

2019 MAIN STAGE ENTERTAINMENT



TUESDAY, AUG. 6
TRACY BYRD



WEDNESDAY, AUG. 7
JACKSON MICHELSON



THURSDAY, AUG. 8
THE GEORGIA SATELLITES



FRIDAY, AUG. 9
LOS HOROSCOPOS DE DURANGO



SATURDAY, AUG. 10
SUGAR RAY

Main stage lineup kicks up variety of genres

Lucas Wagner gets giddy with excitement when talking about the main stage entertainment for this year's Umatilla County Fair.

Wagner, who is the fair board chairman, also has taken the lead for the past five to six years in coordinating the musical acts.

"I'm either to thank or blame," he said with a laugh. "Our plan is to always try to get a good cross section of music."

The lineup includes country musician Tracy Byrd, who's known for "Watermelon Crawl" (Tuesday, Aug. 6); Jackson Michelson, an up-and-coming country musician from Corvallis (Wednesday, Aug. 7); Southern rock band The Georgia Satellites (Thursday,

Aug. 8). Local rock 'n' roll band Blue Tattoo will get the Thursday night crowd warmed up at 7:15 p.m.

Latino Night features four musical acts, La Nueva 4 Talez, Los Canarios de Michoacan, Alacranes Musical and Los Horoscopes De Durango (Friday, Aug. 9); and nu metal rock group Sugar Ray (Saturday, Aug. 10). Each of the shows begins at 9 p.m., with the exception of Latino Night, which starts at 7 p.m.

Byrd's 1993 single "Holdin' Heaven" soared to the top of the Billboard Country Charts — making him a household name. Byrd has continued to climb in popularity with such hits as "No Ordinary

Man," "The Keeper of the Stars" and "Ten Rounds with Jose Cuervo." After a performing hiatus from 2010-13, Byrd became rejuvenated, releasing "All American Texan" in 2016.

After strumming his way across the Pacific Northwest, Michelson headed to Nashville to further expand his fan base. Landing a record deal, he released "One At A Time" earlier this year.

Michelson offers high-energy rhythm and is riding a wave of 150 shows last year. He opened for the likes of Blake Shelton, Lady Antebellum and the Zac Brown Band.

Founded in 1985, The Georgia Satellites cranked up their amps offering rock with a Southern backwoods vibe — performing such tunes as "Can't Stand the Pain," "Hippy Hippy Shake" and their most familiar hit, "Keep Your Hands to Yourself."

Receiving a Grammy nomination, the song has been covered by numerous artists since its release in 1986. The group continues to pack houses around the globe with their blistering brand of Southern rock.

Sugar Ray's breakthrough song, "Fly," put them on the musi-

cal map in 1997. Frontman Mark McGrath attracts a lot of attention with his looks, charisma and talent. He was featured in People magazine's Sexiest Man Alive issue in 1998.

The band continues to deliver hits — selling more than 8 million records — including "Somebody," "Every Morning" and "Falls Apart." After more than a decade, the band recently returned to the studio to work on its new album, "Little Yachty," which is due out July 26.

General seating for the shows is free with fair admission. Reserved ticket prices are \$12 and premium seats are \$20 and are available via www.umatillacountyfair.net. Concert tickets do not include fair admission.

In addition, the Grand Champion Club offers corporate opportunities for businesses or employers to provide special concert seating for customers or employees. Wagner said for more information about the new section, contact the fair office.

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