



Styx, Justin Moore, Laura Story, Talbott Brothers to perform

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This year's Chase County Fair will feature another exceptional lineup of entertainment for the 2013 event.

Fair board President Dave Schilke and Entertainment Chair Alex McNair said the fair board is excited about this year's variety of entertainment.

As always, the weekend shows will feature one Rock 'n Roll show and one Country show. In addition, the fair has stepped up its game with a Dove Award winner performing at the Christian Family Show.

Styx Friday, Aug. 16

This year's rock show will feature the rock legend band Styx on Friday, Aug. 16.

Band members Tommy Shaw, James "JY" Young, Lawrence Gowan, Todd Sucherman and Ricky Phillips have performed more live since '99 than all of the previous years of their career combined.

Spawned from a suburban Chicago basement in the early '70s, Styx would eventually transform into the virtual arena rock prototype by the late '70s and early '80s, due to a fondness for big rockers and soaring power ballads.

From Styx's second album, "Lady" started to get substantial airplay in late '74 and quickly shot to number six on the singles chart, as Styx II was certified gold.

Most of their subsequent releases throughout the late '70s earned at least platinum certification (1976's Crystal Ball, 1977's The Grand Illusion, 1978's Pieces of Eight and 1979's Cornerstone). These albums spawned such hit singles and classic rock radio standards as "Come Sail Away," "Renegade," "Blue Collar Man" and "Fooling Yourself."

Their 1981 album "Paradise Theater" became Styx's biggest hit of their career (selling over three million copies in a three-year period), as they became one of the U.S. top rock acts due to such big hit singles as "Too Much Time on My Hands."

A whole new generation of rock fans was introduced to the grandiose sounds of Styx via a humorous car ad which used the track "Mr. Roboto," as well as songs used in such TV shows as South Park and Freaks & Geeks.

