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Lights Dim on the 97th annual Tennessee Valley Fair

Styx concert draws over 5,000 fans to historic Homer Hamilton Theatre



Knoxville, Tenn. (September 19, 2016) – The Tennessee Valley Fair wrapped up its 97th year on Sunday, September 18. Over 132,000 fairgoers attended the event to enjoy fair food, rides, concerts, special events and over 3,200 competitions.

Attendance dipped following numerous days of 90 degree temperatures and concerns over ride safety following two high profile ride incidents at other Tennessee fairs. The Tennessee Valley Fair continues to maintain an excellent safety record with no reported incidents.

“Attendance at fairs nationwide is unfortunately down this year.” said Sarah Carson, Director of Marketing. “As a non-profit organization, we rely on community support to continue producing our event. We sincerely appreciate East Tennessee’s support in 2016 and look forward to a strong 2017.”

The largest crowds were reported on Thursday, September 15 and Saturday, September 17. Rock icons [Styx](#) attracted the largest concert crowd with over 5,000 in attendance. [Lauren Daigle](#), [Gary Allan](#) and [Kane Brown](#) were also well attended, attracting around 4,000 concertgoers each. The 98th annual Tennessee Valley Fair is scheduled for September 8-17, 2017.

About the Tennessee Valley Fair

The Tennessee Valley Fair is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization and one of the state’s largest multi-day events attracting 150,000 attendees each year. Known for its innovative exhibits, livestock shows, concert series, action sports, exciting rides and variety of unique foods, the Tennessee Valley Fair offers great entertainment for the entire family. The Tennessee Valley Fair is proud to present nightly fireworks sponsored by the Tennessee Education Lottery. For more information, please visit www.tnvalleyfair.org or call (865) 215-1470.

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