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Kenny Rogers – America – Julianne Hough

The Shenandoah County Fair Ramps It Up Even Higher This Year!

The Shenandoah County Fair long known for offering the highest caliber of country and rock entertainment announced the 2009 lineup headlining Kenny Rogers, America and Julianne Hough. Tickets go on sale June 15th at 9 a.m.

Kenny Rogers who will appear at the fair on Friday Sept. 4th has become such an icon that it's easy to forget how he got there. Having recorded more than 65 albums which have sold over 100 million records worldwide Rogers is an American Icon who is in the same league as The Beatles, Elton John and Elvis Presley. First known for his group Kenny Rogers and The First Edition he has dominated the pop and country charts, consistently finding songs with universal appeal. "I've never considered myself a great singer, but I am a great storyteller," Rogers told *Billboard* magazine, also noting that he feels his strength as an artist is in finding great songs. In the 1980s he came to embody the role of the sensitive male, singing such romantic hits as "Through The Years," "She Believes In Me," "You Decorated My Life," and "Lady," the biggest song of his career. Those songs are classics today, sung at countless weddings, and even engraved on tombstones. He is currently the 8th Best Selling Male Artist of all time according to the RIAA, with 20 Platinum® albums. In 2006 Rogers, released yet another hit single "I Can't Unlove You" from the album "Water & Bridges." Kenny Rogers is a man constantly seeking new challenges, new ways to maintain excitement both for himself and his fans. Most of all, he is exactly as he seems; a proud man, but also a sincere, honest one, unfazed by his success and largely unimpressed by his own accomplishments.

Dave Womick the owner of Dave Bob's BBQ and Such opening soon next to Big Lots in Winchester is a proud sponsor of this exciting concert. Womick said "I was Kenny Rogers' Roasters largest franchisee with 16 restaurants and can say first hand that Kenny is a class act. He is as genuine in person as he seems on stage, and I'm thrilled to have a part in bringing this concert to the people of the Shenandoah Valley."

America appeared in Italy, Scotland, Ireland, and the UK during March and April and will be appearing in concert in Woodstock on Wed. Sept. 2nd. Their best-known tunes, which also include "Horse With No Name," "I Need You," "Ventura Highway," "Don't Cross The River," "Tin Man," "Lonely People," and "Sister Golden Hair" were cornerstones of 70's Top 40 and FM rock radio. Enjoying massive success early in their career, America earned their stripes as musical soldiers on the battlefield amidst the

excess, craziness and chaos of the 70's. They won a Grammy for Best New Artist and landed a # 1 record when barely in their twenties.

Best New Artist Julianne Hough is a triple threat as a country singer, actress and dancer. Julianne is already known to millions of fans as the two-time professional dance champion on ABC-TV's top- rated Dancing with the Stars. Her recent win at the Academy of Country Music Awards points out once again how the Shenandoah County Fair is always in the forefront in featuring the up and coming as well as the world renown established artists.

“The Julianne Hough concert opens our 2009 concert season on Sunday August 29th. It will prove to be an energy packed show enjoyable to fans of all ages.” said Interim Fair Manager Marcy McCann. “Accompanying Julianne will be **Kate and Kacey**, identical twins who are as talented as they are beautiful. All three of these young women will delight the audience with their fresh looks and versatile stage performances.” If there’s a point where country music’s best traditions intersect with its future, it may very well be in the music of Kate and Kacey Coppola. “Musically, we always say we’re a mix between the Dixie Chicks and Brooks and Dunn. We’re Dixie Dunn or Brooks and Chicks, either one,” says Kate.

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