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**DAUPHIN'S COUNTRYFEST 2016:  
Merle Haggard makes his first appearance at Dauphin's Countryfest!**

November 3, 2015 (Dauphin MB) -- **Dauphin's Countryfest**, Canada's longest running country music festival, is pleased to announce that country music legend Merle Haggard is booked to perform on the Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries Main Stage Sunday night of Countryfest 2016!

Legendary singer, songwriter and guitarist Merle Haggard is a 3-time GRAMMY winner as well as a member of the Country Music Hall of Fame and the Nashville Songwriter's Hall of Fame.

"Dauphin's Countryfest can't wait to bring the "Okie From Muskogee" to our festival for the first time in our 27 years. This 78 year old country music icon is sure to deliver a unique performance like only *The Hag* can." says **Eric Irwin** President of **Dauphin's Countryfest**.

Merle Haggard's song list includes "Mama Tried", "Okie From Muskogee", "Good Old Boys", "I Think I'll Just Stay Here and Drink", "Silver Wings" and so many more.

Merle Haggard joins previously announced artists Autumn Hill, High Valley, Dallas Smith, Dean Brody, Chris Janson, Thomas Rhett and Lady Antebellum.

More acts to be announced soon!

The **27<sup>th</sup> Dauphin's Countryfest** takes place **June 30<sup>th</sup> to July 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Stay connected with Countryfest all year on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, or by signing up for e-news at [countryfest.ca](http://countryfest.ca).

**TICKETS:**

Save \$40 on a pair of Countryfest 2016 tickets for one week only, November 2 – 6. Ticket prices go up Monday, November 9, 2015. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.countryfest.ca](http://www.countryfest.ca), by calling 1-800-361-7300, or in-person at the Dauphin's Countryfest office (28 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NE in Dauphin).

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