
Country Music Heartthrob Blake Shelton at FireLake Grand

Shawnee, OK- Pull on your blue jeans, dust off your boots, grab your cowboy hat, and make plans to help FireLake Grand welcome back Country Music star Blake Shelton on July 2nd.

“We are pleased to welcome Blake Shelton back to the FireLake Grand Casino Events Center,” said Brad Peltier, Director of Marketing at FireLake Grand Casino. “He continues to be one of country music’s premiere entertainers and vocalists.”

Born in Ada, Oklahoma, Blake Shelton set his goal early for a career in country music. While still in high school, he entertained in the Oklahoma City clubs and at special events. When Ada honored Mae Axton, who wrote “Heartbreak Hotel” for Elvis, Blake wowed her with his musical talent. She encouraged him to move to Nashville and offered to help him get a record deal. As a result, two weeks after his high school graduation, he did move to Nashville. He was able to work with Earl Thomas Conley, Hoyt Axton, and Bobby Braddock and others. When he recorded this debut single “Austin”, he found his name at the top of the charts.

More hits followed, including “Nobody But Me”, “Some Beach”, “The More I Drink”, “Ol’ Red” and many others. Although “Ol’ Red” wasn’t a huge radio hit, it became Shelton’s signature song. He says that it is the one people request during concerts. On his newest album, *Hillbilly Bone*, Blake teams up with Trace Adkins to deliver “pure hillbilly energy”. "It's an energy-packed little album," he says with a laugh. "It's also about being this guy people are finding out about, which is who I've always been," he says. "It's really going to help define a different mood for me."

Blake Shelton recently made Country Music headlines by proposing marriage to another Country star, Miranda Lambert after calling her father for permission.

Tickets for this concert will go fast, so get your tickets soon at FireLake Grand Casino Gift Shop, or by calling 405-96-GRAND, or log on to www.firelakegrand.com. Tickets range from \$34 to \$69.

Presented with pride by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, FireLake Grand Casino features more than 1,800 Vegas-style games in the beautiful 125,000 square foot facility, from the hottest slot machines to some 100 table games. As all games are designated “Class 3, Oklahoma Compact,” six percent of FireLake Grand’s net gaming revenue goes to support the state’s public education. Dining options range from sizzling steaks at Embers Steakhouse to the exciting Grandstand Sports Grille and The Grand Buffet, or for a drink in a relaxing atmosphere meet friends at the all new outdoor Fireside Lounge. The Casino is conveniently located just east of Oklahoma City on Interstate 40 at Exit 178.

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