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VERTIGO! AT THE MARION COUNTY FAIR

SALEM, OR - This year, the Marion County Fair brings the newest and most exciting ride ever, VERTIGO. The ride rises to 80 feet, taking between two and three minutes from the base to the top, with the swings spinning at a moderate speed. At the top, riders will have panoramic views of both the Oregon State Fairgrounds and the city of Salem. It's an experience that will be spectacular!

Vertigo is an exhilarating ride for its pure height and appeals to a wide range of festival goers, including kids, teens and adults. The west coast premier of the VERTIGO was at the Portland Rose Festival.

The new ride is just one of many changes to the 2011 Marion County Fair. This year, the Fair brings the Funtastic carnival; the same company used by the Rose Festival and the Oregon State Fair.

According to Marion County Fair Event Coordinator Dean Sweeney, "You will be able to see the state capitol steps from the top of Vertigo. It is the Marion County Fair's supersized attraction."

The Marion County Fair will be held at the state fairgrounds from Thursday, July 7, through Sunday, July 10. There are carnival specials for all ages. Unlimited ride wristbands are available for \$15 through Wednesday, July 6, at the Marion County Fair Office (at the state fair grounds). On Thursday, July 7, "kiddie" rides for children ages 2 to 5 are a special price of \$5 for unlimited rides (children must meet minimum height requirements); and on Friday, July 8, "Teen Invasion" day, the carnival special is 50 percent off all ride and game tickets – for the whole day! Carnival hours at the Marion County Fair are 11:00 a.m. to closing.

For more information, check out the Marion County Fair webpage at www.mcfair.net or call (503) 585-9998.

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