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Breaking: Fair Act Cancelled

SANTA MARIA—Officials at the Santa Barbara County Fair have just received the following statement from the management of Chaka Khan:

“Representatives for Chaka Khan announced today that ten-time GRAMMY® Award-winning recording artist Chaka Khan has entered an addiction rehabilitation and aftercare program, which will cause her to postpone all dates scheduled for the month of July. Chaka has struggled with a dependence on prescription pain medications and has voluntarily entered the program to get healthy and stay that way. As part of the ongoing outpatient treatment the doctors have urged her to resume recording mid-July and all performances beginning August 1st.”

Santa Maria Fairpark CEO Richard Persons said “We are very disappointed because we know fans of Ms. Khan were looking forward to her appearance at the fair. Staff at the fair are working closely with our booking agent to locate another act to fill the KCOY Main Stage on Thursday, and we are hopeful to have an announcement early in the week. We hope for Ms. Khan’s rapid rehabilitation, and trust that her fans will understand.”

Acts on in the Bud Light Concert Series on the KCOY Main Stage are presented free. Admission tickets are good for any day of the event. Also appearing this year are

Country music sensations Parmalee, Wednesday, July 13 on the KCOY Main Stage; classic crooner Dwight Yoakam on Friday, July 15; and rock 'n' roll legends Creedence Clearwater Revisited.

Wrapping things up on Sunday, July 17 is Fiesta Day with a Hispanic concert in the Budweiser Minetti Arena.

All KCOY Main Stage entertainment begins at 7:30 p.m. and is free with paid Fair admission. The Fiesta Day entertainment is a separate ticketed event.

New attractions this year will amaze, impress and draw laughter from audiences. The stunt duo of Something Ridiculous will stroll the grounds performing for audiences by juggling anything they can get their hands on. Roberto the Magnificent will perform his wild, high-energy, stage act employing a variety of cirque-style skills as he rides an industrial pogo stick and juggles flaming torches and spinning handsaws. Bands like Mister Wonderful and Crawdaddio will meet your every musical taste. The Dock Dogs canine aquatics competition will entertain as canines compete for the honor of best dive dog. Kids will love the Wizards Challenge with Enchanted Forest Animals science-based exhibit. And be sure to catch a glimpse of the larger than life Chicken Rider as he strolls through the Fairpark grounds.

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About the Santa Maria Fairpark

The Santa Maria Fairpark serves as the hub for major events and community activities on California's Central Coast. The state-owned facility hosts the annual Santa Maria Valley Strawberry Festival, which attracts more than 60,000 people and is home to its headlining event the Santa Barbara County Fair, which is attended by more than 140,000 people.