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Virgil Strickler, CFE, Ohio State Fair, Inducted Into IAFE Hall of Fame

Salt Lake City, UT – The International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) proudly announces the induction of Virgil Strickler, CFE, into the prestigious IAFE Hall of Fame. This distinguished recognition was announced on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at the IAFE Convention and Trade Show held in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Strickler was selected as the Ohio Expo Center & State Fair General Manager in January 2004. Under Strickler's tenure, the Ohio State Fair has seen significant innovation and achievement. The fair has set, and broken, many attendance and financial records. Several buildings have been upgraded, improving the quality of experience for exhibitors with improved ventilation, new stalls, and accessible facilities. Strickler is humble about these achievements, though, often turning the attention to his staff who have helped achieve these goals. He has two main driving passions: youth and agriculture, and of course, his greatest joy, his loving family.

The IAFE Convention and Trade Show serves as a premier platform for industry leaders and partners to gather, exchange ideas, and celebrate achievements within the fair industry. This year's event has been particularly momentous, as Virgil Strickler, CFE, joins the esteemed roster of Hall of Fame inductees.

"The induction of Virgil Strickler into the IAFE Hall of Fame is a testament to his unparalleled dedication and profound impact on the fair industry," Marla Calico, CFE, President and CEO of the IAFE, said. "We are honored to celebrate his remarkable achievements."

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