

GRAMMY Award-Winning The Smashing Pumpkins to Headline the Illinois State Fair Grandstand

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SPRINGFIELD – [The Illinois State Fair](#) has announced that two-time GRAMMY award-winning **TheSmashing Pumpkins** will headline the Illinois State Fair Grandstand on **Friday, August 16**.

The Smashing Pumpkins are one of the most iconic, iconoclastic and influential bands of all time, shaping alternative music and culture. Since forming in Chicago during 1988, the group have sold over 30 million albums worldwide and garnered two GRAMMY® Awards, two MTV VMAs, and an American Music Award.

Their catalog includes seminal offerings such as the platinum *Gish* , the quadruple-platinum *Siamese Dream* , the diamond-certified *Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness* , the platinum *Adore* , and the gold *Machina/The Machines of God* .

Rolling Stone cited both *Siamese Dream* and *Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness* among its “500 Greatest Albums of All Time.” It would also be impossible to envision alternative music and culture without their signature iconography such as the idyllic album artwork for *Siamese Dream*, the black Zero shirt, the laissez faire bliss of the “1979” music video, the gothic metamorphosis of “Ava Adore,” or the multi-dimensional live shows that sell out worldwide to this day.

2018 saw The Smashing Pumpkins unveil the *SHINY AND OH SO BRIGHT, VOL. 1 / LP: NO PAST. NO FUTURE. NO SUN.* and launch the immensely successful *Shiny and Oh So Bright Tour*, which packed arenas. Maintaining this momentum, the band released their eleventh full-length double album *CYR* , representing yet another evolution, and more recently, *ATUM* , the sequel to 1995’s *Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness* and 2000’s *Machina/Machine of God*. As prolific as ever, The Smashing Pumpkins are currently working on new music. More details to come.

“**TheSmashing Pumpkins** defined a new sound in the 90s and have continued to evolve through the years,” said Illinois State Fair Manager Rebecca Clark. “This show is sure to draw an eclectic and enthusiastic crowd, and we are excited to bring **TheSmashing Pumpkins** back home to Illinois.”

Opening act PVRIS (pronounced Paris), who has appeared on Jimmy Kimmel Live, brings artistry and storytelling to their genre-defying music with hits like, “Animal” and “Anywhere But Here.”

Tickets for this event, featuring **TheSmashing Pumpkins**, will be on sale Friday, April 5th at 10 a.m. via [Ticketmaster](#).

Tier 3 - \$55 / Tier 2 - \$60 / Tier 1 - \$70 / SRO Track - \$70 / Blue Ribbon Zone - \$125

*A \$30 Pre-Show Party ticket is offered as an additional upgrade for all paid concerts.

Tickets for all other announced shows are on sale via [Ticketmaster](#).

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