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Opening Acts Announced for Brad Paisley Grandstand Show

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIRGROUNDS - Three hot country stars will open the **Brad Paisley** Grandstand show at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 22. **Julianne Hough** who won the past two seasons of “Dancing with the Stars” with celebrity partners Apolo Ohno and Helio Castroneves; new artist **Chuck Wicks**; and acclaimed singer-songwriter **Jewel** will join Paisley for an evening of country music.

Most recently, Paisley’s singles “Letter to Me,” “Online” and “Ticks” have captured the number one position on Billboard’s Hot Country Songs Chart. Wicks’ “Stealing Cinderella” and Jewel’s “Stronger Woman” have also made their way onto the charts. Hough released the single “Will You Dance With Me” on i-Tunes in May 2007 and will release her first album in the coming months.

Tickets are \$45 and are available now through Ticketmaster by calling (651) 989-5151, or by visiting Ticketmaster.com or any Midwest Ticketmaster Center. For State Fair Box Office or mail order information, please call (651) 288-4427.

Additional artists performing at the Minnesota State Fair Grandstand will be announced over the next few months. Visit www.mnstatefair.org for updated information.

The 2008 Minnesota State Fair runs Aug. 21 though Labor Day, Sept. 1.

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