

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR

Grandstand Entertainers by Year 1962–2011

1962

- Dennis Day
- Jane Russell
- Jimmie Dean

1963

- Rosemary Clooney
- The Smothers Brothers
- Buster Keaton

1964

- New Christy Minstrels, Anita Bryant
- Al Hirt, John Gary

1965

- Pete Fountain, Mary Wells
- Ray Charles Singers, Roger Miller

1966

- The Supremes, Jerry Van Dyke
- The Smothers Brothers, George Kirby

1967

- Baja Marimba Band, George Kirby
- Bob Newhart, Young Americans

1968

- The Fifth Dimension, Frank Sinatra Jr., Ballet America
- Marty Robbins, Sonny James, Hank Williams Jr., Connie Smith
- Jack Jones, National Ballet of Mexico

1969

- Buck Owens, Susan Rye, Billy Walker
- Lesley Gore, George Kirby
- Johnny Cash Show, The Statler Brothers
- Porter Wagoner, Dolly Parton, Jerry Lee Lewis, Lynn Anderson, Speck Rhodes, Conway Twitty
- Patti Page, Kids Next Door, Don Rice III

1970

- Jeannie C. Riley, Sonny James, Faron Young, Jimmy Davis
- Bobby Vinton, The Cowsills
- Johnny Cash Show, The Statler Brothers
- Lawrence Welk Show
- Petula Clark, Art Linkletter, The Golddiggers
- Charley Pride

1971

- The Carpenters, John Davidson, Della Reese, The Harmonicats
- Sandler & Young
- Tammy Wynette, George Jones, Loretta Lynn, Jack Green, Jeanie Sealy, Roy Acuff
- Liberace
- Neil Diamond
- Charley Pride

1972

- Sonny and Cher, David Brenner
- John Denver, Kenny Rogers and the First Edition
- Sonny James, Lynn Anderson, Del Reeves, TomT. Hall, Tex Ritter
- Bobby Goldsboro, Anne Murray, George Kirby
- Merle Haggard, Sammi Smith, Waylon Jennings
- Neil Diamond
- Up With People

1973

- Mac Davis, The Fifth Dimension
- Tony Orlando & Dawn, The Brady Bunch Kids
- Bill Anderson, Donna Fargo, Tommy Overstreet, Leroy Van Dyke, Jerry Clower
- Pat Boone Family, Rich Little, Charley Pride

1974

- Liza Minnelli
- Redd Foxx
- Charlie Rich, JimStafford
- Jerry Reed, Tanya Tucker, Jerry Clower, Judy Lynn, Hank Snow
- Bob Hope, Danny Davis & The Nashville Brass
- Jim Nabors, The Hagers
- Mac Davis, The Fifth Dimension
- Roy Clark
- Helen Reddy, Jose Feliciano

1975

- Roy Rogers, Dale Evans, Dusty Rogers, Sons of the Pioneers
- The Osmonds, Munch
- Paul Anka
- Lynn Anderson, Ray Stevens, Jacky Ward
- Anne Murray, B.J. Thomas
- Dolly Parton, Bobby Bare, Johnny Rodriguez, PeeWee King
- Olivia Newton-John, George Kirby
- Lawrence Welk Show
- America, John Sebastian
- Freddie Prinze, Jack Albertson, Scat Man Crothers
- Bobby Vinton, Marilyn Sellars

1976

- Red Skelton, Helen O'Connor
- The Osmonds, Munch
- Neil Sedaka
- Charley Pride
- Helen Reddy, JimStafford
- Freddie Fender, Dottie West, Moe Bandy
- Frank Vallie and the Four Seasons
- Bob Hope
- Linda Ronstadt, Johnny Tillotson
- Mac Davis, Kip Adotta
- Johnny Cash Show

1977

- King Family, Alvino Rey
- Bill Cosby, Keane Brothers
- Bobby Vinton
- Captain & Tennille, Kip Addotta
- George Benson, The Crusaders
- Mac Davis, Don Rice III
- Neil Sedaka, Andy Gibb
- Mills Brothers, Ed McMahon
- Kansas, Cain
- Paul Williams, Blood, Sweat & Tears
- Charlie Rich, La Costa

1978

- The Osmonds, Munch
- Seals & Crofts, Larry Carlton
- George Benson, Eddie Harris
- Captain & Tennille, Larry Groce

- Rich Little, Lynn Anderson
- Kenny Rogers, Dottie West
- Dolly Parton, Eddie Rabbit
- Bob Hope, Rosemary Clooney
- Helen Reddy, George Miller
- Pat & Debbie Boone, Ronnie Schell
- Johnny Cash Show

1979

- STYX, New England
- Steve Martin, Steve Goodman
- Willie Nelson, Hank Cochran
- Bobby Vinton
- Charley Pride
- Leif Garrett, Greg Shideler
- Bob Hope, Helen O'Connor
- Kenny Rogers, Dottie West
- Anne Murray, Larry Gatlin
- Michael Johnson, England Dan & John Ford Coley
- KC and the Sunshine Band, Jimmy "Bo" Horne

1980

- Michael Johnson, Lacy J. Dalton
- Marshall Tucker Band, Heartsfield
- The Manhattan Transfer, Martin Mull
- Anne Murray, Larry Gatlin and the Gatlin Brothers Band
- Al Hirt
- Kenny Rogers, Dottie West
- Tennessee Ernie Ford, Brothers & Sisters
- Red Skelton, Danny Davis & The Nashville Brass
- Willie Nelson
- Sister Sledge, Tavares
- Johnny Cash Show

1981

- Don Williams, Ricky Skaggs
- Emmylou Harris, Pure Prairie League
- Chuck Mangione
- The Statler Brothers, Brenda Lee
- Rodney Dangerfield, Dennis Blair
- The Doobie Brothers, Carl Wilson
- Victor Borge
- Air Supply, Livingston Taylor
- Eddie Rabbitt, Dottie West
- Dr. Hook, The Association
- Monty Hall

1982

- Willie Nelson
- The Beach Boys
- Barbara Mandrell
- Air Supply, Gary Mule Deer
- Eddie Rabbitt, Lacy J. Dalton
- The Manhattan Transfer
- Andy Williams, Jerry Seinfeld
- Oak Ridge Boys, Ronnie Milsap
- Rick Springfield, Greg Kihn Band
- Anne Murray, Larry Gatlin
- Sha Na Na

1983

- Willie Nelson and Family
- Kenny Loggins, Michael Johnson
- The Statler Brothers, Charley McLain
- Engelbert Humperdinck
- Alabama
- The Beach Boys

- Sammy Davis Jr., Peaches & Herb
- Oak Ridge Boys, Lee Greenwood
- Kansas, Pure Prairie League
- The Manhattan Transfer

1984

- Willie Nelson
- Rod Stewart
- Barbara Mandrell, T. G. Sheppard
- Julio Iglesias, Michael Davis
- Alabama
- The Statler Brothers, Janie Fricke
- Oak Ridge Boys, The Osmond Brothers
- George Benson
- Huey Lewis & The News

1985

- Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings, Jesse Colter
- The Suburbs, Limited Warranty
- Kenny Loggins
- Oak Ridge Boys
- Don Williams, Tammy Wynette
- Arlo Guthrie and Pete Seeger
- Night Ranger
- Michael Johnson, Ray Komischke's Orchestra featuring Trina Hamlin
- Tom Jones
- Alabama, Gary Morris
- Neil Young and the International Harvesters, Nicolette Larson

1986

- Willie Nelson and Family
- John Denver
- Nu Shooz, The Fat Boys
- Oak Ridge Boys, The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band
- Anne Murray
- The Jets, Limited Warranty
- The Beach Boys
- The Manhattan Transfer
- Kenny Loggins
- Doug Henning
- Alabama, The Bellamy Brothers
- Garrison Keillor
- Bangles, EIEIO

1987

- Night Ranger, Great White
- Willie Nelson and Family, George Jones and Jones Boys
- True Value Country Showdown with Moe Bandy
- Peter, Paul and Mary
- The Monkees, "Weird" Al Yankovic
- The Jets, Limited Warranty
- Gloria Estefan and the Miami Sound Machine
- The Pointer Sisters
- Red Skelton
- Alabama, Restless Heart
- Sandi Patti
- Oak Ridge Boys, Southern Pacific

1988

- Alabama, K.T. Oslin
- The Beach Boys
- Peter, Paul and Mary
- The Judds, Randy Travis
- Belinda Carlisle
- Chuck Berry, The Fabulous Thunderbirds
- REO Speedwagon
- The Manhattan Transfer
- Roger Whittaker

- Willie Nelson and Family, Emmylou Harris
- The Everly Brothers
- Jay Leno
- Dirty Dancing Live
- Reba McEntire, Southern Pacific

1989

- Kenny Loggins, Michael McDonald
- Charley Pride, Ronnie Milsap
- 30 Year Rock 'n' Roll Reunion
- Alabama, Jo-El Sonnier
- Randy Travis, Tammy Wynette
- Jim Varney, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
- The Jets, The Commodores
- Sheena Easton, Michael Damian
- George Strait, Billy Joe Royal, Highway 101
- Anne Murray, Eddie Rabbitt
- New Kids On The Block, Tiffany, Tommy Page
- Sandi Patti
- The Statler Brothers, Don Williams
- 20th Anniversary, Artists of Woodstock

1990

- The Simpsons
- Barbara Mandrell, T.G. Sheppard
- Richard Marx, Wilson Phillips
- Bill Cosby
- Randy Travis, Alan Jackson
- Bonnie Raitt, Jeff Healy Band
- Oak Ridge Boys, Patty Loveless
- Bob Dylan, Wire Train
- Roger Whittaker
- George Strait, Billy Joe Royal
- The Beach Boys, Marshall Tucker Band
- John Denver

1991

- Sharon, Lois & Bram
- Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson
- Don Henley, Susanna Hoffs
- Alabama, Ray Kennedy
- Chicago
- Huey Lewis & The News, Joe Louis Walker & The Boss Talkers
- Garth Brooks, Lorrie Morgan
- The Statler Brothers, Williams & Ree
- Vanilla Ice
- Randy Travis, Alan Jackson
- The Beach Boys, Firefall

1992

- Garth Brooks, Martina McBride
- The Steve Miller Band
- Randy Travis, Brooks & Dunn
- Richard Marx
- Color Me Badd, The Party
- Double Dare Live
- The B-52's, Violent Femmes
- Bob Hope, B.J. Thomas
- Wynonna Judd, The Oak Ridge Boys
- Steven Curtis Chapman, Kathy Troccoli, First Call
- The Beach Boys, David Cassidy

1993

- Clint Black, Wynonna, Michael Johnson
- Bob Dylan, Santana
- Hank Williams Jr., Aaron Tippin
- Blues Music Festival '93-B.B. King, Eric Johnson, Buddy Guy, the

- Alligator All-Stars
- Barry Manilow, Kyle Vincent
- Nickelodeon's Wild & Crazy Kids
- Def Leppard, Ugly Kid Joe
- Superstars of the Lawrence Welk Show
- Keith Brion and his New Sousa Band
- Dolly Parton, Sammy Kershaw
- Alabama, Michelle Wright
- The Beach Boys, America

1994

- Kenny G
- Alan Jackson, Hal Ketchum
- Bonnie Raitt, Bruce Hornsby
- Reba McEntire, John Michael Montgomery
- Brooks & Dunn, Trisha Yearwood
- Nickelodeon's Family Double Dare Live
- The Beach Boys, America
- The Count Basie Orchestra plus Americana Fireworks Spectacular
- Wynonna, Tim McGraw
- Roger Daltrey
- Blues Music Festival '94-B.B. King, Little Feat, Dr. John & Tribute to Muddy Waters

1995

- Alabama, Chely Wright
- Alan Jackson, Faith Hill
- Amy Grant, Allison Kraus & Union Station
- Brooks & Dunn, Pam Tillis
- Chicago, The Little River Band
- Lorrie Morgan, David Ball
- Mary Chapin Carpenter, Kathy Mattea, Suzy Bogguss
- Tony Bennett
- The Mavericks, The Tractors
- John Michael Montgomery, Hal Ketchum, Ken Mellons
- Blues Festival '95-B.B. King, Jimmie Vaughan, Etta James, Bluestime Jam with J. Geils, Elvin Bishop, Magic Dick

1996

- Gin Blossoms, Goo Goo Dolls
- Alan Jackson, Wade Hayes
- Michael Bolton
- Brooks & Dunn, Kathy Mattea
- Travis Tritt, Marty Stuart
- Willie Nelson & Family, Sammy Kershaw
- Vince Gill
- Wheel of Fortune Live with host Bob Eubanks
- Mary Chapin Carpenter, BoDeans
- Bill Cosby
- Randy Travis, Trisha Yearwood

1997

- BoDeans, G.B. Leighton
- John Michael Montgomery, Ricochet
- ZZ Top, Los Lobos
- Wynonna, Terri Clark
- Boston
- Vince Gill, Bryan White
- Tim McGraw, Mindy McCready
- Roger Whittaker
- Steve Miller Band, Eric Johnson
- Alabama, Kenny Chesney
- Amateur Talent Contest Finals with '96 Open Division winner Nathan Beck and the Ray Komischke Orchestra
- Miller 300 presented by Auto Value Parts Stores

1998

- LeAnn Rimes, Bryan White
- BoDeans, Third Eye Blind
- Lynyrd Skynyrd, The Kentucky Headhunters
- Gary Puckett, The Turtles, The Grass Roots
- The Wallflowers, Max Carl & Big Dance
- Wynonna, Sawyer Brown
- Bonnie Raitt, Keb 'Mo' Band
- Tony n' Tina's Wedding
- The Oak Ridge Boys, Williams & Ree
- Jonny Lang, G.B. Leighton, Heidi Jo
- Loretta Lynn, Crystal Gayle
- Amateur Talent Contest Finals with '97 Open Division winner Rachel Lee and the Ray Komischke Orchestra
- Miller Lite 300 presented by Auto Value Parts Stores

1999

- Brooks & Dunn, Trace Adkins
- Journey, Double Trouble featuring Bernard Allison
- Corey Stevens, G.B. Leighton, Tangletown
- Sammy Kershaw, Lorrie Morgan
- Susan Tedeschi, Keb 'Mo'
- Vince Gill, Kathy Mattea
- Reba McEntire, Dick Hardwick
- Steve Lawrence & Eydie Gorme
- Bryan White, The Wilkinsons
- Alabama, Shane McAnally
- Amateur Talent Contest Finals with '98 Open Division winner Ten Foot Five and the Ray Komischke Orchestra
- Miller Lite 300 presented by Auto Value Parts Stores and Jani-King

2000

- Def Leppard
- REO Speedwagon, STYX
- Travis Tritt, Montgomery Gentry
- "Weird Al" Yankovic, Tonic Sol-Fa
- Christina Aguilera, soulDecision
- Sawyer Brown, K.C. & The Sunshine Band
- Goo Goo Dolls, Tonic
- Roy Clark, Glen Campbell
- Jeff Foxworthy, Bill Engvall
- Semisonic, Train, G.B. Leighton
- Lynyrd Skynyrd, Kansas
- Amateur Talent Contest Finals with '99 Open Division winner Erin Callahan and the Ray Komischke Orchestra
- Miller 300 presented by Auto Value Parts Stores

2001

- Ringo Starr & His All-Starr Band
- Vertical Horizon, Nine Days, SR-71
- David Lee Roth
- Chic W/ Nile Rodgers, War, Ohio Players
- Toby Keith, Lee Ann Womack
- Huey Lewis and the News
- Cheap Trick, Cowboy Mouth
- Aaron Carter, A*Teens, Leslie Carter, Play
- 3 Doors Down, Nickelback, Seven Channels
- Alabama
- Amateur Talent Contest Finals with '00 Open Division winner Renee Marie Lande
- Miller Lite 300 Auto Race

2002

- Minnesota Orchestra

- Alicia Keys
- Vince Gill, Trisha Yearwood
- Shaggy, Rayvon
- Elvis, The Concert
- Bonnie Raitt, Lyle Lovett and His Large Band
- Billy Ray Cyrus, The Bellamy Brothers
- Newsboys, NewSong, Go Fish
- REO Speedwagon, STYX
- Poison, Slave Raider
- Amateur Talent Contest Finals with '01 Open Division winner Holly Stiles
- Miller Lite 300 Auto Race

2003

- Boston, Night Ranger
- Aaron Carter, Jump5
- Hootie and the Blowfish, Big Head Todd and the Monsters
- "Weird Al" Yankovic
- The Judy Collins Wildflower Festival starring The Kingston Trio, Beth Nielsen Chapman, Lucy Kaplansky
- The Charlie Daniel's Band
- The Doobie Brothers, Grand Funk Railroad
- Rebecca St. James, Go Fish-Plus One
- The B-52's, The Suburbs
- AB Quintanilla y Los Kumbia Kings, La Conquista
- 3 Doors Down, Trapt, Seether, Shinedown
- Amateur Talent Contest Finals with '02 Open Division winner Alexandra Hoopes

2004

- Clay Aiken
- ZZ Top, Silvertide
- Paramount's Original Laser Spectacular featuring themusic of Pink Floyd
- Smash Mouth
- Neal McCoy, Josh Turner
- The Allman Brothers Band
- Cyndi Lauper
- Los Tigres Del Norte
- Martina McBride, Gretchen Wilson, Blue County
- A Prairie Home Companion with Garrison Keillor
- Amateur Talent Contest Finals with '03 Open Division winners Max Wojtanowicz and Kecia Rehkamp
- Labor Day Blue Ribbon Jam featuring Gavin DeGraw, Spin Doctors, Franky Perez & the Highway Saints

2005

- 3 Doors Down-Staind, breaking benjamin, No Address
- Mötley Crue
- Sawyer Brown, Great Big Sea
- Gear Daddies
- Ryan Cabrera, Tyler Hilton
- James Taylor & Band
- Martina McBride, Joe Nichols
- Rascal Flatts, Blake Shelton, Blaine Larsen
- A Prairie Home Companion with Garrison Keillor
- REO Speedwagon, STYX
- Amateur Talent Contest Finals with '04 Open Division winner Lila Ammons
- Switchfoot

2006

- The Flaming Lips, Sonic Youth, The Magic Numbers
- Rascal Flatts, Eric Church, Gary Allan
- Bonnie Raitt, Keb 'Mo'
- Amy Grant, The Minnesota State Fair Orchestra
- Steve Miller Band, The Fabulous Thunderbirds
- Poison, Firehouse, Endeverafter
- Alan Jackson, Julie Roberts
- Kenny Rogers, The Oak Ridge Boys
- A Prairie Home Companion with Garrison Keillor
- BoDeans, Gear Daddies, The Nadas
- Amateur Talent Contest Finals with '05 Open Division winner DJ Snuggles
- Brooks & Dunn, Sugarland

2007

- Brad Paisley, Jack Ingram, Kellie Pickler, Taylor Swift
- Goo Goo Dolls, Lifehouse, Colbie Caillat
- Fergie, Rooney
- Fountains of Wayne, The Suicide Commandos
- "Weird Al" Yankovic, Tonic Sol-fa
- The Allman Brothers Band, Robert Randolph & the Family Band
- Vince Gill, Amy Grant, The Del McCoury Band
- B.B. King, Al Green, Etta James and her Roots Band
- A Prairie Home Companion with Garrison Keillor
- MercyMe, Aaron Shust
- Amateur Talent Contest Finals with '06 Open Division winner Josiah Gulden
- Def Leppard, STYX, Foreigner

2008

- 3 Doors Down, Staind, Hinder
- Brad Paisley, Jewel, Chuck Wicks, Julianne Hough
- The Backstreet Boys, Girlicious
- Jonny Lang, Buddy Guy, Big Head Todd & the Monsters
- Dierks Bentley, Miranda Lambert
- Paramore, Jack's Mannequin, Phantom Planet, Paper Route
- Gnarl Barkley
- Mark Schultz, Big Daddy Weave, Lincoln Brewster
- A Prairie Home Companion with Garrison Keillor
- The Black Crowes, The Black Keys
- Amateur Talent Contest Finals with '07 Open Division winners The Limns
- Toby Keith, Carter's Chord, Trailer Choir, Mica Roberts

2009

- Bonnie Raitt, Taj Mahal
- Jason Aldean, Eli Young Band
- Kid Rock, Lynyrd Skynyrd
- Kelly Clarkson, Eric Hutchinson
- Jackson Browne
- Randy Travis, Joe Nichols
- O.A.R., Brett Dennen, Slightly Stoopid
- Casting Crowns, BarlowGirl
- A Prairie Home Companion with Garrison Keillor
- REO Speedwagon, STYX, 38 Special

- Amateur Talent Contest Finals with '08 Open Division winners Callie Syverson and Brett Anderson
- Jeff Dunham

2010

- BoDeans, Big Head Todd & The Monsters
- Rush
- Tim McGraw, Julianne Hough
- Brandi Carlile, Amos Lee, The Watson Twins
- Seether, Hinder, Black Stone Cherry
- Carrie Underwood, Sons of Sylvia
- "Weird Al" Yankovic
- MercyMe, Jeremy Camp
- A Prairie Home Companion with Garrison Keillor
- KISS
- Amateur Talent Contest Finals with '09 Open Division winner Sedra Bistodeau
- Dukes of September RhythmRevue featuring Donald Fagen, Michael McDonald and Boz Scaggs

2011

- Reba, Ronnie Dunn
- Def Leppard, Heart
- Big Time Rush, Days Difference
- Carnival of Madness with Theory of a Deadman, Alter Bridge, Black Stone Cherry, My Darkest Days, Adelita's Way and Emphatic
- The Happy Together Tour 2011 featuring The Turtles, The Association, The Grass Roots, The Buckingham and Mark Lindsay, former lead singer of Paul Revere & the Raiders
- Steely Dan, Sam Yahel
- Toby Keith, Eric Church, JT Hodges
- Marc Anthony
- A Prairie Home Companion with Garrison Keillor
- Weezer, Motion City Soundtrack
- 2011 Minnesota State Fair Amateur Talent Contest Finals with 2010 Open Division winner Nick Wishard
- Train & Maroon 5, Matt Nathanson