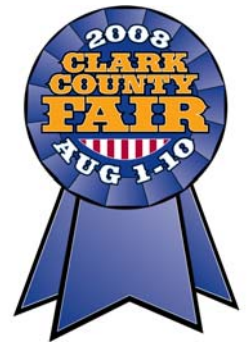


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Country Star Eric Church Slated for the Clark County Fair!

Ridgefield, WA -- Calling all country music fans - its time to polish those boots and scoot on down to the Clark County Fair! Several smokin' hot country music stars are making their way to the Clark County Fair for the annual Wolfstock. SW Washington's favorite country music radio station, 99.5 The Wolf, along with the Clark County Fair Association is proud to present three star-studded nights of country music. The first Country music star to be announced is Eric Church - appearing on Saturday, August 2nd. The Clark County Fair runs August 1 through 10 - go to ClarkCoFair.com for updates and how to purchase tickets!

Saturday, August 2nd - 7:30pm

Eric Church's songs are as straightforward as he is. His music *looks* its listener in the eye and speaks plainly about the human condition. It is a line that passes through Merle Haggard and Waylon Jennings to John Prine and Steve Earle, and is finding a handful of torchbearers in this new century.

"Honesty is my number one responsibility," Church says. "If you listen to this, you'll find out who I am." Church grew up in Granite Falls, North Carolina, in an area known as one of the world's furniture capitals. He recalls being four years old, standing on a table at a local restaurant, singing "Elvira" to a waitress and a handful of patrons who would reward him with change.

"I was 13 when I started writing," he says. "It was before I learned to play guitar. I had a lot in me that I wanted to get out, and I started writing lyrics and singing, and I thought, 'If I'm going to play these for people, I'm going to have to learn how to play guitar.'" He bought a cheap, hard-to-tune one and taught himself to play, influenced by his parents' eclectic tastes, which stretched from Motown to bluegrass.

"The night I got the record deal with Capitol was a really good gig," he says. "I knew that whether I got the deal or not, this was as good as I could do. It clicked. You just have those nights. During 'Lightning,' the whole crowd was hushed and I knew they were listening. I knew they were with me on the song, and there's nothing as great as a performer as to capture the crowd."

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Two days later, on his birthday, he was in Capitol's office being offered a recording deal. The result is a CD that launches Church with a firm identity both musically and lyrically, and gives him his own niche in a diverse country landscape.

"I think we've made an honest record. I don't think there's a song on there that's not me," he says. "It's songs about what's going on in the world--this is what I think. You can agree or disagree. I just don't want them to hear it and go, 'That's nice' and move on. I personally like music that goes way out and picks a side."

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The Clark County Fair celebrates 140 years of showcasing Clark County's rich agricultural heritage, community participation and outstanding commerce. The Clark County Fair has grown into the largest single location event in the Vancouver/Portland area offering activities for the entire family. All the **Big. Wild. Fun.** of the Clark County Fair returns this August 1 through 10, 2008. For more information visit www.ClarkCoFair.com.