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Five NEW Attractions Coming to the 2018 Indiana State Fair

July 10, 2018, INDIANAPOLIS, IN- The Indiana State Fair is full of traditions and memories for Hoosiers statewide, and this year Fair organizers are adding additional exciting features to enjoy. With a new interactive animal exhibit, a new roller coaster and popular Big Top Circus entertainers, you won't want to miss this year's Fair!

Fairgoers will get the chance to try out a new roller coaster, the **BulletTrain**. This thrilling ride climbs 33-feet high before launching riders into sharp turns and banking curves with fast transitions and drops.

"North American Midway Entertainment is excited to bring a new coaster to this year's Indiana State Fair," said Danny Huston, owner of North American Midway Entertainment. "From the very first ride we knew we had a winner on our hands."

Your Indiana State Fair ticket will also get you access to the **Big Top Circus, presented by Bee Window**. With three FREE shows daily at 1, 4 and 7 p.m. (no 1 p.m. show on Thursdays), you're sure to be spectacularly entertained. Headlined by Bello Nock, this is a WOW experience that you won't want to miss!

To complement the Big Top Circus, a "Celebrating Indiana's Circus History" exhibit will offer an interactive, educational experience based around the circus. The exhibit is offered free-of-charge.

Animal Town, presented by Indiana Farm Bureau, allows fairgoers to learn about their favorite barn yard animals. Animal Town is an interactive exhibit featuring several species of animals every day of the fair from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., including beef and dairy cattle, chickens, goats, draft horses, llamas, rabbits, sheep and swine. This educational opportunity allows fairgoers the chance to see all of their favorite animals in one interactive setting. Animal Town is located at the east end of the Hoosier Lottery Grandstand.

Also new to the 2018 fair is an appearance by **world-champion competitive food eater Joey Chestnut**. Chestnut will attempt to break the record for the World's Ice Cream Eating Championship held at the Fair on August 5 at 2 p.m. At last year's fair, the world record was broken by Miki Sudo. Chestnut currently holds the world hot dog eating record and is No. 1 in competitive eating according to *Vanity Fair Magazine*.

Another celebrity appearance will be made by **TV host and chef Ted Allen** of the Food Network TV show *Chopped*. Allen is an Emmy and James Beard award winner and the host four Food Network shows, including a show about the best foods called *Best. Ever.*, a newbie competition show called *All-Star Academy* and *Chopped*.

Allen will also be this year's keynote speaker at the Harvest Dinner, an Indiana State Fair Foundation fundraising event. The Harvest Dinner will take place on August 15 at 5 p.m. in the Indiana Farmers Coliseum. Harvest Dinner proceeds benefit the Celebration of Champions, which awards cash prizes to 4-H youth winners at the Indiana State Fair. Tables can be reserved at IndianaStateFairFoundation.org.

ABOUT THE INDIANA STATE FAIR

The Indiana State Fair is the state's largest multi-day event celebrating Hoosiers' spirit and agricultural heritage. These 17 days celebrate Indiana agriculture and promote it to hundreds of thousands of people across Indiana, and beyond. Nationally recognized for offering great entertainment, showcasing youth, interactive agriculture education programs, premier facilities and a variety of unique, fun foods, the Indiana State Fair has been an annual attraction for generations of Hoosiers since 1852. The 2018 Indiana State Fair will be held August 3-19. The 2018 theme pays homage to Indiana's rich circus heritage by offering a world-class Big Top Circus presented by Bee Window. The new family-friendly Big Top Circus is FREE with paid State Fair admission and features acrobats, clowns, trapeze artists and more! For more information, visit www.indianastatefair.com.

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