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Goo Goo Dolls to kick off South Dakota State Fair Concert Series

HURON, S.D. –The South Dakota State Fair is excited to welcome Platinum artist Goo Goo Dolls to the SD State Fair Grandstand on Friday, August 30.

Formed by John Rzeznik and Robby Takac in Buffalo, NY in 1986, Goo Goo Dolls have quietly broken records, contributed a string of staples to the American songbook, connected to millions of fans, and indelibly impacted popular music for three-plus decades. Beyond selling 15 million records worldwide, the group has garnered four GRAMMY® Award nominations and nearly a dozen platinum and gold singles combined, and seized a page in the history books by achieving 16 number one and Top 10 hits. As a result, they hold the all-time radio record for "Most Top 10 Singles."

Thus far, A Boy Named Goo [1995] has gone double-platinum, Dizzy Up The Girl five-times-platinum, and Gutterflower [2002] and Let Love In [2006] both went gold as Something for the Rest of Us [2010] and Magnetic [2013] bowed in the Top 10 of the Billboard Top 200. Their music continues to reach new audiences around the world and rack up platinum & gold statuses – including the recently platinum-certified "Slide", "Black Balloon" and "Better Days" – and has been covered by everyone from Taylor Swift to Phoebe Bridgers and Maggie Rogers.

Among a string of hits, "Iris" clutched #1 on the Hot 100 for 18 straight weeks and would be named "#1 Top 40 Song of the Last 20 Years." On the heels of going viral on TikTok, the track recently achieved seven-times-platinum status and re-entered the Billboard charts, yet again proving the timelessness of Goo Goo Dolls' illustrious catalog.

"We are thrilled to add Goo Goo Dolls to this year's concert line-up," said SD State Fairgrounds Manger Peggy Besch. "The Goo Goo Dolls, Riley Green, and Trace Adkins will bring three great nights of entertainment to the fairgrounds. We couldn't be more excited for this year's State Fair!"

Presales begin on May 28 for VIP Tables sales, followed by June 10 for Backrest Holders, June 12 for Friends of the Fair, and general public sales on June 17. Pricing and ticket information can be found at www.sdstatefair.com.

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 State Fair website.

The backrest program is an advertising program allowing businesses or individuals to put signage on a backrest in the grandstands. 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. Additional information and pricing can be found on www.sdstatefair.com.

For more information on South Dakota State Fair events, contact the Fair office at 800-529-0900 or visit www.sdstatefair.com. For the most up-to-date announcements and news, follow them on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.