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## PNE ANNOUNCES FINAL CONCERT IN ITS SUMMER NIGHTS LINE UP

Vancouver, B.C.: The Pacific National Exhibition is pleased to announce that the final band of the 2009 Fair in the PNE Summer Nights Concerts program has been selected. The renowned French group **The Gipsy Kings** will perform as part of the FREE with admission nightly concert line up. The Gipsy Kings will be the featured performer on Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup> on the expanded Global BC Amphitheatre Stage, a beautiful outdoor venue set in the PNE's Centre Grounds area.

*"This is a great addition to an already incredibly strong lineup," says the PNE's Creative Director Patrick Roberge. "To be able to have artists of this caliber all free with admission is extremely exciting."*

The late addition of three international performing artists (**The Gipsy Kings**, **Chris Isaak** and Canadian rock legend **Randy Bachman**) all came after the July 24<sup>th</sup> announcement by the Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages, James Moore, who revealed that the 2009 Fair at the PNE had been selected as one of the country's premier entertainment events and would receive close to \$1.4 million in federal funding under the Marquee Tourism Events program.

*"The infusion of funding into the 2009 Fair has allowed us to expand or add a number of fantastic programs," says PNE President and CEO Michael McDaniel. "As we gear up for the PNE's centennial celebration in 2010, we are extremely excited to host the strongest free with admission entertainment program in our history."*

The Gipsy Kings, who, since the 1987 release of the international hit single "Bamboleo," have dominated the World Music charts and sold more than fourteen million albums worldwide, including a platinum compilation, The Best of the Gipsy Kings, which was on global music charts for more than a year.

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Other already announced acts performing as part of the Summer Nights Concerts include **Chris Isaak, Randy Bachman, Tom Cochrane with Red Rider, April Wine, Chilliwack, and Barney Bentall and the Legendary Hearts, En Vogue, Al Jarreau, Rick Springfield.** From iconic acts to popular country performers and pop performers, the Summer Night Concerts will transform the Global BC Amphitheatre Stage every night at 8:00pm. Visit [www.pne.ca](http://www.pne.ca) for details.

### **Summer Nights Concerts schedule:**

<b>August 22</b>	Tribute to the Beatles
<b>August 23</b>	Mitchel Musso (from Hannah Montana)
<b>August 24</b>	April Wine
<b>August 25</b>	En Vogue
<b>August 26</b>	Al Jarreau
<b>August 27</b>	Rick Springfield
<b>August 28</b>	The Headpins/Randy Bachman (*7:30pm start)
<b>August 29</b>	Barney Bentall and Legendary Hearts/Chilliwack (*7:30pm start)
<b>August 30</b>	Doc Walker
<b>August 31</b>	Annual Evening with Elvis
<b>September 1</b>	Tom Cochrane with Red Rider
<b>September 2</b>	Johnny Reid
<b>September 3</b>	ABBAmania
<b>September 4</b>	Gipsy Kings
<b>September 5</b>	Chris Isaak
<b>September 6</b>	The Higgins/Jaydee Bixby (*7:30pm start)
<b>September 7</b>	Bobby Bruce's Nearly Neil and the Solitary Band

For more information about the Fair at the PNE visit: [www.pne.ca](http://www.pne.ca).

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Owned by the City of Vancouver, the Pacific National Exhibition (PNE) is a healthy and vibrant non-profit charity organization dedicated to providing over 3 million visitors a year with first-class cultural, sporting and family entertainment events. Founded in 1910, the PNE operates from a 114-acre site at Hastings Park, a multi-facility venue in Vancouver where the organization operates four activity streams: an annual 17-day Fair, Playland Amusement Park, maintenance and care of the Hastings Park site and management of the site's year-round facilities. These facilities are utilized to celebrate a variety of hockey, amateur sporting, music, community, social, cultural and commercial events throughout the year.

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