central Valley. Members of the Board of Directors include: Debbie Jacobsen, President; Larry Serpa, Vice President; Jerry Pacheco, Secretary/Treasurer; Leta Ciavaglia; Linda Mae Balakian Hunsucker; Elizabeth Hudson; Ricky Vang; Dora Westerlund and William White. John C. Alkire heads the daily operations in his role as CEO. The 2017 Big Fresno Fair will run October 4-15. For more information about The Big Fresno Fair, please visit www.FresnoFair.com.

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