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GARDEN GROVE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL FEATURES LIVE MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT, THRILLING RIDES, GAMES AND MORE

**--Festival's Attractions Draw More Than 300,000 Attendees and
Support Local Non-Profit Groups --**

GARDEN GROVE, CA (May 16, 2019) – Families, adults and kids of all ages will find fun-filled attractions and entertainment at the 61st annual Garden Grove Strawberry Festival. The four-day Memorial Day weekend event – held May 24 through 27, 2019 -- features thrilling rides, exciting games, and live entertainment.

34 CARNIVAL RIDES

The festival draws nearly 300,000 fun-seekers every year with many eager to show off their bravery on exhilarating rides like the Mega FLIP, Turbo, Vertigo, Quasar, Himalaya, Giant Pole Position Coaster, Giant Wheel, Wave Swinger, 1001 Nights, Grand Carousel and Orbiter. Those who want a gentler experience can board any of the nine major rides such as the Tilt-A-Whirl, Starship 3000, Kite Flyer, Eagle 16, Wacky Worm, Mardi-Gras, Scrambler, Zombie Carnival, and the Giant Slide.

And 15 more rides are perfect for little kids: Dizzy Dragon, Pirate Jet, Frog Hopper, Looney Tooter Train, Chopper Hopper, Lolli Swing, Firehouse, Tom Kangaroo, Wet Boats, Jungle of Fun, Wacky Tracks, Quad Runner, and Jet Ski.

Special one-price ride-all-day wristbands will be offered for all festival days at \$30 per wristband on Friday and \$35 each on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Tickets for individual rides can also be purchased separately at \$1 per ticket.

Local civic groups and non-profit organizations—including athletic booster clubs, Boy and Girl Scout troops, churches and schools—will be setting up game booths to raise money. They will challenge players' skills with a wide range of toss games.

AMPHITHEATER EVENTS

Friday afternoon in the Amphitheater the festival will hold its annual **Tiny Tots King and Queen Contest**. The cute little crowned winners will be honored with a ride in the Saturday morning parade. In the afternoon following the parade this venue will host the famous **Ochoa Boyz Band** which has been touring across America, performing at hundreds of concerts. In addition to writing and co-producing their own music and music videos, they are all working actors on television and the big screen. Ryan Ochoa, was featured in the hit shows Nickelodeon's *iCarly* and Disney XD's *Pair of Kings*. Raymond Ochoa voices Arlo in Disney/Pixar's movie, *The Good Dinosaur*, and Robert Ochoa is in the latest season of *Shameless* on HBO. The Amphitheater is also where festival-goers can find the **Berry, Berry Beautiful Baby Contest**, the **Redhead Roundup**; and the **Strawberry Idol Karaoke Contest**, as well as a performance by the **Foundations Dance Company**.

SHOWMOBILE EVENTS

The line-up of live, entertainment performing at on the Showmobile stage features local top performers such as **Frenzy**, a "Metro-Retro" band playing renditions of hits from the 60's to the present, plus **The Rockin' Neptunes**,



Got Blues and **The 3rd Degree Band**, then enjoy the **Takes 3 Band** who will be playing everything from pop to rock to country. **Full Spectrum Band**, a classy, high-energy ensemble, will be putting out jazz, swing, blues, classic rock, R&B, plus current Top 40 and hip hop.

A full list of events and times is available at www.strawberryfestival.org

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL

The festival will be held Memorial Day Weekend, Friday, May 24rd through Monday, May 27th, 2019. Friday hours are 1:00 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Monday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Admission is free.

The four-day event, which is the second largest city festival in the Western United States, will be held at the Village Green between Main Street and Euclid Avenue in downtown Garden Grove. Last year's attendance was more than 300,000. Highlights include the Friday evening official giant strawberry cake-cutting ceremony at 6:00 p.m. at the Showmobile (Acacia & Main streets) when free cake is served to over 2,000 people.

On Saturday morning, there is an 8 a.m. there is a **5K Run** and a **VIP celebrity breakfast** will take place at the Garden Grove Community Center, with proceeds going to We Give Thanks, followed by a **celebrity parade** which starts at 10 a.m. with floats, bands, equestrians and characters, plus 15 film and TV celebrities.

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