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Chelsey Jungck Recognized as Rising Star

LAS VEGAS, NV — November 30, 2015 — Today at the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) 125th Annual Convention, Chelsey Jungck of the Nebraska State Fair in Grand Island, was honored with the Rising Star Award, according to IAFE President and CEO Jim Tucker. The convention is taking place Nov. 29-Dec. 2, at the Paris Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev.

The Rising Star Award was created by the IAFE Young Professionals Initiative (YPI) to recognize leadership and industry contributions of IAFE members, age 40 and younger. Nominees are any employee, volunteer, or board member under age 40 of a member fair, show, exposition, or exhibition in good standing with the IAFE.

Ms. Jungck began at the Nebraska State Fair in 2009 as special events coordinator. She quickly became the fair's event & entertainment director, the capacity in which she serves today. Her responsibilities include the planning and execution of all aspects of entertainment at the fair and of all special events and festivals on the grounds.

In 2010, Chelsey moved with the fair to Grand Island. She had the unusual opportunity to be involved in mapping the layout of the grounds during events, including placing the stages, beer gardens, entertainment locations, and gates. This year, the Nebraska State Fair offered the first outdoor concerts in the new location and Chelsey spent hours planning and coordinating the location and operation of food & beverage, stage, sound, lights, and VIP tents.

In addition to the work at her fair, Chelsey is an active member and promoter of the fair industry. She helped form the YPI Steering Committee for the Nebraska Association of Fair Managers to encourage young individuals to step up into leadership roles.

Chelsey is involved with the Grand Island Chamber of Commerce, a board member at the YWCA, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln Public Relations Student Society Association Mentor, and was named a Grand Island Top 35 Under 35 in 2012. "Chelsey does not forget the individuals who have given their time and talents to the fair. She, and those that work under her, will send out somewhere near 312 hand written thank you's after the 2015 fair comes to a close," stated Nebraska State Fair Board Chair Jana Kruger.

In addition to her service to the fair, Ms. Jungck is involved with the Grand Island Chamber of Commerce, a board member at the YWCA, an UNL Public Relations Student Society Association Mentor, and was named a Grand Island Top 35 Under 35 in 2012.

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