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Kangaroos, selfies and silent disco new to San Mateo County Fair

San Mateo, CA: Joining the traditions of racing pigs, free concerts, and carnival rides are several new attractions and celebrations at the San Mateo County Fair.

Opening June 8 for its annual nine day run, guests will be treated to new attractions at the San Mateo County Fair. "Our goal is to bring exciting new features to the fair each year while maintaining fair traditions," said Dana Stoehr, chief executive officer of the San Mateo County Event Center and Fair. This year's new fair features include:

Aussie Kingdom: The only Australian animal show in the United States and Canada features the wonders of "Down Under." Fair guests will interact with several different species of marsupials (pouched animals) such as kangaroos, wallabies, wallaroos and other native Australian wildlife.

Selfie Museum sponsored by the San Francisco Chronicle: Pull out your mobile device and pose in front of the six different life-size backdrops, smile, point, click, tag #SMCF2019 and share. With one of the creative backdrops you can even become front page news.

Radio.com Silent Disco: The DJs from Q102 and Alt 105.3 will host fun but completely silent parties each evening. Fair guests will be issued a pair of wireless headphones so they can tune into three different genres of music at their own personal party. *Dark June 11.*

Mobile Glassblowing Studio: Glass artist, Ryan Gothrup brings the artistry of glass blowing to an outdoor studio. Right before your eyes, Gothrup will transform liquid to a solid as he demonstrates how a hot molten material transforms into beautiful glass art.

Family PRIDE Day: In partnership with the San Mateo County Pride Center, June 10 will celebrate the LGBTQIA community, allies and family members. On this date, children 12 and under will be admitted free, plus there will be free parking until 2 p.m. The day will include a resource fair with partnering organizations that are LGBTQ centering and affirming.

Pacific Islands Day: Rowena Meafua, founder of Pacific Islands Together, has joined with the fair to present this new celebration. On June 9, the two organizations will salute the Pacific Islander community of the Bay Area. The day will be filled with cultural entertainment, education, demonstrations and more from the islands of Samoa, Tonga, Hawaii, Tahiti, New Zealand, Fiji, Marshallese and Palau.



Free Concerts: This year's concert series features Morris Day & The Time (June 8); Air Supply (June 9); Queen Nation – A Tribute to the Music of Queen (June 10); and Petty & The Heartshakers – A Tom Petty Tribute Band (June 11); Sir Mix-A-Lot (June 12); Better Than Ezra (June 13); The Commodores (June 14); and 98° (June 15). All shows are free with fair admission on a space-available basis. For those who are unable to obtain a seat in the concert hall, or prefer their music outside, fair guests can enjoy the concerts at a nearby outdoor stage where the shows will be broadcast on a jumbo screen.

For those that prefer reserved seats for the concerts, Gold Circle tickets are available for \$40 and includes fair admission. Gold Circle tickets (reserved seats) for Air Supply and 98° are no longer available, but free indoor seating and outside seating is offered on a space-available basis.

No Smoking or Vaping: The 2019 the San Mateo County Fair has been designated smoke, vape and tobacco free to provide a healthy, family-friendly, and clean environment for visitors and staff. No smoking or vaping is allowed inside the fair admission areas. Designated smoking and vaping locations are provided, outside the fence line. The two designated locations are outside Gate 1 (Delaware Street entry) and Gate 5 (Saratoga Drive).

The award-winning San Mateo County Fair is the Peninsula's premier community event for family fun and entertainment. The San Mateo County Fair strives to provide a diverse experience through education, inspiration and entertainment. The annual fair represents a celebration of our community's talent, interests, innovations and rich agricultural and artistic heritage. The theme of the 2019 Fair is "Celebrating the Best of the Bay" and runs June 8 through June 16.

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