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**PLENTY TO SEE AND DO AT THE
2007 NORTH GEORGIA STATE FAIR!**

MARIETTA, GA (August 2, 2007) – The 75th annual North Georgia State Fair will take place Thursday, Sept. 20, through Sunday, Sept. 30, at Jim R. Miller Park in Marietta.

Attracting nearly 300,000 people from throughout metro Atlanta, North Georgia and surrounding states, the North Georgia State Fair is the largest fair in metro Atlanta and the second largest in Georgia.

The **Georgia Lottery Concert Series for the 2007 North Georgia State Fair** under the covered arena include:

- **Little Big Town on Friday, September 21 at 8 p.m.**
- **Sammy Kershaw on Saturday, September 22 at 8 p.m.**
- **Marc Henderson on Sunday, September 23 at 7 p.m.
and Dottie Peoples at 7:45 p.m.**
- **Carly Goodwin on Wednesday, September 26 at 7 p.m.**
- **Blake Shelton on Wednesday, September 26 at 8 p.m.**
- **Craig Morgan on Thursday, September 27 at 8 p.m.**
- **NewSong with special guest Nate Sallie – on Friday, September 28 at 8 p. m.**
- **Chris Cagle on Saturday, September 29 at 8 p.m.**

Little Big Town, a unique country group with roots in Georgia, features two men and two women – all of whom sing lead vocals. The four band members have stuck together through professional and personal setbacks that would have destroyed most bands. However, Little Big Town believes that it has something special to offer.

Sammy Kershaw made his debut on the music scene in the early 90's, with a chain of major hit records and sell-out touring schedules. Kershaw's latest project teams his soulful sound with a Cajun kick from his Louisiana roots.

Marc Henderson will take the stage at 7 p.m. on Sunday, September 23. He will be opening for Dottie Peoples, who is one of the most honored gospel vocalists of the 1990s. She

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debuted with two 1991 albums, then broke out with her 1993 LP *Live*, which caused her to be nominated for a Stellar Award for Best Female Solo Performance: Traditional. Her next effort, “On Time God,” won her four Stellar Awards – for Traditional Female Vocalist, Traditional Choir, Album of the Year and Song of the Year. Peoples also won another Female Vocalist of the Year award in 1996. Since then, she has released several more albums with “Live in Memphis – He Said It” being the most recent in 2005.

Carly Goodwin’s musical influences range from The Beatles, The Eagles, Bonnie Raitt, Sheryl Crow, Coldplay, Patty Loveless, Trisha Yearwood, Garth Brooks and The Dixie Chicks. In June 2003, Goodwin paid her first visit to Nashville and then moved to town two months later. Through a friend of her grandparents, she was introduced to and worked with some noted songwriters, including Carl Jackson, who agreed to produce her debut CD. Willie Nelson heard her rendition of his classic hit, “Crazy,” and invited her to perform with him in L.A. The pair even included the song as a duet on Goodwin’s CD.

Blake Shelton has shown steady growth and momentum since his impressive 2001 debut, which earned him the title of *Radio & Records* magazine’s breakthrough country artist that year. His songs vary from the sweet “Austin” and the funny “Some Beach” to the wildly original prison break song, “Ol’ Red.”

Craig Morgan got his first record deal with Atlantic in 2000, and he released his first album (self-titled). Morgan soon signed to Broken Bow Records and climbed into the Top 10 with the single “Almost Home” in 2003. The album *My Kind of Livin'* followed in 2005, which included the No. 1 hit, “That's What I Love About Sunday.” In 2006, he released a new album entitled *Little Bit of Life*.

NewSong’s 2007 *Rescue Tour* features special guest Nate Sallie, Echoing Angels & Jimmy Needham, hosted by illusionist, BJ Harris. It will be a fun night of music and ministry for the entire family. NewSong is a Dove award-winning and Grammy nominated group with Georgia roots as well.

Chris Cagle is one of country music’s most dynamic artists. His first two albums went

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gold, and he has produced seven hits including four Top 10 hits. Armed with his third CD, “Anywhere But Here,” Cagle is back on stage to perform the kind of high-energy country music for which he is now known.

This year the fun and excitement continues – with action-packed, family shows and entertainment. **Live shows that are free with paid admission include:**

All the King's Horses (www.allthekingshorsesinc.com), a new event at the North Georgia State Fair, is a spectacular exhibition featuring some of the most athletic, graceful and regal horses in the world. The exhibition showcases breeds of horses used by nobility long ago, including Arabian, Andalusian and the Royal Lipizzaner Stallions of Austria. The show is presented by three generations of performers who will astound you with feats of incredible horsemanship.

The Keith King BMX Bike Stunt Show features professional BMX riders that have competed in events such as the X Games and the Gravity Games. Every performance wows audiences with high-flying aerial stunts and technical maneuvers. Robinson's Pig Paddling Porkers offers the chance to see pigs racing snout-to-snout around a 100-foot-long oval track. The pigs also will compete in a special watercourse for the title of swiftest swimming swine. Each show will consist of four races – two on land and two in water.

Make sure to catch David "The Bullet" Smith, Human Cannonball, who will be shot 300 feet across the entire midway over towering carnival rides several times per day. Oscar the Robot, the entertaining roaming robot, also will be returning to the fair this year.

The Frisco Brothers Petting Zoo and the fair petting barn at the south entrance of the fairgrounds provide a fun and educational experience for children and adults alike. Some of the animals that will be on hand include bison, zebra, cows, rabbits, llamas and much more! Pony rides also will be offered.

Other long-time traditions will continue, including sanctioned flower shows, non-commercial exhibits, 45 amusement rides and games courtesy of the Great James H. Drew Exposition and free concerts under the covered arena – for rain or shine concert

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series. Brian Ruth "Master of the Chainsaw" will transform raw logs into true works of art with only a chainsaw.

Advance tickets can be purchased for \$3.50 for adults, \$1 for students ages 7 to 18, and \$11 for a book of 22 ride tickets – which is 50% off. There is a \$1 fee for postage and handling. Advance tickets go on sale Wednesday, August 1. Visit our Website to order tickets by credit card at www.northgeorgiastatefair.com or send a check or money order to: North

Georgia State Fair, P.O. Box 777, Kennesaw, GA 30156. Orders must be received by Sunday, September 16.

Regular tickets can be purchased at the gate at \$5 for adults, \$2 for students ages 7 to 18 and free for children 6 and under. Ride tickets are \$1 each, \$20 for 22 tickets, and \$50 for 55 tickets. Parking is \$3. ATM machines are located on the midway.

To visit the North Georgia State Fair, take Interstate-75 North to Exit 260 (Windy Hill Road) and go west. Go approximately five miles until Windy Hill Road dead ends and turn left on Austell Road. Turn right on Callaway Road. Jim R. Miller Park is on the right.

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