

Described as a “Force of Nature,” Kellie Pickler has been signed to open the Nebraska State Fair entertainment series on Friday, Aug. 23, at 7:30 p.m. The concert is free with wristband.

According to State Fair Events and Entertainment Director, Chelsey Jungck, “Kellie followed her restless small-town dream to the front porch of the country music world by first displaying her talents to a national audience on American Idol. Along with her wit and humor, Kellie is a woman of strength and substance under the blond-haired, light hearted exterior.”

Kellie Pickler’s first two albums established her as both a singer and songwriter to be reckoned with co-writing her hits “Red High Heels,” “I Wonder” and the Top Ten Hit, “Best Days of Your Life.” Kellie’s single “Tough” was her first release in more than a year. Her album “100 Proof” gave Kellie the opportunity to write many of the songs on the album. Pickler is a bonafide singer songwriter, a 2013 contestant on Dancing with the Stars, and has been a hit on USO Tours to troops stationed overseas.

Jungck says, “Kellie writes what her soul tells her to. She is true to her music and she knows fans of country music will appreciate and relate to her musical stories of real life.”

While the concert is free with wristband, those wanting reserved seat tickets for the concert may sign up for the State Fair Fan Club online. For \$30, members will receive one reserved section seat ticket, one gate admission, a fan club pin and fan club credentials. Fan club sign up will begin later this spring.