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Celebrate Fairfax! Festival June 8-10, 2018 Fairfax County Government Center

FAIRFAX, VA, March 26, 2018 — Northern Virginia's largest community-wide event, the 37th annual Celebrate Fairfax! Festival, is set to take place June 8-10, 2018 on the grounds of the Fairfax County Government Center. The Celebrate Fairfax! Festival features 25 acres of amazing concerts, family programs, exhibits, thrilling carnival rides and nightly fireworks! Among the festival's highlights are more than 120 performances on seven stages, with an exceptional line-up of national, regional and local artists. Included are three main attractions:

2018 Headline Entertainment Schedule for the Bud Light Main Stage:

- **Friday, June 8th at 8:00 p.m. – Good Charlotte**
The multi-platinum selling band Good Charlotte was founded in Waldorf, Maryland circa 1996. The group's 2000 self-titled debut laid the foundation with the singles "Little Things" and "Festival Song," but 2002's *The Young and the Hopeless* catapulted their brand of pop-punk into the stratosphere, making them one of the biggest bands of the new millennium. Highlighted by the single "Lifestyles of the Rich and the Famous," that album sold almost 5 million copies and set them on a path to superstardom.
- **Saturday, June 9th at 6:30pm – Sugar Ray & Gin Blossoms**
When "Sugar Ray's" breakthrough hit song "Fly" put them on the map in 1997, lead vocalist Mark McGrath was thrust into the public eye. The single "Fly" reached #2 on the Adult Top 40 charts, #1 on the Modern Rock Tracks, #1 on Top 40 Mainstream charts. Since then Sugar Ray has sold over 8 million records. They have a robust calendar of live dates scheduled and look forward to seeing everyone out on the road.

In late 1980's, Gin Blossoms started to grow a huge following as the #1 local music draw in Phoenix, Arizona but it was not until their breakout record "New Miserable Experience" in 1992 that their rise to fame began. "New Miserable Experience" kept the band on the charts for almost 3 years with singles "Hey Jealousy," "Allison Road," "Until I Fall Away," "Mrs Rita," and "Found Out About You." The album took the airwaves by siege and held MTV hostage with multi cross-over hits in 4 different radio formats. It was this record that rocketed the band into the mainstream going on to sell over 5 million copies making the band a 90's radio mainstay.

- **Sunday, June 10th at 4:30pm – Cracker performing at The Sunday Brew**
Cracker will be performing at Celebrate Fairfax! Festival's newest addition, the Sunday Brew. Throughout the band's 24-year history they have been described as a lot of things: alt-rock, Americana, insurgent-country, and have even had the terms punk and classic-rock thrown at them. Over the years, Cracker has amassed ten studio albums, multiple gold records, thousands of live performances, hit songs that are still in current radio rotation around the globe ("Low," "Euro-Trash Girl," "Get Off This" and "Turn On, Tune In, Drop Out With Me" to name just a few), and a worldwide fan base.

The Sunday Brew will feature 13 local and regional breweries, each with up to 4 types of craft beer on tap. This program will also include two stages of non-stop entertainment, beer-focused activities and exhibits. All festival attendees are welcome to enjoy the music and activities; however, only those attendees that purchased the Sunday Brew ticket may will be able to taste the craft brews. Tickets are limited!

In addition to the outstanding entertainment schedule, there are plenty of enhancements to the festival programming at Celebrate Fairfax!, including areas such as the popular Silent Disco, the Fairfax County Karaoke Championship, the Fairfax County DockDogs Competition, PSISTORM Cup VI esports Arena, Tastes of Virginia Wine Bar, Virginia Tourism LoveArtwork, Celebrate Fairfax 5k Race, Transportation Station, Robotics Pavilion and the Inova Children's Hospital Avenue, the Sunday Brew, the Emerging Artist Showcase, and expanded VIP experiences with front of stage viewing for headliner shows, plus more than 60 carnival rides, games, and attractions, and over 30 food vendors with enough variety to please anyone! These fantastic attractions are some of the many programs that Celebrate Fairfax! is so proud to host at this year's festival.

General admission is available for all performances; shows are free with daily tickets to the event. Advance tickets go on sale April 1st at www.celebratefairfax.com and May 1st at all Northern Virginia Wegmans locations.

The 37th annual Celebrate Fairfax! Festival is a presentation of Celebrate Fairfax, Inc. and will be held Friday, June 8th through Sunday, June 10th, 2018. Celebrate Fairfax, Inc. is a nonprofit, 501(c) 3 organization commissioned in 1982 by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Its mission, "The Celebration of Fairfax County and Its Communities," is met through the production of the *Celebrate Fairfax! Festival*, *Fall for Fairfax KidsFest*, *The Workhouse BrewFest*, and educational programs such as *Celebrate Fairfax CV+ Event Training Program*. For more information call (703) 324-3247 or visit the website at www.celebratefairfax.com.

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