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### **JOAN JETT AND THE BLACKHEARTS TO ROCK 2011 FAIR**

Turlock, CA (March 10, 2011) – Joan Jett and the Blackhearts will bring their “Bad Reputation” to the stage at this year’s Stanislaus County Fair.

The punk-rock group, **Joan Jett and the Blackhearts** will perform on **Friday, July 22, 2011, at the Stanislaus County Fair**. The group will appear on the **Budweiser Variety Free Stage at 8:30 p.m.** The concert is hosted by **104.1 THE HAWK** and is free with the price of Fair admission.

“Veteran punk-rock lovers won’t want to miss this amazing show,” said Adrenna Alkhas, spokesperson for the Stanislaus County Fair. “Joan Jett and the Blackhearts are sure to bring some great energy the Fair’s Budweiser Variety Free Stage.”

As the leader of the hard-rocking Blackhearts, Joan Jett has had eight platinum and gold albums and nine Top 40 singles, including the classics “I Love Rock ‘N’ Roll,” “I Hate Myself For Loving You” and “Crimson and Clover.” Jett was one of only two women named to Rolling Stone magazine’s list of the 100 greatest guitar players of all time. Since co-founding the Runaways, the all-girl punk group, at age 15, Jett’s determination and drive have kept her in the public eye. Her profile recently skyrocketed again with the release of the feature film, *The Runaways*, telling the story of creation of the music group, starring Kristen Stewart as Jett. Jett’s independence and determination also made her the first female artist to own and operate an independent record company, Blackheart Records.

The Stanislaus County Fair’s 2011 lineup on the **Budweiser Variety Free Stage** includes:

- Clint Black – Friday, July 15, 2011

- MercyMe – Monday, July 18, 2011
- Clay Walker – Tuesday, July 19, 2011
- Joan Jett and the Blackhearts – Friday, July 22, 2011
- Joe Nichols and Heidi Newfield – Saturday, July 23, 2011

The 2011 Stanislaus County Fair opens for its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration Friday, July 15 for a 10-day run. Fair guests can count on an award-winning experience that has been 100 years in the making. Discounted Fair admission tickets, unlimited ride wristbands and Arena event tickets will be on sale beginning Saturday, April 30, 2011. Visit the Fair's website for complete ticket sale details at [www.stancofair.com](http://www.stancofair.com).

The 2011 Fair will feature a newly renovated children's area, which will include the highly-popular Rainforest Adventure, sponsored by Sky Trek Aviation, which debuted in 2009. Also planned for 2011 are nine nights of metal-mashing motorsports plus one night of rodeo in the FoodMaxx Arena, a total of five stages of live entertainment, upwards of 30,000 local exhibits and over 1,750 animals.

To receive future Fair announcements by text message, text the word "FAIR" to 99299. Fair enthusiasts can also follow how the 2011 Fair is developing at [twitter.com/stancofair](http://twitter.com/stancofair). In addition, become a fan of the Fair at [facebook.com/stancofair](http://facebook.com/stancofair). Fair news and event listings are also available at [myspace.com/stancofair](http://myspace.com/stancofair).

The mission of the Stanislaus County Fair is to provide a family and community oriented experience promoting agriculture, entertainment and technology. For more information about the award-winning Stanislaus County Fair, or to host a company picnic during the Fair, visit [www.stancofair.com](http://www.stancofair.com).

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