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ALICE COOPER TO PERFORM AT THIS YEAR'S SIOUX EMPIRE FAIR AUGUST 11-16, 2009



SIOUX FALLS, SD – Without **Alice Cooper**, there might never have been the NY Dolls, KISS, Marilyn Manson, Nine Inch Nails, Motley Crue, Slipknot or Rob Zombie. The iconic hard rocker, who literally invented the concept of the rock concert as theater, returns to what he does best on *Along Came a Spider* (SPV Records), the 25th studio album of a long and illustrious career which began in 1969 with the release of *Pretties for You* on Frank Zappa's Straight label.

Known as the architect of shock-rock, **Alice** (in both the original Alice Cooper band and as a solo artist) has rattled the cages and undermined the authority of generations of guardians of the status quo, continuing to surprise fans and exude danger at every turn, like a great horror movie, even in an era where CNN can present real life shocking images. Some of **Alice Cooper's** hits include, "School's Out," "Only Women Bleed" and "I'm Eighteen."

With a schedule that includes six months of every year on the road, **Alice Cooper** is bringing his own brand of rock psycho-drama to fans, at the **Sioux Empire Fair on Thursday, August 13th**.

For more information on **Alice Cooper** please visit: www.AliceCooper.com

Please visit our website at www.SiouxEmpireFair.com for more information about the fair.

In 1938, Mrs. Winona A. Lyon deeded to Minnehaha County 49.57 acres of land on the west side of the Sioux River for use as a fairground, subject to rigid "exceptions, reservations, restrictions and limitations". Under the terms of the gift, the grounds must be designated as the "William H. Lyon Fair Grounds" and shall be maintained, managed and controlled by the county Commissioners and their successors in office, for use of the public as a County Fair Grounds, wherein generally specified displays of farm produce, livestock and crafts could be exhibited, and 4-H Clubs and Home Extension

work could be demonstrated. Provision is also made for the entertainment of the public with amusements of various kinds.

The first fairs held on this fairground were in 1938-39. In 1940, the Sioux Empire Fair Association, Inc., was organized and took over the grounds on a lease from the county. The fair of that year was conducted on a much larger scale and included additional features such as horse racing, outdoor pageants, comedies and plays.