

Celebrating 30 Years of Fun with Feats of Derring-Do

State Fair is celebrating its 30th anniversary with the bravest, boldest acrobats, aerialists and daredevils in America! Get ready to be dazzled by the Flying Wallendas, a human cannonball, the Sinbad the Sailor High Dive Show with Fire, and much more

East Rutherford, NJ – June 14, 2016 – Known far and wide for its white-knuckle rides, great family entertainment and acres and acres of outrageous food, **State Fair Meadowlands** is getting ready for its BIG 30th anniversary this year with some of the bravest, boldest acrobats, aerialists and daredevils in America.

The theme this year is “The Bold and the Brave” – featuring the world-famous tightrope performers **The Flying Wallendas**, the fearless **Brian Miser the Human Cannonball**, mad motorcyclists in the **Flaming Globe of Steel**, and graceful, professional divers in the **Death-Defying High Dive Show**. These shows and more are free with fair entry ticket.

“This summer, treat your family to adventure and spine-tingling excitement with the country’s most adept thrill-show artists. You will be amazed at these fantastic entertainers, who delight in performing astonishing feats high above the fairgrounds,” said Al Dorso, president of State Fair Meadowlands. “If nail-biting shows aren’t your thing, you can check out our beloved Racing Pigs, the hilarious hypnotist Steve Bayner, daily concerts, the family petting zoo and much more.”

State Fair Meadowlands runs from Thursday, June 23 through Sunday, July 10 at the State Fair Meadowlands Fairgrounds, next to MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford. The event is open every day except for Sunday, June 26.

At the action-packed **All-American Thrill Show**, you’ll see The Flying Wallendas, a multi-generational circus family that dazzles audiences with their world-famous high-wire act. Watch as they sit atop chairs stacked on the highwire, ride bikes and even do headstands on the tightrope. Then, watch the fearless Brian Miser as he shoots himself from a cannon and whizzes across the sky, wowing audiences.

The Thrill Show will also feature the Flaming Globe of Steel, metal sphere inside which motorcyclists zoom around, crossing one another’s paths in an intense fury. The Curtis family of motorcyclists – a mom, dad and three kids – will shock and amaze as they undertake their motorcycle antics while the globe is encircled with a ring of fire. Daughter Harley “The Beast,” age 17, big brother Jordan “The Cave Man,” age 23, and little brother Lincoln “The Wild Child,” age 14, will offer jaw-dropping feats of motorcycle prowess.

The Great American Thrill Show will take place twice daily on weekdays and three times daily on weekends and July 4.

Next, check out the **Death-Defying High Dive Show**, featuring 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 30th birthday, features cliff-diving world champions. The death-defying athletes

perform with courage and strength as part of a hilarious and engaging act called “Sinbad in Search of the Global Pineapple.”

The High Dive show 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.

The fair 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, July 29 and Cheap Cheap Night, July 6.

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.***

Fair Patrons may purchase discounted adult and child admission tickets at any Walgreens and Duane Reade stores beginning June 1. Discounted Admission for those 13 & older costs \$7.97; children 12 and younger costs \$5.97. (These tickets will be accepted on Dollar Night in lieu of the \$10 admission ticket.)

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. Visit www.njfair.com for information about the event, Bargain Days and to buy Advance Sale Tickets.

Note to Editors

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