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**JOHN MICHAEL MONTGOMERY  
BRINGING THAT GOOD OL' KENTUCKY COUNTRY**

Turlock, CA (March 22, 2018) – John Michael Montgomery is coming down to the Stanislaus County Fair!

The Stanislaus County Fair will have John Michael Montgomery kick off this year's run as the first headliner on **Friday, July 13, 2018**. The performance will take place on the **Bud Light Variety Free Stage at 8:30 p.m.** The concert will be hosted by **KAT Country 103** and is free with the price of Fair admission.

"Not only is John Michael Montgomery an incredible singer, but he's also an amazing storyteller," said Adrenna Alkhas, spokesperson for the Stanislaus County Fair. "It's easy to hear his heart being poured into his music and on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>, lucky concertgoers will witness this firsthand."

John Michael Montgomery has turned an uncanny ability to relate to fans into one of country music's most storied careers. Behind the string of hit records, the roomful of awards, as well as the critical and fan accolades that have defined his phenomenal success, lies a connection that goes beyond his undeniable talent and his proven knack for picking hits. Few artists in any genre sing with more heart than this handsome, Kentucky-born artist. Such observation is evident in love songs that have helped set the standard for a generation. Songs like "I Swear," "I Love the Way You Love Me," and "I Can Love You Like That" still resonate across the landscape. John Michael's sentimental and undeniably beautiful storytelling is what has made him so unforgettable. Apart from this, he has also co-produced an album, "Time Flies," with Byron Gallimore, strengthening his position as one of the most versatile and compelling vocalists

on the country scene. With songs like “Forever” and “If You Ever Went Away,” John Michael proved he is still master of the power ballad, a man capable of bringing honest emotion to life in song.

The 2018 Stanislaus County Fair opens Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup> for a 10-day run. Fair guests can count on an award-winning experience that has been over 107 years in the making. Discounted Fair admission tickets, unlimited ride wristbands, and the Fair season pass will be on sale beginning Saturday, April 28, 2018. Corporate ticket sales will also be available to purchase at a highly discounted rate. Visit the Fair’s website for upcoming ticket sale information at [www.stancofair.com](http://www.stancofair.com).

The 2018 Fair will feature a spectacular children’s area presented by Sky Trek Aviation. Also planned for 2018 are 10-nights of free celebrity concerts included with Fair admission, a total of three stages of live entertainment, upwards of 30,000 local exhibits and over 1,750 animals. Metal-mashing motorsports, Portuguese Bull Fight night, and a night of rodeo in the FoodMaxx Arena will also be featured.

To receive future Fair announcements, follow us on Facebook at [facebook.com/stancofair](https://facebook.com/stancofair). Also, follow us on Twitter and Instagram @stancofair.

The mission of the Stanislaus County Fair is to provide a family and community-oriented experience promoting agriculture, entertainment and technology. For more information about the award-winning Stanislaus County Fair, visit [www.stancofair.com](http://www.stancofair.com).

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