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



SIOUX FALLS, SD – Amid the soaring four-part harmonies and electric stage presence, it's clear that **Gloriana** represents an exciting new and vibrant force in country music. The group--Tom Gossin, Mike Gossin, Rachel Reinert and Cheyenne Kimball--consists of four uniquely talented and enthusiastic young musicians joining forces to create a fresh, one-of-a-kind sound that reflects the best of today's Nashville.

Gloriana's first single, "Wild At Heart," is currently #21 on the Billboard's Hot Country Songs Chart and **RISING!** Don't miss the band perform at the **Sioux Empire Fair Front Porch Free Stage on Tuesday, August 11th**.

For more information on **Gloriana** please visit: www.Gloriana.com

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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.