

# MINNESOTA STATE FAIR

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### State Fair Commemorative Art to be Unveiled June 11

**What?:** See the 2009 Minnesota State Fair Commemorative Art for the first time as artist Leo Stans unveils it on the fairgrounds.

**Who?:** Belle Plaine native and renowned artist, Leo Stans is best known for using brilliant light and rich color to create paintings of nostalgic street scenes, landscapes and wildlife.

The original piece created exclusively for the State Fair, celebrates the 100th anniversary of the historic Grandstand while capturing the spirit and excitement of the Great Minnesota Get-Together. "The State Fair's history and all the people who have been there over the years were the major inspiration in creating the piece," Stans says. "The incredible variety of sights, sounds and smells is what's most exciting--the dazzling midway at night, music from the Grandstand shows and the smell of mini donuts fresh from the fryer."

**When?:** 1-3 p.m. on Thursday, June 11

**Where?:** J.V. Bailey House, 1263 Cosgrove St., Minnesota State Fairgrounds

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