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AN EVENING WITH ARETHA FRANKLIN TO BE HELD AT KENTUCKY STATE FAIR

LOUISVILLE, KY (May 19, 2015) – Soul and R&B legend Aretha Franklin will perform at the Kentucky State Fair on the Freedom Hall Stage on August 30, the final day of the 11-day event. The concert begins at 8 p.m.

Known as the Queen of Soul, Aretha Franklin has had 20 NO. 1 Billboard R&B hits, was the first woman inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and in 2012 was inducted into the GMA Gospel Music Hall of Fame. Some of her classic hits include “Respect,” “Freeway of Love” and “A Natural Woman.” This will be Aretha’s first performance in Louisville since 2005.

“We are excited to welcome Miss Aretha Franklin to this year’s Kentucky State Fair,” said Clifford “Rip” Rippetoe, President and CEO of the Kentucky State Fair Board. “She brings great energy and variety to our Main Stage Concert Series.”

Tickets for *An Evening with Aretha Franklin* are \$50 and \$55 each and includes Kentucky State Fair gate admission. There will also be VIP tables of 8 available for \$500 per table. Tickets go on sale Monday, June 1 at 10 a.m.

Tickets can be purchased at the Kentucky Exposition Center and Kentucky International Convention Center Ticket Offices and all Ticketmaster outlets. Charge by phone at 1-800-745-3000, or purchase online at www.ticketmaster.com.

The 2015 Kentucky State Fair is August 20-30 at the Kentucky Exposition Center. For more information about the Kentucky State Fair, visit www.kystatefair.org or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

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ABOUT THE KENTUCKY STATE FAIR

The Kentucky State Fair is an 11-day celebration of the history, heritage and culture of the Bluegrass State. More than 600,000 attend America's largest indoor fair, which uses over 1.2 million square feet of contiguous exhibit space at the Kentucky Exposition Center. While its roots are in agriculture, the Kentucky State Fair has grown into a trade and public education exposition, as well as a major entertainment venue. The World's Championship Horse Show, held during the Fair, is the world's richest and most prestigious Saddlebred show. Attendees and exhibitors contribute over \$15.3 million annually in economic impact. The Kentucky State Fair & World's Championship Horse Show are owned and produced by the Kentucky State Fair Board, an agency of the Kentucky Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet.