

## State Fair Meadowlands to Unveil Death-Defying High Dive Show

*This is one splash you won't want to miss! Divers plunge from dizzying heights, at speeds of up to 50 mph, into a pool of just 9 ½ feet*

**East Rutherford, NJ – April 27, 2016 – State Fair Meadowlands**, kicking off on June 23 for its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year, is set to make a huge splash at its 17-day event with the brand-new **Death-Defying High Dive Show**. The show is one of 150 exciting rides and attractions at this year's fair, which runs from June 23 through July 10 at the State Fair Meadowlands Fairgrounds, next to MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford.

The High Dive show features an 80-foot high dive tower from which daredevil divers plunge at 50 miles per hour into a 9 ½-foot pool. This special act, brought in especially for the fair's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, features cliff-diving world champions. The death-defying athletes perform their feats of amazing courage and strength as part of a hilarious and engaging act called "Sinbad in Search of the Global Pineapple."

"Kids and adults alike are going to adore this captivating show, in which Sinbad is sent on a voyage by his father to find the golden pineapple. Imaginations will run wild as the performers share tales of a Map of Knowledge, a great sailing ship, a forgotten island and a princess Sinbad hopes to marry," said Al Dorso, president of State Fair Meadowlands. "Audiences will laugh and cheer at the antics of Sinbad, his crew and some outrageous pirates as they clown around at dizzying heights."

The High Dive show, free with entry ticket to State Fair Meadowlands, will take place three times daily on weekdays and four times daily on weekends and July 4. During the final show of each day, one of the show's pirates – in a desperate search for the golden pineapple – will perform an astounding "Fire Dive." With his flaming cape blazing at over 1500 degrees, the pirate will plunge into the icy water to capture the pineapple.

In addition to the High Dive show, other exciting entertainment this year includes **The Great American Thrill Show** – an open-air performance of gymnastic acrobats and aerialists, dazzling audiences on the high wire and 90-foot sway pole; performing twice daily on weekdays and three times daily on weekends and July 4. Back by popular demand for their 28<sup>th</sup> year will be **The Racing Pigs**. Throw your arms in the air and cheer them on as they rip up their real piggy racetrack! The pigs perform four times on weekdays and five times on weekends and July 4.

The well-loved **Master Hypnotist Steve Bayner** will be back daily on the Main Stage. Hypnotist Bayner manages to be silly and amazing at the same time; take your chances

and get up on stage with him! The fair will also hold a wide range of concerts on the American Stage, including **Trixter**, an 80s & 90s band, on June 23; **RIFF**, the band best-known for its music in films such as *Lean On Me*, on June 24; **Mike DelGuidice and Big Shot**, featuring members of Billy Joel's band, on June 28; **Rubix Kube**, the #1, 80's tribute act, on June 30; **Epoch Failure** on July 2; **Manny Cabo**, NJ native from NBC's *The Voice*, on July 3; **Chase Bryant**, July 7, a solo country artist who has hit #4 on the *Billboard* charts, and was named by *Rolling Stone* as one of "10 New Country Artists You Need to Know"; and **Constantine Maroulis**, a New Jerseyan known for *American Idol*, *Broadway's Rock of Ages* and *The Wedding Singer*, on July 9.

State Fair wouldn't be State Fair without the **Educational Petting Zoo**, where kids can get up close and personal with animals of the world – a perfect spot for ridiculous selfies. Like all the other entertainment, the Petting Zoo is free with entry ticket.

The fair – also featuring acres and acres of delicious food and white-knuckle rides – will kick off with a special "Throwback Thursday" preview night on June 23. Throwback Thursday celebrates the fair's opening in 1986 with a bargain handstamp, for both admission and rides; of just \$19.86 (non-handstamp entry price is \$7 for adults, \$5 for children). Friday, June 24 is Dollar Day, with admission \$10 for all ages, and just \$2 each for rides, food, games, select food and drinks and parking. Families also won't want to miss other bargain days, including Kids Go Free and Cheap Cheap Night.

State Fair Meadowlands has over 50 exciting rides and the largest Kiddieland in New Jersey. A family favorite, the **Sky Ride**, is back this year, providing sky-high views of the fair and NYC skyline, and for Batman fans, the **Batcopter** will provide rides with panoramic views of the fair in the original helicopter from the 1966 TV series.

State Fair Meadowlands occupies over 35 acres of fairgrounds plus parking. Fair hours are Monday through Thursday, 6 pm to midnight; Fridays 6 pm to 1 am; Saturdays 2 pm to 1 am; Sundays 2 pm to midnight. This year, the fair will hold a Preview Night on Thursday, June 23, with Throwback Admission/Ride Handstamp, from 6 pm to midnight. Dollar Day is Friday, June 24, from 5 pm to 1 am. On Sunday, July 3, the fair is open 2 pm to 1 am; on Monday, July 4 from 2 pm to 1 am. Don't miss Kids Go Free Night, on Wednesday, June 29, open 4 pm to midnight, and Cheap Cheap Night, on Wednesday, July 6, from 4 pm to midnight. The fair is closed to the public on Sunday, June 26.

Parking is free Monday through Wednesday, and \$5 Thursdays through Sundays, plus Throwback Thursday, June 23, and on July 4. On Dollar Day, Friday, June 24, parking is just \$2. The fair will again be offering free shuttle buses from/to Secaucus Junction;

details to come. Visit [www.njfair.com](http://www.njfair.com) for information about the event, Bargain Days and to buy Advance Sale Tickets.

**Note to Editors**

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