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THE BIG E ANNOUNCES COURT OF HONOR STAGE ENTERTAINMENT

The Big E announces a number of concerts for its Court of Honor Stage, sponsored by *Mattress Firm*, for the 2019 Fair, Sept. 13-29. All shows are free with Big E admission and seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. The stage is located in front of the iconic Coliseum.

Shows scheduled to date include:

Brynn Cartelli, Sept. 13-15, 3pm

Winner of Season 14 of *The Voice*, Cartelli is the youngest person in the show's history to win the competition. She is currently working on her debut project and recently finished touring as the opening act for megastar Kelly Clarkson. Come see why this local teen is now a national sensation.

Bowling for Soup, Sept. 14, 8pm

2019 marks the 25th anniversary of **Bowling For Soup's** long-celebrated career as a band. Over the years, the Dallas bred fun-loving, pioneers of Pop-Punk have released 10 studio albums that generated mainstream success with hit singles like "1985," "Almost" and "Girl All The Bad Guys Want," and countless tours performing for millions of fans around the world. Recently, Bowling For Soup released a live album and DVD dubbed *Older, Fatter, Still The Greatest Ever – Live From Brixton* that perfectly captured the band's relentless spirit and acclaimed cultural significance in the Pop-Punk stratosphere.

Blue Öyster Cult, Sept. 15, 8pm

Listed in VH1's countdown of the greatest Hard Rock bands of all time, Long Island, New York-based iconic Blue Öyster Cult, brings its unique catalog of hits to Big E fans.

Rave On, Sept. 16 and 17, 3pm

Featuring the music of Buddy Holly, Jerry Lee Lewis, Richie Valens and other legends of Rock-n-Roll, Rave On is living proof that the music that paved the way for the genre is timeless and continues to appeal to people of all ages. That'll be the day to visit The Big E.

The Georgia Satellites, Sept. 16-18, 8pm

The Southern Rock genre has a home at The Big E and the music continues with Atlanta's Georgia Satellites, of "Keep Your Hands to Yourself" fame. Their current lineup, led by original member Rick Richards, includes Fred McNeal (lead vocals, rhythm guitar), Bruce Smith (bass, backing vocals), and Todd Johnston (drums).

Ambrosia, Sept. 18 and 19, 3pm

Founded in 1970, Ambrosia garnered five Grammy nominations and five hit singles and performed sold-out concerts around the world. Featuring three of the four original members, the band continues to wow life-long fans and new converts alike.



Lettuce, Sept. 19, 8pm

Selling out shows across the country, Lettuce has truly earned its name as a can't-miss live act. The group will show Big E audiences just how it has infused a new vitality into the Classic Funk genre.

Scott Stapp, the voice of Creed, Sept. 20, 8pm

Grammy-winning singer, songwriter and front man for Hard Rock band Creed, Scott Stapp will bring his powerful vocal style to The Big E. Since Stapp embarked on a solo career, he has released four albums, the latest, *The Space Between the Shadows*, due out in July, ten singles and three music videos.

"Up, Up and Away," starring Marilyn McCoo & Billy Davis Jr., Sept. 20-22, 3pm

This 7-time Grammy award winning "First Couple of Pop and Soul," will take our guests on a journey and musical celebration of their iconic music from their founding years with The 5th Dimension to tributes to fellow music legends.

FAT, Sept. 22, 8pm – The Pioneer Valley's own iconic Rock band is celebrating more than 50 years on the local music scene. When they were a small, local band it was an appearance at The Big E that helped launch their journey. The band is looking forward to coming full circle and returning to the site of one of their first concerts. Don't miss this rockin' good time!

Atlanta Rhythm Section, Sept. 23-24, 3pm

This "Doraville," Georgia group continues to tour, showcasing their many classic hits and outstanding musical abilities. Starting out as studio musicians, and backing the legendary Roy Orbison, ARS has been a part of the Southern Rock scene for nearly 50 years.

John Cafferty and the Beaver Brown Band, Sept. 23-25, 8pm

One of the greatest and most successful acts in Rhode Island music history, the band gained notoriety with John Cafferty's score for the motion picture "Eddie & The Cruisers." The soundtrack was awarded triple platinum certification by the RIAA. The band continues to tour and bring their exciting live shows to fans around the world. In 2012, they were inducted into the Rhode Island Music Hall of Fame.

The Original Wailers, Sept. 25 and 26, 3pm

Led by the late Bob Marley's original lead guitarist, Al Anderson, the Grammy-nominated The Original Wailers bring the works of the legendary Reggae artist to Western Mass.

Los Lonely Boys, Sept. 26, 8pm

The close-knit Texas trio, musician and artist siblings Jojo, Henry and Ringo Garza, share their infectious melodic mix of "bluesy Rock 'n Roll and rootsy brown-eyed Soul" with Big E audiences. Their debut single, "Heaven," reached number one on the Billboard Adult contemporary chart, and garnered them a Grammy award in 2005.

The Artimus Pyle Band, Sept. 27, 28 and 29, 3pm

From "Freebird" to "Sweet Home Alabama," former Lynyrd Skynyrd drummer Artimus Pyle brings the hits that made him and his band famous. Backed by his bandmembers, Brad Durden, Scott Raines, Jerry Lyda and Dave Fowler, the Artimus Pyle (Live and Loud) Band will deliver hit after hit.

Xtreme Chinese Acrobats, Sept. 19-21, 11am & 1pm; Sept. 22, 11am; Sept. 23, 11am, 1 & 6pm

Superb family entertainment. A glittering spectacle of dancing, acrobatics and comedy. The Chinese Acrobats perform amazing feats of juggling, balance and tumbling unlike any other show. This troupe will amaze Big E guests with their adept talents.

Naughty by Nature, Sept. 21, 8pm



The trio's latest effort, *Anthem Inc.*, released in 2011, marks the group's 20-year anniversary. The album is also the first Naughty by Nature release featuring all three members since 1999's album *Nature's Fury*. They have smashed through mainstream barriers, releasing seven albums, two compilation albums, and eighteen singles. The group includes lead rapper Treach, songwriter DJ Kay Gee, and musical artist Vin Rock.

Saraphina Violin, Sept. 24-29, 11am, 1 & 6pm*

Sarah Davidson-Gurney is an accomplished acoustic and electric violinist with a Masters Degree in Violin Performance. Playing the violin since the age of three and piano since the age of five, she has a long list of achievements to her credit including winning multiple concerto competitions as well as the talent portion of the 2010 Miss World Canada beauty pageant. Her latest recordings can be found on Spotify, iTunes and her Instagram: @saraphinaviolin.

*No 6 PM shows Thursday through Sunday.

Cautious Clay, with Lil TJay, Matt Maratea & DJ Meechie, Sept. 27

Originally from Cleveland, Ohio, **Cautious Clay began** his artistic journey at the age of seven when he picked up classical flute. His studies led him deep into the worlds of blues and jazz, and by the time he hit college in Washington, D.C., he'd added a number of other instruments to his repertoire in addition to songwriting and production. Now based in Brooklyn, Cautious is consistently working on music for both his own project and for others.

Lil TJay

Before Lil TJay became the Internet heartthrob with delectable deliveries and streams in the multi-millions, he was just a kid from the Bronx with an equal love for Jay-Z bars and Justin Bieber songs. His first recording birthed the catchy "Resume," and soon after, "Brothers" would earn him his first Internet smash. Now he is a rapidly rising star, according to the cream of music media, from Pitchfork to The New York Times to Fader to Rolling Stone to countless more.

DJ Meechie kicks off the entertainment at 6pm, followed by Matt Maratea at 7:30, Lil TJay at 8pm and Cautious Clay at 8:30pm.

Walker Hayes, Sept. 29, 8pm

Singer/songwriter Walker Hayes recently released his single, "Don't Let Her." It follows his latest hit, "90s Country." His debut album *boom.* was released in December 2017, and includes the RIAA certified Platinum Top 10 hit, "You Broke Up With Me," as well as the highly anticipated follow-up single, "Craig," which was nominated for Song of the Year at the 2018 AIMP Nashville Awards. Hayes has joined the likes of Kelsea Ballerini's Unapologetically Tour and has been on the road with Dan + Shay, Thomas Rhett, Old Dominion and more.

Mariachi Mexico Antiquo, Sept. 13-18, 11am, 1 & 6pm*

Mariachi Mexico Antiquo symbolizes extraordinary musicianship and a renewed focus on the tradition of Mariachi. Established in 2010, Mariachi Mexico Antiquo is comprised of dedicated and talented musicians. As ambassadors of the mariachi genre, Mariachi Mexico Antiquo has performed by invitation throughout the western United States as well as throughout the New England area. Mariachi Mexico Antiquo has also worked with renowned artists such as Beatriz Adriana, Graciela Beltran, Gildardo Alvarez, Jesus "Chuy" Guzman, Juan Valentin and, in 2015, Placido Domingo. Mexico Antiquo has been called "a group that captivates audiences with its distinct interpretation of mariachi music."

*No 6 PM shows Friday through Sunday.

Mason Ramsey, Sept. 28, 8pm

Skyrocketing to fame with an oversized voice, a huge love of classic Country and enormous personality to match, 12-year-old Mason Ramsey is the biggest little star in Country music today. Ramsey was discovered in 2018 when a foot-tapping video of the youngster yodeling in a Walmart located in Harrisburg, Illinois, went viral. Since then he's charmed on national television and dazzled the trendiest music festivals, become the youngest Country artist to sign with a major record label in a generation, stood tall on the Grand Ole Opry stage and released an acclaimed debut single – but his journey is only just beginning.



Look for more concert announcements soon at TheBigE.com. *The 2019 Big E takes place Sept. 13-29 in West Springfield, Mass. Stay up to date with all Fair happenings by finding us on Facebook, following us on Twitter and Instagram or joining our mailing list at TheBigE.com.*

