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THE BIG E ANNOUNCES COURT OF HONOR STAGE ENTERTAINMENT

Drake White & The Big Fire, Bowling for Soup, Blue Öyster Cult, Lettuce & More

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:

Drake White & The Big Fire, Sept. 13, 8pm

Drake White and The Big Fire kick off opening day at The Big E with their brand of Rock-infused Country featuring White's undeniably soulful voice. Crank up the energy level and get on your feet for the best Southern sound around. (Meet & greets available at <http://bit.ly/2H7wdCr>)

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

25-year veterans of Pop Punk music, the always intimate and always entertaining Bowling for Soup will bring their infectious personalities to The Big E. Give them a wave!

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, Roy Orbison, 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. With three original members, plus three new members, the band is exploring new musical territory and continuing 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 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 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, celebrating more than 50 years on the local music scene. Songwriter and lead singer, Peter J. Newland, brings his talents and bandmates Mark Pappas (lead guitar), Guy DeVito (bass), Billy Benjamin (drums), Chet Pasek (drums), and Jim Kaminski (guitar) to center stage at The Big E. 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

Juggling, acrobatics, feats of balance, tumbling and more. This troupe of acrobats will amaze Big E guests with their adept talents.

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.*



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