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May 9, 2023: CMA Fest 2023 Meet & Greets



Reba is the Artist of the Day on Friday, June 9 inside Fan Fair X

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Hello, BlueShoe/CMA Fest 2023 travelers:

CMA Fest was founded as Fan Fair in 1972 as a way for fans to connect with the artists they love. Fan Fair X, inside of Music City Center, continues this long tradition by giving you the opportunity to meet some of today's Country Music stars. All meet & greet sessions are first-come, first-served, so, all you have to do is join any line once inside.

Here are some of the main events at Fan Fair X involving Country artists:

- CMA Meet & Greet Booth schedules are available in the <u>CMA Connect App</u> and on the CMA Fest's website— Meet & Greet Lineup
- Four separate "Artists of the Day" are scheduled for 10:45 a.m. on the CMA Close Up Stage in Fan Fair X. The lineup is as follows:
 - Artist of the Day for Thursday, June 8: Dierks Bentley
 - Artist of the day for Friday, June 9: Reba McEntire
 - Artist of the day for Saturday, June 10: Brothers Osborne
 - Artist of the day for Sunday, June 11: Wynonna Judd

Please note: you do NOT need to purchase a ticket to see Artists of the Day. Your 4-night CMA Fest stadium pass will gain you admission to Fan Fair X and that is all you need. There may be some confusion about this since on the CMA Fest's website, under each artist's name, there's a link that says Buy Thursday Tickets, Buy Friday Tickets, etc. You do NOT need to purchase these tickets. We reached out to the CMA to make certain that no additional tickets needed to be purchased and this was the response we received: *Access to see [for example] Reba in Fan Fair X is included in the four-night stadium pass. There are no ticket options for guaranteed seats. Seats at the Close Up Stage are first-come, first-served and then there is standing room around the convention hall.*

Regarding the first-come, first-served policy: in the past this meant people might line up well before the event in order to get a place *(sometimes even hours before)*.

Meet & Greets Apart from the CMA Fest's Official Offerings

Many of the artists who are performing at CMA Fest will host their own meet & greets for their official fan club members. What this means is if there is a particular artist you'd like to see (and who is already on the schedule for the Festival), you should search out their official fan club online. You will likely be required to join the fan club in order to find out about the meet & greet and to have an opportunity to purchase tickets for it. These private meet & greets are held at various venues around downtown (like the Ryman Auditorium or the Wildhorse Saloon).

Finally, Jill Webb, a long-time BlueShoe client, has graciously provided historic photos from early Fan Fair meet & greets and you can view them on <u>BlueShoe's website</u>.