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## 2018 Queen City Ex brings community together in fun, unique ways

*Regina, Saskatchewan* – The five best days of summer have wrapped up with another successful Queen City Ex.

Regina Exhibition Association Limited (operator of Evraz Place) entertainment and events manager Chelsea Galloway is pleased with the event and the positive impact it has on the community.

“We’re incredibly proud of what we do at Queen City Ex,” says Galloway. “The opportunity to bring the community together to create lifelong memories is something we will never take for granted.”

Queen City Ex participated in an incredibly special moment for a newlywed couple, which reinforces the annual summer fair’s commitment to creating memories. A bride and groom who started their relationship many years ago at Queen City Ex chose the fair as their location for wedding photos. The newlyweds were showered with hundreds of “congratulations!” from fellow fairgoers as they made their way through the midway in their *Just Married* golf cart as a photographer captured photos with their candy floss bouquet and mini-donut wedding cake.



As always, a highlight of the week was the performances on the Great Western Stage, taking place outdoors in Confederation Park after being indoors for the past couple of years. The diverse lineup brought people of all ages and interests to Queen City Ex to enjoy the newly renovated park. Kicking things off on Wednesday, August 1 was Kip Moore, followed by Arkells, Burton Cummings, the Regina Symphony Orchestra performing the music of Prince and Michael Jackson, and Craig Morgan.

An unsuspecting Arkells fan got the chance of a lifetime to go on stage to play guitar with the band, which no doubt created memories that will be cherished forever.



The Mosaic Flip for Hunger pancake breakfast was back for its eighth year on Sunday to wrap up the five-day event. From 10 to 11:30 a.m., pancakes and sausages in addition to gate admission were free to the approximately 4,000 fairgoers who brought a non-perishable food item and/or monetary donation for the Regina Food Bank. The Mosaic Flip for hunger pancake breakfast brought in a total of 14,982 lbs. of food for the Regina Food Bank, bringing the eight-year total to 112,282 lbs.



Queen City Ex has a strong relationship with the Regina City Police Service to increase community interest and engagement around the fair. Throughout the month of July, the Regina City Police Service Community Engagement Unit surprised and rewarded kids in the community for good behaviour with free passes to Queen City Ex.

Police presence at Queen City Ex continues to be strong to maintain the event's exceptional safety record. When combined with Evraz Place security personnel, approximately 80-100 officers and security team members were on site each day of the event to ensure everyone had a safe and enjoyable time. The effort paid off with only a few minor incidents reported this year. The Queen City Ex team looks forward to growing its relationship with the Regina City Police to find new and exciting ways to engage the community year-round.



While final attendance numbers were down slightly from last year due to some weather disturbances, Regina's largest summer celebration welcomed 193,246 people to the grounds over the course of five days to enjoy the excitement and fun of the midway, the food and the many entertainment options. Organizers are already looking forward to making some positive changes to next year's Queen City Ex, which will take place from July 31 to August 4, 2019.

"We hear from so many people that Queen City Ex is the highlight of their summer, and we're always looking for new ways to give people a memorable experience," says Galloway. "Planning is already underway for next year's event that will bring some unique entertainment options that are sure to attract attendees locally and from surrounding communities."

Check out all the great photos and memories that were captured at Queen City Ex on the Queen City Ex Facebook page.

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