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## **HALL OF FAME BAND TO PERFORM AS DUQUOIN STATE FAIR CELEBRATES ILLINOIS' BICENTENNIAL**

*Cheap Trick to be featured concert on Grandstand stage*

**Du Quoin, IL** – On a day when the entire state of Illinois comes together to celebrate all that is Born, Built and Grown in our great state, the DuQuoin State Fair is proud to welcome the Hall of Fame rock ‘n’ roll band, **Cheap Trick**, to the Grandstand stage on **Sunday, August 26**.

With more than 5,000 performances, 20 million records sold, 29 movie soundtracks and 40 gold and platinum recording albums, Cheap Trick is a musical institution. Best known for timeless classics such as “I Want You to Want Me,” “Surrender,” and “The Flame,” Cheap Trick is considered one of the most covered bands of all time.

“Southern Illinois will be a key player in the state’s Bicentennial celebration,” said State Fair Manager Luke Sailer. “It seems only fitting to welcome this highly successful Illinois band to help our state mark such a historic occasion.”

Cheap Trick formed in 1974 in Rockford, Illinois. They have toured with legendary bands such as Queen, Kiss, AC/DC and Poison, and the group has been an inspiration to artists such as Kid Rock, Kurt Cobain, Eddie Vedder and members of Pearl Jam.

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Tickets for the Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup> concert will go on sale later this spring. Ticket prices for this blockbuster concert will range from \$21-to-\$27. It's important to remember that Ticketmaster and the DuQuoin State Fair Box office are the only authorized outlets to sell concert tickets for the State Fair grandstand. Third party outlets often inflate ticket prices to turn a profit and the buyer has no guarantee as to the authenticity of the ticket they just purchased.

“We take great pride in offering big name acts at an affordable ticket price,” said Assistant State Fair Manager Tibretta Reiman. “Cheap Trick plays to sold out crowds at Wrigley Field and now they are bringing their electric show to Du Quoin. These are acts that you can see at big name venues in cities like Indianapolis, St. Louis or Chicago. It's the exact same show, but a cheaper ticket price and much better seats!”

In the coming weeks and months look for many more exciting announcements about the 2018 Du Quoin State Fair, including details on how the fair will mark our state's bicentennial. Don't miss any of the big announcements – connection with us via social media:

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