

American Idol Winner David Cook at FireLake Grand!

Shawnee, OK-FireLake Grand once again brings award winning talent to Oklahoma as David Cook, the 2008 season winner of American Idol, rocks the Events Center on November 6th.

“Having watched this young man go through the American Idol contest, week after week,” said Brad Peltier, Director of Marketing for FireLake Grand Casino. “I was impressed with his ability to take a well-known song and make it his own. We are excited to have David Cook appear at FireLake Grand.”

Born in Houston and raised in Blue Springs, Missouri, David Cook has catapulted to the top with his win on American Idol. Then just a week after that win, he had 14 songs on Billboard’s Hot Digital Songs Survey and 11 on the Hot 100. However, music wasn’t the only career that David considered. “I thought I wanted to be a pro baseball player, but my fastball wasn’t fast enough and I couldn’t hit to save my life,” he says. “Performing was the only thing I ever felt I was great at.”

Cook can credit his parents with enriching his musical beginnings. His parents had an “eclectic record collection,” and so he listened to many different genres, and he grew up watching his dad play guitar. When he was in high school, he formed a band with a friend. He continued to focus on music.

After he graduated from Central Missouri State with a degree in graphic design, he chose to follow a musical career rather than get a job in his degree field. He moved to Tulsa to sing back-up and play rhythm guitar.

When David’s brother Andrew went to try out for American Idol, he went along for moral support. He decided to tryout himself at the last minute. When his brother didn’t make the cut, David offered to quit too, but his brother and mother insisted that he go on. The rest, as they say, is history. Since winning, David Cook produced an album entitled David Cook which has achieved platinum status.

Don’t miss this awesome concert! Get your tickets today at the FireLake Grand Casino Gift Shop or by calling 405-96-GRAND. Or log on to www.firelakegrand.com. Ticket prices start at \$44.

Presented with pride by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, FireLake Grand Casino features more than 1,800 Vegas-style games in 125,000 square feet, 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. The Casino is conveniently located just east of Oklahoma City on Interstate 40 at Exit 178.

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