



The Accidentals --final performers of 2016 Michigan State Fair!

Let's Celebrate Michigan Summer—Again and Again!

2016 State Fair Superstar Contest entry open thru July 10

Novi, MI: Michigan's own breakout folk darlings, the Accidentals, one of Michigan's hottest breakout indie bands, of Traverse City and Northville, released the catchiest sing-a-long Michigan song of summer earlier this year..."Michigan and Again" from their new Parking Lot EP. At the same moment, the Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair Superstar talent contest was on the hunt for the perfect "Michigan-centric" song to add to the repertoire of the contest finalists, performing at the Fair, September 1-5 at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. So, it was fate! The magical "Michigan and Again" will be the common song performed by all the contest finalists for the judges panel during the State Fair ...and, the Accidentals will swing by to close out the Fair with a live performance on the main stage, Monday, September 5 at 4:00 PM, following the magnificent Michigan All Star multi-artist Mega Jam, 1-3:30 pm (times?) Current Fair schedule, Superstar contest entry information and advance tickets on sale now at www.MichiganStateFairLLC.com. "Michigan and again is a great addition to the soundtrack of any Michigan summer," says **State Executive Fair Director Steve Masters**, "The Accidentals are spreading their great love of our state across the nation on tour right now, we are so delighted to be able to welcome them home for this special performance to close out the 2016 Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair."

Multi-instrumentalists Katie Larson and Sav Buist are creating quite an enormous buzz among music lovers of all genres, all over the world. Described as "a duo giving an edge to folk with unique instrumentation, "Displaying a genre-hopping range of influences and some smart songwriting skills to go with their abundant musical chops." – Billboard Magazine

They met in 2011 at their public high school in northern Michigan. Katie was a freshman cello player, "playing up" in the Philharmonic Orchestra and Savannah was Concert Master, violinist. They volunteered for a class assignment that threw them together for their first rehearsal and The Accidentals were born. Northville native Michael Dause joined the band as drummer in 2014.

"The Accidentals just released their new EP "Parking Lot" which is available now for download at <http://noisetrade.com/theaccidentalsmusic>

Growing up in musical families with professional pianists for fathers and vocalist for mothers, their influences bounced between classical, jazz, bluegrass, country, alt-rock, and the obscure. Their collective playlist you just won't find on mainstream radio. They are "explorers and admirers" of indie music greats like Andrew Bird, St. Vincent, Sufjan Stevens, Arcade Fire, Yeah Yeah Yeahs, Black Keys, Sarah Jaffe –as well as the Beatles. Their original tunes reflect their exposure to a wide variety of instruments while staying true to their orchestral roots. In addition to the tight harmonies, guitar, bass, glockenspiel, mandolin, banjo, piano, organ, accordion, and kazoo...you simply can't miss the edgy violin and cello that defines this duo.

The third annual **State Fair Superstar Contest** anchors live musical entertainment at the Fair, presented by **Pepsi-Cola!** This wildly popular feature of the Fair debuted in 2014, and has launched new EPs for 2014 Grand Prize Winner **Alison Albrecht** of Birmingham and 2015 Winner **Carly Bins** of Northville. The Superstar contest offers a purely Michigan mentoring twist on the standard pop music talent contest formula, with songwriting advice plus artist and repertoire coaching from award-winning artist/producer **Nadir Omowale**, live performance booking consultation from **2 Stones Events**, and production of a three song EP at world famous **Pearl Sound Studios** of Canton, with internationally renowned sound engineer and producer **Chuck Alkazian**, in addition to a cash prize and Indie Music Business Coaching from Music Mentor **Jill Jack** and her new enterprise, **Dream Big, Inc.** Fourteen finalists will perform on the Main Stage Thursday evening September 1 and Friday September 2, with finals Saturday evening September 3, Grand Prize Winner, Runner-Up and Honorable Mention headline the main stage at the State Fair on Sunday evening September 4.

Accolades for the Accidentals:

- ***Billboard's Top Seven Breakout Artists SXSW 2015***
- ***Winner of Summerfest WI, Emerging Artists Series US Cellular Stage 2015***
- ***Vinyl Mag.com's Top Ten Artists to Watch at SXSW 2016***
- ***WYCE Listeners' Choice Album of the Year 2015***
- ***WYCE Listeners' Choice Best New Band 2015***
- ***Traverse Magazine/MyNorth.com Red Hot Best Band 2013, 2014, 2015***
- ***Top 20 Time Based Entries Art Prize 2015, "The Silence"***
- ***Learn more and listen at www.moreaccidentals.com***

***The History and Evolution of the Michigan State Fair
and the Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair, a Private Entity, LLC***

The original Michigan State Fair, which debuted in Detroit in 1849, was one of the first statewide fair events to take place in the United States. It moved permanently to its home at the Michigan State Fairgrounds on Woodward Avenue in 1905 and was staged there until 2009, when it was discontinued by a resolution of the state government, due to ongoing budget issues. The Michigan State Fair, LLC is now being produced as a private enterprise, and presented for the fourth year with title sponsor Fifth Third Bank. The 2016 Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair has a deep commitment to the ongoing development and support of agriculture, small business and family entertainment, while preserving the legacy and beloved traditions of the original State Fair. For more information on the Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair, please visit

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