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**Lions and Tigers and Alligators – Oh My!!**

*Big Cat Show, Kachunga & The Alligator and Circus Maximus  
to Dazzle Audiences at State Fair Meadowlands*

**East Rutherford, NJ – May 19, 2011** – For its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year, State Fair Meadowlands will be treating fairgoers to an exciting list of brand-new entertainers during the 17-day event, running June 24 thru July 10 at the New Meadowlands Fairgrounds, next to the New Meadowlands Stadium, formerly Giants Stadium, in East Rutherford.

The fair will host **The Big Cat Show**, featuring a lion, tigers, a “liger” and their lovable trainer; **Kachunga & The Alligator** show, from deep in the swamps of Florida; and **Circus Maximus**, an 1,800-seat contemporary tent circus with animal shows and acrobats.

All of these shows – as well as returning favorites The Racing Pigs, Master Hynotist Steve Bayner, Festival of Magic and World of Wonder/Palace of Illusion – are FREE with entry ticket. On weekdays, adults are \$7 and kids and seniors are \$5. On weekends, entry for adults is \$9 and kids and seniors are \$6. Admission/ride combo entry tickets are also available, providing entry, rides and free entertainment.

**The Big Cat Show** – Clayton Rosaire, of BigCatHabitat.org, an animal sanctuary in Florida, will bring his lion, Bengal tigers, white tigers and liger in a funny, heartfelt show that entertains and educates about the challenges big cats face in the wild and in captivity. If Handsome the lion is in a good mood, Clayton will wow audiences by sticking his head in the lion’s mouth! Also, watch for Conan the tiger, a 750-bound Bengal stunner, and Mia the “liger,” a cross between lion and tiger, and one of only a few performing ligers in the world. *June 24-July 3, twice daily on weekdays, three times daily Friday-Sunday and July 4.*

**Kachunga & the Alligator Show** – Kachunga & The Alligator Show has been thrilling and educating US audiences for over 15 years. Straight from the Florida swamps, the show highlights the mystique and strength of America’s favorite reptile. Audiences will be thrilled to watch a man pit his strength and agility against nine feet, 300 lbs of lashing tail and gnashing jaws in a funny, dangerous dance of reflexes and cunning - leaving audiences on the edge of their seats. *July 4-10, twice daily on weekdays, three times daily Friday- Sunday and July 4.*

**Circus Maximus** – An 1,800-seat contemporary tent circus, featuring thrill shows, acrobats and animal performances. Watch for aerial artist Neecha Braun, a seventh-generation circus performer with a trapeze act as well as a hilarious performing Doberman show. The circus will also feature

Chinese acrobats, who perform gymnastic feats to music, incorporating dance, martial arts and traditional Chinese folklore. *All 17 days, twice daily on weekdays and three times daily Friday-Sunday and July 4.*

State Fair Meadowlands is the largest fair in the New York metro area, with over 150 rides and attractions, as well as over 50 food vendors, occupying over 35 acres of fairgrounds and parking, next to the former Giants Stadium.

With no major construction going on this year at the Sports Complex, there will be easy access and egress at the Fair. This year's newly developed fairgrounds will feature a larger special event area, improved wheelchair and stroller accessibility, and new climate-controlled restrooms for patrons. With the larger fairgrounds, the Skyride – a family favorite – will be back.

The fair will have rides for everyone, from tots to thrill-seeking daredevils, games, live concerts and shopping. Also at the fair will be the original BATCOPTER, which will provide rides offering panoramic views of the fair and nearby New York City. Spectacular annual fireworks displays will be held on July 3 and July 4.

Fair hours are Monday through Thursday, 6:00 p.m. to midnight; Fridays from 6:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m., Saturdays from 2:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m., and Sundays from 2:00 p.m. to midnight. Special hours on July 3 and 4 are from 2:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. On June 24, opening night, gates open at 4 p.m. This year, the fair is offering free parking Monday through Wednesday and \$4 all other days, excluding July 4. On June 24, opening night, parking is just \$1.

Advance tickets are on sale now through June 22 and can be bought online at [www.njfair.com](http://www.njfair.com) or by calling 973-450-1073. Special group packages and season passes are also available. Check [www.njfair.com](http://www.njfair.com) for updates on promotions and more about this year's fair.

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