

Trace Adkins, Saturday, August 8th

Country star, Trace Adkins comes to MontanaFair, August 8th at 7pm. With strong, memorable foundational hits plus subsequent number one singles like 2006's "Ladies Love Country Boys" and 2007's "You're Gonna Miss This," Adkins, with minimal fanfare but a considerable range of triple-strength music, has evolved into a bona fide country music superstar. Trace Adkins was also runner up on season 1 of NBC's *Celebrity Apprentice*. Up and coming group, Gloriana will open the show. Gloriana's "Wild At Heart" is currently at number 16 (as of July 20, 2009) in the Billboard Country Music Charts. Tickets are \$39.50 Reserved and \$34.50 for General Admission.

At 47, Adkins remains the same guy from Sarepta, Louisiana who, after singing in a gospel group and attending college and working on oil rigs in the Gulf of Mexico, moved to Nashville in the 1990s and eventually made a name for himself in the country music business with that memorable '96 debut "Dreamin Out Loud". There is no question, though, that since 2008, when he appeared as a contestant on NBC's 'The Celebrity Apprentice' and wound up one of two finalists, Adkins and his music have become more widely known.

"I'm glad now that I did it," he says of his appearances on 'The Celebrity Apprentice.' "I went into it reluctantly. The only reason I did it was because of the food allergy situation, and because that's such a personal cause for my family." He is referring to how he chose The Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Network to receive any winnings of his from the show, and how his 6-year-old daughter is one of the millions of children and adults who must contend daily with potentially life-threatening food allergies. "The last gasp of every entertainer whose career is in the crapper is to do reality TV, and I certainly didn't want my appearance there to be viewed that way. But, happily, it hasn't turned out be like that."

Coupons good for \$2 off adult tickets are available at Yellowstone Valley Electric in Huntley, where Coors is sold, Bison Portable Buildings, local Cellular Plus stores, where Mountain Dew is sold, Farm Credit Services, where Snapple is sold, MT Army National Guard, local Alltel stores and Surfer Joe's.

Tickets are \$39.50 for reserved and \$34.50 for general admission and are on sale now at the MetraPark Box Office, Rimrock Mall Customer Service Counter, local Cellular Plus stores, online at: www.metrapark.com and www.montanafair.com and by phone at 800-366-8538 or 406-256-2422. A limited number of seats are available for those with physical limitations or special needs. Please mention these needs when ordering.

Tickets include fair gate admission for the day of show.