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Arapahoe County supports local talent

Littleton, Colo. --- While other fairs showcase their nationally-known headliners, the Arapahoe County Fair puts its support behind local musicians who've earned the favor and applause of the Rocky Mountain region.

Opie Gone Bad, Groove Hawgs, The Wendy Woo Trio, and The Kory Brunson Band will each take their turn entertaining fairgoers on various nights at the Arapahoe County Fair, July 18 – 22.

Friday, July 20 hosts Opie Gone Bad, one of the Rocky Mountain region's most energized bands has been showing people a good time for more than 10 years. Jake Schroeder's husky baritone fronts an eclectic band that blends guitar driven rock with a powerhouse funk rhythm section. Their shows are super charged and aimed at giving fans tired legs and big smiles. The band takes great pride in helping the Denver community by playing shows for many local charitable organizations and events. Opie Gone Bad will perform at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 21 will kick off with the Kory Brunson Band at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Groove Hawgs at 8:30 p.m.

Recently named the KYGO Colgate Country Showdown Champion, the Kory Brunson Band formed in 2002. The first album as well as the single, "We Know You're Out There", was released shortly before Craig Elmon Bennington came on board. The two met in late 2003 via a musicians classified ad and quickly began to see that there was a musical brotherhood forming, both personally and professionally. In 2007, the band performed at Invesco Field for the KYGO human valentine for the troops in Iraq.

The Groove Hawgs were formed in 1997 by radio personalities Rick Lewis and Michael Floorwax. Lewis and Floorwax have had one of the top rated morning radio shows in the country since 1990. Years ago, Lewis and Floorwax performed stand-up comedy for sold-out audiences around Colorado. While a band would open the show, Lewis and Floorwax would occasionally sit in for a song or two. This went quite well, so the radio duo decided to form their own band, hand picking the best musicians they could find from the music scene in the Mild-High City.

The Groove Hawgs give 100 percent of their profits from CD and merchandise sales to the Lewis and Floorwax Kid's Fund which has given hundreds of thousands of dollars back to the community.

Thursday, July 19 will spotlight The Wendy Woo Trio. Though born in New York City, Wendy Woo grew up in Colorado. Her energetic personality, musical skills and spirited song writing have made her a media and fan favorite. Multicultural in both heritage and outlook, Woo displays a blend of soul, vibrancy and wild child attitude. A passionate live performer who connects instantly with her audiences, she has been playing to sold out venues every week and attracting national music industry attention. The Wendy Woo Trio performs at 8 p.m.

Other local favorites include Dean Station, the Zach White Band, Jason Vigil, Kelly Aspen, Yampa Valley Boys and Do4Roux. Closing out the Fair, will be the Doo-Wah Riders at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, July 22.

All concerts are included in the Pay One Price admission which also includes unlimited carnival rides, entertainment and activities such as face painting, camel rides, petting zoo, catch and release fish tank, fireworks, mutton bustin' and much more.

Entry to the Fair is just \$10 Wed. and Thurs and \$12 Fri – Sun. Children 36" and under are free with a paying adult; and seniors are \$5. Visit www.arapahoecountyfair.com for details.

The Arapahoe County Fair is presented by KYGO and platinum sponsors COMCAST and YourHub.com. Arapahoe County is grateful for the support of all our sponsors, because without their help, we would not be able to provide such a high quality event. Some of our sponsors include: South Metro Denver Chamber of Commerce, 9 News, E-470, City of Littleton, BELLCO, City of Aurora and Villager Newspapers.

There are several photography / video opportunities for the media during the fair. All events are being hosted at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds, 25690 E. Quincy Ave., Aurora. Please contact Nichole Parmelly at 303-636-1945 for more information:

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