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Hi Folks,

Hello Music News readers. I hope you had a great February.

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And now for a special reminder from Warehouse Live Midtown. For the time being, Warehouse Live Midtown will be offering an additional 10% Discount for all Houston Music News readers. That's right, for an additional 10% off the regular ticket price to a show, just use the promo code HOUSTONMUSIC NEWS.

Another cool event spotlighted on the cover is The Fall Of Troy. They will be appearing at Warehouse Live Midtown this month. Here's another show you definitely don't want to miss... and remember, use the special Promo Code HOUSTONMUSICNEW and you can get a discount on the tickets.

Now, on to the new issue. In this issue, as usual, we have some great stories and information to pass on to you. Check out stories in this month's issue on Graham Nash, Lane 8, Pat Benatar, Bill Idol, Cheap Trick, Memphis May Fire, Soul Couching, and much more, as well as another installment of the original story, THE BIKER! Also in this issue are a ton of great pictures of bands performing around the Houston area. I'm sure you're going to be familiar with a lot of these bands. Those bands include Blues Survivors, Chow, Eric Korb Band, Feo Y Loco, Generation Landslide, Jay Hooks Band, Josh Garrett, Kha•Thod•Ik, Midnight Circus, Mighty Orq, Mitch Jacobs, Paper Anvil, Steve Gilbert, The Outsiders, Victim, and Z Lot Z!

Also be sure to check out our Spanish section. In this month's issue we have stories on J Balvin, Eden Munoz, and Los Acosta. The stories are in English and Spanish.

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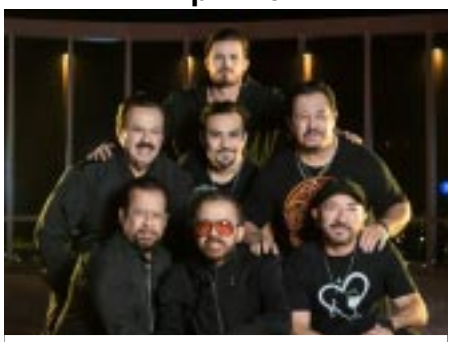
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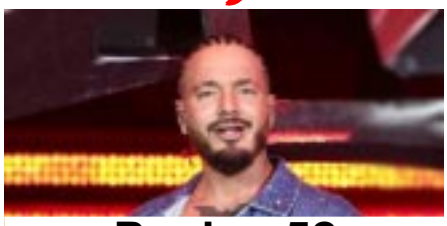


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Guitar Legend Carlos Santana Brings Electrifying Oneness Tour to Sugar Land, Bridging Generations with Iconic Musical Fusion

By Greg Fontaine

As the spring of 2025 unfolds, the musical world prepares for a transformative experience with Carlos Santana's Oneness Tour, a journey that will bring the legendary guitarist to the Smart Financial Centre on April 23rd. At 77 years old, Santana continues to defy expectations, proving that true musical genius knows no boundaries of age or time. His upcoming performance in Sugar Land is more than just a concert—it's a celebration of a lifetime dedicated to pushing the boundaries of musical expression, a testament to an artist who has consistently redefined what it means to be a musician.

The roots of Santana's musical revolution trace back to the late 1960s San Francisco Bay Area, a crucible of musical innovation that would launch him into global prominence. His breakthrough came with an epic performance at Woodstock in 1969, the same year his self-titled debut album introduced the world to "Evil Ways" and launched a musical career that wouldspan decades. That first album was more than just a collection of songs—it was a bold statement of musical fusion, spending two remarkable years on Billboard's album chart and setting the stage for a revolutionary approach to music that would inspire generations of musicians.

The Sugar Land performance is a pivotal moment in Santana's 2025 Oneness Tour, a musical expedition that began with a series of intimate residency shows at the House of Blues in Las Vegas. After igniting stages in California, Arizona, and New Mexico, Santana brings his band to Texas, continuing a journey that has become synonymous with musical innovation and cultural connection. The tour represents the latest chapter in a career that has consistently defied genre limitations, blending Afro-Latin rhythms, blues, rock, and a deeply spiritual approach to music-making.

Santana's musical achievements are nothing short of legendary. With over 100 million records sold and more than 100 million fans touched by his performances worldwide, he has become more than just a musician—he is a global cultural icon. His trophy case includes 10 Grammy Awards, including a record-tying nine for a single project with his 1999 album Supernatural. The album's hit "Smooth" became a defining track of its era, showcasing Santana's ability to reinvent himself while staying true to his unique musical vision.

The upcoming performance will draw from a rich musical catalogue that

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spans six decades. From his early breakthrough albums Abraxas and Santana III to more recent works like Blessings and Miracles, Santana has continuously evolved while maintaining his distinctive sound. His 2019 album Africa Speaks was hailed by NPR as his "best record in decades," demonstrating that his musical creativity remains as vibrant and powerful as ever. Each performance is an opportunity to explore this vast musical landscape, a journey through sound that connects audiences to something far beyond mere entertainment.

Beyond his musical achievements, Santana represents a broader vision of artistry and social responsibility. Through the Milagro Foundation, established in 1998, he has dedicated over eight million dollars to supporting under-resourced children in arts, education, and health. The foundation's name, meaning "miracle," reflects Santana's deeply held belief in the transformative power of human potential—a philosophy that extends far beyond the stage.

His influence extends well beyond music. Santana has built a lifestyle brand that includes everything from shoes and handbags to musical instruments and even cannabis and coffee. River of Colors (ROC), founded in 1997, has become a testament to his entrepreneurial spirit and distinctive style. Yet, for all these achievements, Santana remains fundamentally a musician—an artist committed to creating what he calls "blessings and miracles" through sound.

The Smart Financial Centre performance will be more than just a concert—it's a potential once-in-a-lifetime experience for music lovers. Fans can expect an evening that traverses the breadth of Santana's musical journey, from the explosive Latin rock of his early years to the more contemplative and spiritually charged works of recent decades. His guitar playing remains a marvel, with Rolling Stone noting his ability to be recognized by just a single note—a rare distinction that speaks to the unique voice he has created through his instrument.

As the Oneness Tour continues, with European dates stretching from Poland to Denmark, Santana demonstrates that his musical journey is far from over. The tour represents more than a series of performances—it's a continued exploration of music's power to unite, to heal, to transcend cultural and generational boundaries. For those attending the Sugar Land performance, the evening promises to be a profound musical experience, a chance to witness a living legend who continues to redefine what music can be.



The upcoming performance is a reminder of Santana's enduring legacy—a musician who has never been content to simply play music, but who has always sought to create a deeper connection. His approach to performance goes beyond entertainment, touching on something more spiritual, more transformative. As he takes the stage in Sugar Land, audiences will witness more than a concert—they will experience a musical journey that has been decades in the making, a celebration of sound, spirit, and the unifying power of true artistic expression.

From the psychedelic rock scenes of 1960s San Francisco to the global stages of 2025, Carlos Santana continues to be a beacon of musical innovation and cultural connection. The Oneness Tour is not just a tour—it is a profound statement of musical unity, a bridge between cultures, and a demonstration of how music can transcend every possible barrier. Sugar Land audiences are in for an unforgettable night with a true musical icon, a journey through sound that promises to inspire, to move, and to transform.



Legendary Rock Icon Graham Nash to Perform at Houston's Heights Theatre

By Nathan Pugh

Folk-rock legend and two-time Rock & Roll Hall of Fame inductee Graham Nash is set to grace the stage of Houston's intimate Heights Theatre on April 11th, bringing over six decades of musical excellence to Texas audiences as part of his critically acclaimed North American tour.

The 82-year-old Nash, a founding member of both the Hollies and Crosby, Stills & Nash, continues to captivate audiences nationwide with performances that showcase his remarkable vocal abilities and extensive catalog of beloved songs. The Houston stop is part of a recently announced spring leg of his tour that extends across the East Coast, Southern U.S., and West Coast.

"With his charming yet humble performance, his fabulous white hair, and his high tenor impressively intact, Graham Nash still has a lot to teach all of us about putting on a great show," raved the Santa Barbara Independent in a recent review, while the Oakland Press noted that "Nash made it clear that he still has plenty of songs to sing before he goes."

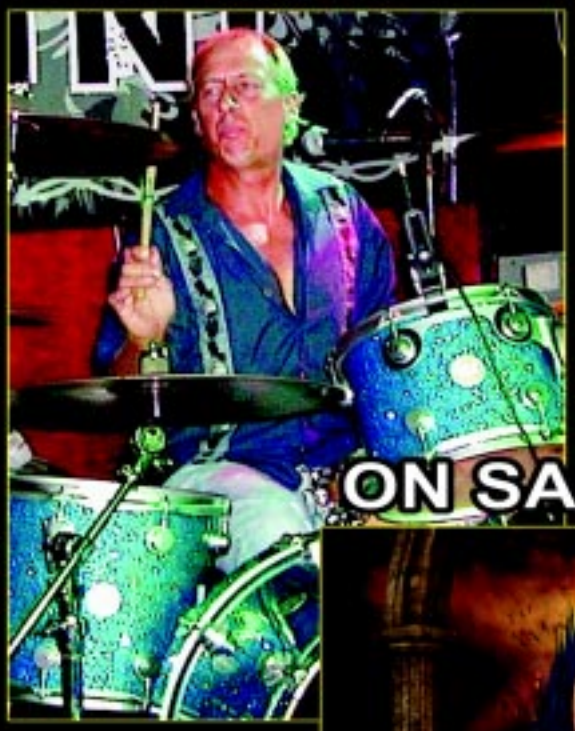
The Houston performance promises an evening of nostalgia and musical craftsmanship as Nash will be accompanied by his stellar backing band consisting of Todd Caldwell on keyboards and vocals, Adam Minkoff handling bass, drums, guitars and vocals, and Zach Djanikian contributing guitars, mandolin, drums and vocals. Together, they'll explore selections spanning Nash's illustrious career, from his early days with the Hollies through the iconic Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young years and his solo work.

Nash is touring in support of "Now," his first studio album of new material in seven years, released on BMG. The album, produced by Nash and longtime touring keyboardist Caldwell, has garnered extensive critical acclaim from publications like The New York Times, The New Yorker, and USA Today. The new material balances reflections on his storied past—including collaborations with his former Hollies bandmate Allan Clarke and a song eulogizing Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young—while addressing contemporary social and political themes.

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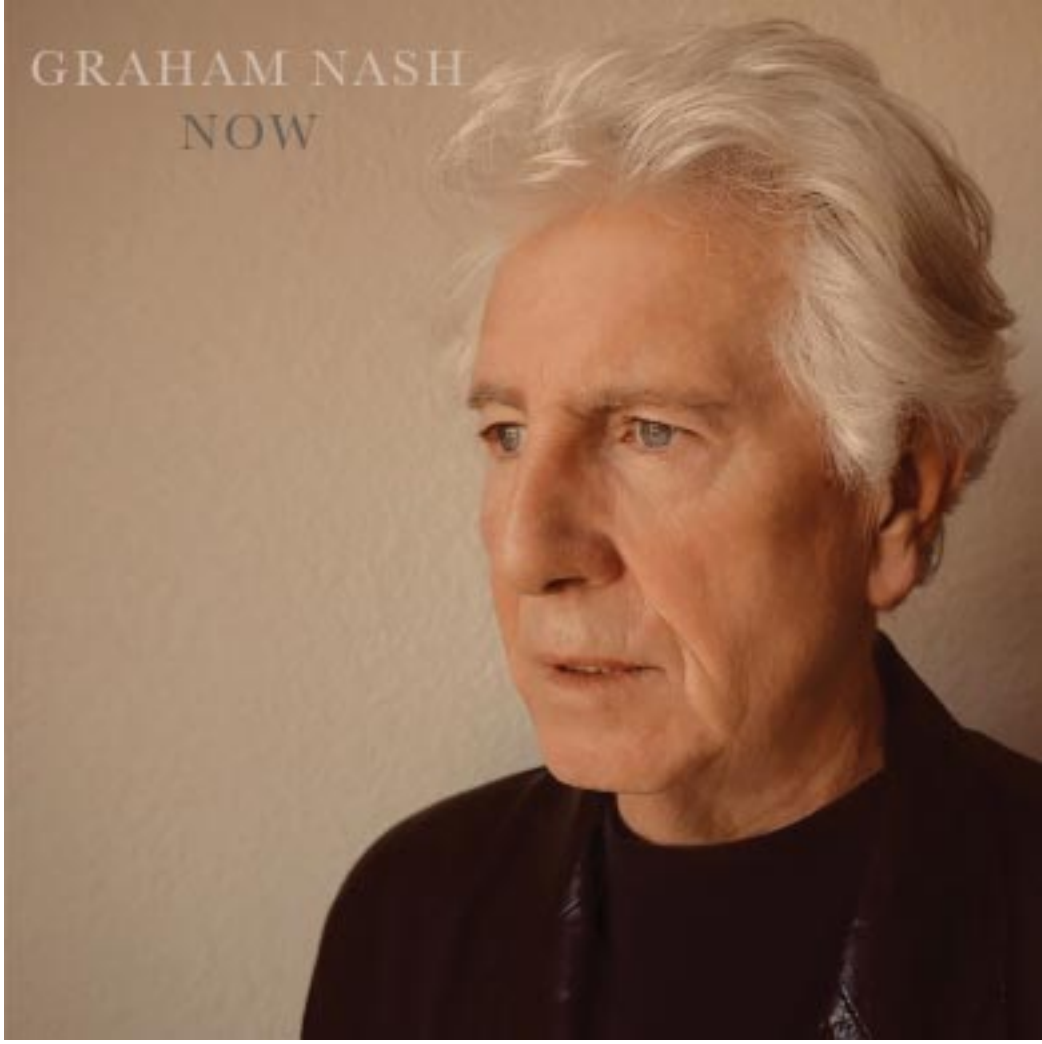
Few artists can claim a musical legacy as profound as Nash's. His contributions to popular music began with the Hollies from 1964 to 1968, where hits like "Stop Stop Stop," "On a Carousel," and "Carrie Anne" helped define the British Invasion sound. After creative differences led him to depart the group, he formed the supergroup Crosby, Stills & Nash, later joined by Neil Young, and created some of the most enduring songs of the era.

Nash's songwriting credits include timeless classics such as "Marrakesh Express," "Teach Your Children," "Our House," and "Military Madness." His distinct tenor voice and harmonizing abilities helped craft the signature sound that made CSN(Y) one of the most influential groups of their generation. Beyond the group settings, Nash has maintained a respected solo career, beginning with 1971's "Songs for Beginners," which reached number 15 on Billboard's Top 200 and eventually went gold.

Throughout his career, Nash has been known not only for his musical contributions but also for his steadfast activism. His passionate voice has long supported peace, social justice, and environmental causes. In 1979, he organized the No Nukes/Musicians United for Safe Energy (MUSE) concerts with Jackson Browne and Bonnie Raitt, events that remain landmark moments in benefit concert history.

Nash's talents extend beyond music into visual arts as well. He is a renowned photographer whose work has been exhibited in galleries and museums worldwide. In 2021, he released "A Life In Focus: The Photography Of Graham Nash," a collection that reflects on more than fifty years of his extraordinary life through personal photographs and artistic stills.

The Heights Theatre, with its intimate setting and exceptional acoustics, provides the perfect venue for Nash's performance style. The historic theater, originally built in 1923 and lovingly restored, has become one of Houston's premier music venues, known for hosting world-class artists in a setting where every seat offers an unobstructed view and pristine sound quality.



For longtime fans, the April 11th performance represents a rare opportunity to experience one of rock music's most important voices in an intimate setting. The setlist will likely include songs from throughout Nash's career, potentially featuring Hollies classics, CSN(Y) standards, solo material, and selections from his latest album.

Nash's Houston appearance comes during a time when many of his contemporaries have either retired from touring or passed away, making this concert a particularly special occasion for fans of classic rock and folk music. As one of the last active members of his generation of rock innovators, Nash continues to perform with the passion and commitment that have defined his entire career.

The significance of Nash's continued musical journey isn't lost on critics or fans. As his tour continues to receive glowing reviews, it's clear that Nash remains as relevant and captivating as ever—a living legend still creating meaningful music well into his ninth decade.

Houston music lovers have just a few days left to secure their opportunity to witness this iconic artist perform in one of the city's most beloved venues. For those fortunate enough to attend, the evening promises to be not just a concert but a journey through the soundtrack of several generations.

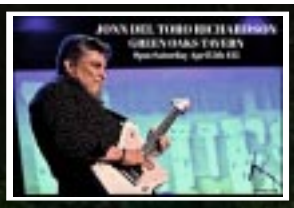


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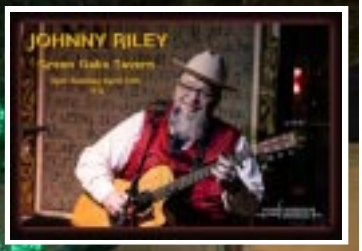


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Saturday, April 19
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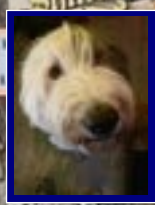
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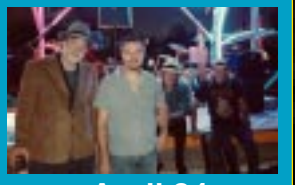
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April 24
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4/17 - Wendy Jones
4/18 - Hard Luck Revival
4/19 - Tremoloco
4/24 - Hipwaders Flying Circus
4/25 - Johnny Jo Vila
4/26 - Hotrod Hillbillies



Lane 8 to Bring "This Never Happened" Experience to Houston

By Robert Wilkins

Electronic music fans in Houston have a special event to look forward to this month as Denver-based producer and DJ Lane 8 prepares to take the stage at White Oak Music Hall on Thursday, April 17th. The performance promises to deliver the unique communal experience that has become synonymous with Lane 8's shows.

Daniel Goldstein, the artist behind the Lane 8 moniker, has built a reputation not only for his melodic house tracks but also for his distinctive approach to live performances. Under his "This Never Happened" concept, attendees are prohibited from using phones and cameras during shows, creating an environment where fans are encouraged to be fully present rather than viewing the experience through screens or focusing on social media documentation.

This distinctive policy, launched in 2016 alongside his "Little by Little" tour, has become a defining characteristic of Lane 8's events. The philosophy extends beyond just a rule - it represents Goldstein's commitment to fostering genuine connection and communal experiences in an increasingly digital world.

Lane 8's musical journey began far from the electronic music scene. Growing up in California, he initially experimented with garage rock as a child before transitioning to hip-hop beat production. However, it was his move to electronic dance music that truly allowed him to find his artistic voice. After uploading original tracks and remixes beginning in 2012, he caught the attention of Above & Beyond's Anjunadeep label, signing with them in 2013.

His career trajectory has been steadily ascending since the release of his debut album "Rise" in 2015, which featured collaborations with notable artists including Matthew Dear, Solomon Grey, and Patrick Baker. The album's success established Lane 8 as a significant presence in the melodic house genre, known for creating tracks that function more as emotional journeys than typical club anthems.

Following his debut, Goldstein founded his own label and event series, both named "This Never Happened," which has served as a platform for releasing his own music as well as introducing new talent to the scene. His subsequent albums - "Little by Little" (2018), "Brightest Lights" (2020), "Reviver" (2022), and most recently "Childish" (2024) - have continued to expand his artistic vision while maintaining his signature emotionally charged, melodic sound.

The recently released "Childish" represents a personal evolution for the artist. The album cover features artwork created by his daughter, marking a departure from his previous studio album covers which typically showcased imagery of reflection, symmetry, and natural elements. In announcing the album, Lane 8 shared that his creative

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process was inspired by the unrestrained imagination of his children and his younger self.

"As parents, we've always tried to provide the materials and space for [children] to create, but to then step back and let them be themselves and focus without interfering," Goldstein explained. "Seeing the joy and the confidence that creating in their own way brings them has been one of the most eye-opening parts of parenthood for me."

Over the years, Lane 8 has collaborated with numerous artists, including Poliça, Arctic Lake, Art School Girlfriend, Sultan + Shepard, and Kasablanca, many of whom have made appearances on multiple albums. His singles have accumulated millions of streams, with tracks like "Oh, Miles" featuring Julia Church, "Riptide" featuring Davey Havok, and "What Have You Done to Me?" featuring Arctic Lake gaining particular popularity.

Beyond traditional venue performances, Lane 8 began hosting "This Never Happened Summer Gatherings" in 2017 - daytime events held in unique outdoor venues that further extend his philosophy of being present and connected to the moment.





Described by some as creating "dreamy back rub house," Lane 8's sound sits at the intersection of pulsing electronica and glitch-pop, creating a distinctive auditory experience that has garnered attention from industry figures like Pete Tong, who named him a "Future Star."

For Houston electronic music enthusiasts, the April 17th performance at White Oak Music Hall offers an opportunity to experience Lane 8's immersive musical journey firsthand, without the distractions of modern technology. Fans can expect a carefully crafted set featuring tracks from throughout his career, including his latest album "Childish," in an environment designed to maximize connection to both the music and fellow attendees.

As Lane 8 continues to evolve as an artist while maintaining his commitment to creating genuine moments of connection through music, his Houston performance stands as not just a concert, but an invitation to be fully present in an increasingly rare shared experience.



Rock Legends Pat Benatar and Neil Giraldo Perform At Smart Financial Centre On April 19

By Nathan Pugh

Iconic rock duo Pat Benatar and Neil Giraldo are set to embark on an expansive 26-date North American headlining tour this spring, bringing their timeless hits and electrifying stage presence to fans across the continent. The tour, which kicks off on April 11 at the Agua Caliente Casino in Palm Springs, California, will see the powerhouse couple performing in major cities throughout the U.S. and Canada, including stops at the Paramount Theatre in Austin, Texas on April 22, the Altria Theater in Richmond, Virginia on May 6, and Caesars Windsor - The Colosseum in Windsor, Ontario on May 29. Rising rock band The Vindys will join the tour as special guests on all dates.

The announcement of the 2025 tour follows a milestone year for Benatar and Giraldo, who recently revealed they will be releasing their first children's book, "My Grandma and Grandpa Rock!" this fall. Published by Sourcebooks with illustrations by Tiffany Everett, the heartwarming story pays homage to the unique and powerful bond between grandparents and their grandchildren, demonstrating how grandparents can "rock" in their own special ways. The book's release marks an exciting new venture for the multi-talented duo, further cementing their status as cultural icons.

Benatar and Giraldo's enduring partnership began in 1979, when Giraldo, then a sought-after guitarist who had beaten out 200 other musicians for a spot in Rick Derringer's band, was introduced to Benatar by producer and writer Mike Chapman. The undeniable chemistry between Benatar's commanding mezzo-soprano voice and fierce attitude and Giraldo's trailblazing guitar work and songwriting prowess quickly became apparent, setting the stage for a collaboration that would span more than four decades and produce some of rock music's most beloved and enduring hits.

Together, Benatar and Giraldo have created a remarkable legacy, selling over 36 million records worldwide, scoring two multi-platinum albums, five

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Pat Benatar and Neil Giraldo - Cont'd



platinum albums, and three gold albums, and notching an impressive 19 Top 40 singles. Their catalog of classic songs includes unforgettable tracks like "We Belong," "Invincible," "Love Is A Battlefield," "Promises In The Dark," "We Live For Love," "Heartbreaker," and "Hell Is For Children," which have become anthems for generations of fans.

The duo's impact on popular music has been recognized with an unprecedented four consecutive GRAMMY® Awards for Best Female Rock Vocal Performance between 1980 and 1983, as well as three American Music Awards. In 2022, Benatar and Giraldo were inducted into the prestigious Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, further solidifying their status as true rock legends.

Despite their numerous accolades and decades of success, Benatar and Giraldo show no signs of slowing down. Their live performances continue to be filled with the same passion, energy, and raw talent that first propelled them to stardom in the early 1980s. Benatar's voice remains a powerhouse, effortlessly shifting from delicate whispers to full-throated wails, while Giraldo's guitar playing is as inventive and electrifying as ever, his riffs and solos adding depth and texture to the duo's signature sound.

The upcoming tour promises to be a celebration of Benatar and Giraldo's incredible career, featuring a setlist packed with hits that span their entire discography. From the opening chords of "Heartbreaker," the debut single that introduced Benatar's fierce vocals to the world, to the Grammy-winning classics "Hit Me With Your Best Shot" and "Love Is A Battlefield," to the soaring, emotionally charged "We Belong," the shows will showcase the breadth and depth of the duo's musical legacy.

Fans can expect a high-energy, emotionally resonant performance that highlights not only Benatar and Giraldo's musical prowess but also the undeniable bond they share as creative partners and spouses. The couple's chemistry on stage is a testament to their enduring love story, which has served as the backbone of their artistic collaboration for over 45 years.

In addition to the hit-filled setlist, the tour will also feature opening sets by The Vindys, a rising rock band known for their soulful, gritty sound and dynamic live performances. The addition of The Vindys to the lineup adds an exciting new dimension to the tour, providing audiences with the opportunity to witness the past, present, and future of rock music in one unforgettable evening.

The 2025 North American tour is a testament to Benatar and Giraldo's enduring legacy as rock icons and their continued ability to captivate and inspire audiences. With over 75 years of experience between them and a catalog filled with some of the most beloved songs in rock history, the duo's latest trek promises to be a celebration of their incredible career and a gift to the fans who have supported them throughout the years.magic of these rock legends live on stage as they continue to define the soundtrack of our lives.



Legendary Mexican Group Los Acosta to Bring Decades of Hits to Houston's Arena Theatre

By Jose Martinez

Houston's Latino music fans are in for a special treat as iconic Mexican band Los Acosta is set to perform at the Arena Theatre on April 12, bringing their unique blend of romantic ballads, cumbia, and regional Mexican music to the Bayou City. The performance marks a notable stop on their current U.S. tour, giving Houston fans a rare opportunity to experience live the band that has captivated audiences across Latin America for more than three decades.

Founded in 1979 in San Luis Potosí, Mexico, Los Acosta has established themselves as one of the most enduring and influential groups in Mexican popular music. Led by brothers Ricardo, Ernesto, Sergio, and Carlos Acosta, the band has continuously evolved their sound while maintaining the emotional depth and musical craftsmanship that first brought them fame in the late 1980s.

"Houston has always embraced Los Acosta with incredible warmth," notes local concert promoter Elena Sánchez. "Their music transcends generations, and we're expecting a diverse audience from longtime fans who've followed them since the '80s to younger listeners discovering their music through parents, streaming platforms, or social media."

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Los Acosta's journey to stardom began in the peculiar San Luis Potosí district of San Sebastián, where they initially performed under the name "Diablo del Rock" at a festival organized by a local newspaper. After years of development, lineup changes, and independent recordings, they were signed by Discos Gas in 1986, officially adopting the name Los Acosta. Their breakthrough came in 1988 when they were discovered by Héctor Manuel Maho and signed to Discos Peerless, launching a string of hits that would define their career.

The Arena Theatre's intimate in-the-round setting provides an ideal venue for Los Acosta's performance style, which balances energetic dance numbers with heartfelt ballads. The theater's rotating stage ensures that every seat offers an excellent view, allowing fans to connect with the band regardless of their seating location.

"What makes Los Acosta special is their ability to create an emotional connection with the audience," explains music journalist Carlos Mendoza. "Songs like 'Tonto Corazón,' 'Una Chica Está Llorando,' and 'Como Una Novela' aren't just hits – they're the soundtrack to people's most significant life moments. When performed live, these songs take on an almost ceremonial quality."

Houston's significant Mexican-American community has helped make the city a regular stop for major Latin music tours. The upcoming performance at the Arena Theatre continues this tradition, offering local fans a chance to experience the magic of Los Acosta's live show in an acoustically superior venue known for hosting legendary acts.

Fans attending the April 12 concert can expect a comprehensive journey through the band's extensive catalog. Their setlists typically include early hits like "Sin Razón" and "Borracho De Tristeza," middle-period favorites such as "Tiene Apenas 16" and "Deja Una Rosa En Tu Balcón," and more recent material including tracks from their 2021 album "Corazones Solitarios."

Throughout their career, Los Acosta has demonstrated remarkable versatility and a willingness to evolve. While maintaining their romantic essence, they've experimented with various styles including pop, cumbia, mambo, bolero, and norteño. They pioneered the "onda grupera" style, an innovative approach that combines traditional Mexican music with electric instruments. In recent years, they've continued to innovate, even venturing into regional Mexican music and releasing mariachi versions of some of their classic hits.

"Few bands have shown the adaptability of Los Acosta," notes Latin music historian Alejandra Torres. "They've managed to stay relevant through multiple decades by respecting their musical roots while continuously exploring new directions. This balance of tradition and innovation is a major reason for their longevity."

Los Acosta's creative leadership has remained consistent through the years, with brothers Ricardo and Ernesto Acosta writing approximately 85% of the band's material throughout their discography. This creative consistency has helped the group maintain a distinctive sound even as they explore different musical territories.

The band's influence extends beyond their commercial success. Due to their unique aesthetic (including their use of makeup and androgynous style), musical structure featuring minor modalities, prominent use of synthesizers and electronic drums, and lyrics addressing themes like sadness and sentimental depression, they've been embraced by Mexico's gothic movement. Music critics have even coined terms like "dark cumbia" or "gothic cumbia" to describe their distinctive sound.

Despite their enduring popularity, Los Acosta has faced challenges throughout their career. The music industry has undergone dramatic changes since their formation, and the band has adapted by creating their own recording studio and label, "Audiovisa Records." In 2018, they suffered the loss of guitarist Héctor Ojeda, who died of natural causes during a U.S. tour. Through it all, they've maintained remarkable lineup stability, with most original members remaining with the group—a rarity in the music industry.

The Houston performance comes as Los Acosta continues to expand their artistic horizons. In recent years, they've released a series of singles exploring different facets of their musical identity, from the controversial "La Vida De Un Gay" to "Motel De Paso," which signaled their move into regional Mexican music. They've also revisited some of their classic hits, recording mariachi versions of "Como Una Novela" and "Voy A Pintar Un Corazón" that showcase these familiar songs in a new light.

For Houston's large Latino community, especially those with connections to Mexico, the concert represents more than just entertainment—it's a cultural touchstone that celebrates shared musical heritage. The band's romantic ballads have been the background music for countless significant life events, from first dances at weddings to family celebrations.

"Los Acosta's music carries a nostalgic power for many immigrants," explains cultural commentator Miguel Ramírez. "Their songs remind people of home, of youth, of important moments in their lives. Seeing them perform live is a way to reconnect with those memories and share that experience with family members who may be experiencing the band for the first time."

The Arena Theatre's 2,800-seat capacity creates an opportunity for an intimate experience with the legendary group, allowing fans to appreciate the musical craftsmanship and emotional delivery that have made Los Acosta enduring stars. The venue's excellent acoustics and sightlines ensure that attendees will be able to fully appreciate the band's performance from any seat in the house.

Throughout their four decades of performing, Los Acosta has accumulated numerous accolades, including Gold, Platinum, and Diamond albums for their high sales. They've been nominated twice for Grammy Awards—in 2006 for the album "Amor Y Delirio" and in 2007 for "Siluetas." They've performed on the most important television programs in both Mexico and the United States, cementing their status as one of Mexico's most beloved musical acts.

As Los Acosta prepares to take the stage at Arena Theatre on April 12, they bring with them not just a catalog of beloved hits, but a living connection to Mexican musical tradition and innovation. For Houston fans, the concert offers a chance to experience firsthand the enduring power of a band that continues to captivate audiences across generations.

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Rock Rebel Billy Idol: A Timeless Icon Returns to Houston with New Music and Legendary Passion

By Troy Wilson

The snarling voice of punk rock is preparing to once again electrify the stage, and Houston music fans are about to witness a true living legend. Billy Idol is set to bring his inimitable blend of punk attitude and pop sensibility to the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion on May 3rd, a performance that promises to be far more than just a nostalgic trip down memory lane. This concert marks a pivotal moment in Idol's remarkable career – a career that has defied expectations, survived personal challenges, and continues to evolve with the release of "Dream Into It," his first full-length album of new music in over a decade.

At 68 years old, Billy Idol stands as a testament to the enduring power of rock 'n' roll – a rebel who has not just survived the changing musical landscape, but continues to shape it. The upcoming "It's a Nice Day To...Tour Again!" is more than just a concert series; it's a victory lap for an artist who has repeatedly reinvented himself while maintaining the raw, electric energy that first catapulted him to stardom in the early 1980s.

The tour, kicking off on April 30th in Phoenix, comes with a particularly exciting lineup. Rock royalty Joan Jett & the Blackhearts will join Idol, creating a double-bill that represents the absolute pinnacle of punk-influenced rock. It's a pairing that speaks to Idol's ongoing relevance and his ability to connect with both longtime fans and a new generation of music lovers.

"Dream Into It," slated for release on April 25th via Dark Horse Records, is far more than just another album. It's a deeply personal exploration of Idol's musical journey, featuring an impressive roster of collaborators that reads like a who's who of contemporary rock. Avril Lavigne, Joan Jett, and Alison Mosshart of The Kills all make appearances, bringing their own unique energies to Idol's distinctive sound. Produced by Tommy English, the album promises to be a nuanced exploration of Idol's musical evolution, bridging his punk

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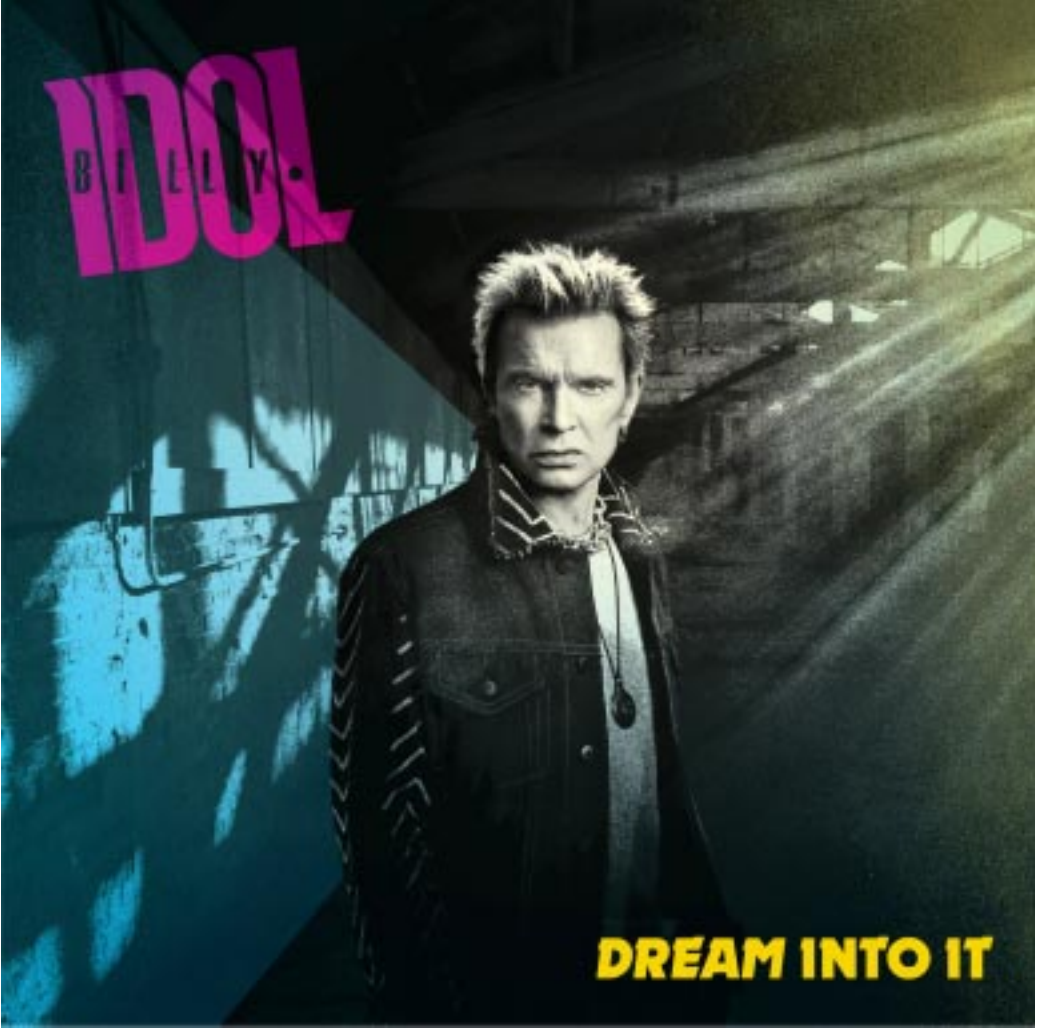
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rock roots with his contemporary artistic vision.

The album's lead single, "Still Dancing," serves as a powerful autobiographical statement. In Idol's own words, the song is "a reflection of my whole journey, from the punk rock period through to now." It's a stark, honest look back at the early days of his musical career – a time of uncertainty, passion, and unbridled ambition. "Everybody at home or work told you what you were doing was never going to happen," Idol recalls. "But punk rock gave me an opening. I was surrounded by people who loved the music as deeply as I did and you were going to throw caution to the wind, believe in what you were doing and grab on for dear life."

This narrative of perseverance and belief runs deep through Idol's entire career. Born William Michael Albert Broad in Middlesex, England, his musical journey began in the most turbulent and exciting period of British punk rock. After a brief stint at Sussex University, he found himself part of the legendary Bromley Contingent – a group of young punk rock enthusiasts who followed the Sex Pistols and helped define the aesthetic and attitude of the punk movement. Among his compatriots was Siouxsie Sioux, who would go on to lead Siouxsie & the Banshees.

Idol's first band, Generation X, emerged from this crucible of creativity. Formed in 1976, the band quickly became a defining force in the London punk scene. Their anthemic single "Your Generation" and appearances on Top of the Pops helped establish Idol as a frontman with extraordinary charisma and potential. After three albums, Generation X disbanded, but Idol was far from finished.

His move to New York City marked the beginning of his solo career – a transformation that would make him one of the first pop/rock artists to truly harness the power of MTV. With his peroxide blonde hair, leather pants, and Elvis-like sneer, Idol became the visual embodiment of a new kind of rock star. His collaboration with guitarist Steve Stevens proved particularly fruitful, creating a sound that blended punk's raw energy with pop's infectious hooks.

The early to mid-1980s saw Idol become a global superstar. Albums like "Rebel Yell" – which went double platinum – spawned massive hits like "Eyes Without a Face" and "Flesh for Fantasy." His music videos were events in themselves, capturing the imagination of a generation and helping to define the visual language of MTV.

But Idol's story is not just one of success. He has been remarkably open about his struggles with addiction and personal challenges. A near-fatal motorcycle accident in 1990 threatened to derail his career, and a subsequent drug overdose in 1994 brought him to the brink of destruction. Yet, like the hero of "Still Dancing," Idol continued to believe in the transformative power of music.

His recent years have been marked by a remarkable creative resurgence. The Roadside and The Cage EPs demonstrated his continued musical vitality, while collaborations with artists like Miley Cyrus showed his ability to connect with new generations of musicians. The formation of Generation Sex, a supergroup featuring members of Generation X and the Sex Pistols, further cemented his ongoing relevance in the punk rock world.

The upcoming Houston performance is more than just a concert – it's a celebration of survival, creativity, and the enduring spirit of rock 'n' roll. Fans can expect a setlist that spans his entire career, from Generation X punk anthems to his biggest MTV-era hits and new material from "Dream Into It." The presence of Joan Jett & the Blackhearts ensures that the energy will be nothing short of explosive.

Adding to the excitement, Idol has been nominated for the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame's Class of 2025 – a recognition of his profound impact on popular music. Fan voting is open through April 21st, with inductees to be announced at the end of the month, adding an extra layer of anticipation to this already momentous tour.

The album's track list reads like a musical journey: "Dream Into It," "77" (featuring Avril Lavigne), "Too Much Fun," "John Wayne" (with Alison Mosshart), "Wildside" (featuring Joan Jett), and more. Each song promises to offer a different facet of Idol's musical personality – from punk rebel to pop icon to introspective artist.

For those lucky enough to attend the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion show, this will be more than a concert. It will be a chance to witness a true rock 'n' roll icon at the height of his powers – still dancing, still believing, still creating music that speaks to the rebellious spirit in all of us.

Tickets for Billy Idol's performance are available through standard ticketing platforms, with fans encouraged to check billyidol.net/tour for complete tour information and details about the new album "Dream Into It." This is more than a show – it's a celebration of a musical journey that continues to inspire and

electrify.


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Rock Legends Cheap Trick Prepare to Unleash Decades of Musical Magic at Sugar Land Concert

By Robert Wilkins

The heartland of rock 'n' roll is set to descend upon Sugar Land as Cheap Trick prepares to take the stage at the Smart Financial Centre on Thursday, April 17th, promising an evening that will transport audiences through five decades of musical innovation, passion, and unbridled rock energy. This is more than just a concert – it's a musical journey that encapsulates the very essence of American rock, told by four musicians who have become nothing short of living legends.

The story of Cheap Trick is as quintessentially American as the music they create. Emerging from the industrial city of Rockford, Illinois, in the mid-1970s, the band began as a modest musical project that would soon transform the landscape of rock music forever. Rick Nielsen and Tom Petersson's musical partnership originated in Fuse, a late-1960s band that underwent multiple transformations before becoming Cheap Trick. The addition of drummer Bun E. Carlos and vocalist Robin Zander completed the original lineup that would soon take the music world by storm.

Their early years were characterized by relentless determination and an uncompromising musical vision. Between 1975 and their first album in 1977, Cheap Trick was a perpetual motion machine, playing over 200 concerts annually and opening for some of the biggest names in rock – the Kinks, Kiss, Santana, AC/DC, and Queen. This grueling touring schedule wasn't just about paying dues; it was about honing a sound that would become uniquely their own – a perfect fusion of British pop craftsmanship, power chord intensity, and a delightfully irreverent sense of musical humor.

The band's initial albums – their self-titled debut in 1977 and "In Color" later that same year – might not have immediately conquered the American charts, but they discovered an unexpected homeland of musical appreciation in Japan. While struggling to make significant inroads in the United States,

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Cheap Trick

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Cheap Trick became virtual superstars in Japan, with concerts selling out within hours and the Budokan Arena packed to the rafters with adoring fans.

Their breakthrough came with the live album "At Budokan" in 1979, a record that would become a pivotal moment in their career. The album stayed on the charts for over a year, eventually selling more than three million copies and launching them into the mainstream with their first Top Ten hit, a live version of "I Want You to Want Me." This was followed by the studio album "Dream Police," which continued their ascent, producing Top 40 hits like "Voices" and the title track.

The decades that followed were a testament to the band's remarkable resilience. Through lineup changes, shifting musical landscapes, and the challenges of maintaining relevance in an ever-evolving industry, Cheap Trick consistently defied expectations. Their ability to reinvent themselves while maintaining their core musical identity is perhaps their greatest achievement. They've been embraced by multiple generations of musicians, with alternative rock bands like The Smashing Pumpkins championing their legacy and inviting them to open tours in the mid-1990s.

Their 2016 induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame was less a culmination and more a recognition of their ongoing musical significance. The ceremony concluded with a performance that Rolling Stone described as "smoking," with Robin Zander hitting notes that seemed untouched by time. This was no farewell performance, but a declaration of continued musical vitality.

The current lineup – Robin Zander on vocals and rhythm guitar, Rick Nielsen on lead guitar, Tom Petersson on bass guitar, and Daxx Nielsen on drums – represents a perfect blend of original members and family legacy. Daxx Nielsen, Rick's son, joined the band in 2010, bringing a new generation's energy



to their sound while maintaining the band's core musical DNA.

Their recent musical output continues to challenge the notion that rock bands have an expiration date. The 2021 album "In Another World" debuted at #1 on the Billboard Rock Chart, a remarkable achievement that speaks volumes about their continued relevance. Critics have been effusive in their praise, with Paste magazine declaring them "a model of freakish consistency" and noting that they are virtually unique in their ability to produce vital, energetic music decades into their career.

The upcoming Sugar Land performance is more than just a concert – it's a celebration of musical endurance, artistic integrity, and the transformative power of rock 'n' roll. Fans can expect a comprehensive journey through the band's extensive catalog, from early classics like "He's A Whore" and "Dream Police" to more recent tracks that demonstrate their continued musical evolution.

Their musical influence cannot be overstated. Cheap Trick provided crucial links between 1960s pop, heavy metal, and punk, creating a sound that would influence countless bands in alternative and heavy metal scenes throughout the 1980s and 1990s. They demonstrated that rock music could be simultaneously intelligent, melodic, powerful, and playful – a combination that has become their enduring legacy.

The band has sold over 20 million records and achieved more than 40 international gold and platinum certifications, numbers that only tell part of their story. Their true impact lies in their ability to connect with audiences, to create music that transcends generational boundaries, and to maintain an authenticity that has been the hallmark of their entire career.

As they prepare to take the stage in Sugar Land, Cheap Trick stands as a living testament to the enduring spirit of rock 'n' roll. They are more than survivors; they are innovators, influencers, and true musical pioneers. This concert is an opportunity to witness a band that has not just participated in rock history, but has actively shaped it.

For those fortunate enough to attend the Smart Financial Centre show, this will be more than a concert. It will be a journey through the heart of American rock music, guided by four musicians who have dedicated their lives to creating something truly extraordinary. Cheap Trick isn't just performing – they're continuing to write their remarkable musical story, one electrifying performance at a time.



Soul Legend Malford Milligan Brings Electrifying Blues to Bacliff's Katie's Bar

By Troy Wilson

The legendary Malford Milligan is set to transform Katie's Bar in Bacliff on April 25th into a temple of soul and blues, bringing his signature powerful vocals and decades of musical expertise to the stage. As an eight-time Austin Music Awards "Best Vocalist," Milligan represents the heart and soul of Texas music, transcending genres and telling stories through his extraordinary musical journey.

Born in Taylor, Texas, on March 29, 1959, Milligan's path to musical stardom is as unique as his powerful voice. As an albino Black artist, he navigated the complex landscape of America's racial dynamics while forging an incredible musical career. What began as occasional blues jam sessions at Antone's Nightclub in Austin evolved into a remarkable musical odyssey that has touched the hearts of music lovers across multiple genres.

Milligan first caught the music world's attention in the 1990s as the frontman of Storyville, a Texas supergroup that included musicians from Stevie Ray Vaughan's legendary Double Trouble band. Though the group released three critically acclaimed albums, it was Milligan's soul-stirring vocals that truly set them apart. His ability to blend raw emotion with technical mastery quickly made him a sought-after session singer and collaborator.

Throughout his career, Milligan has worked with an impressive roster of musical icons. From touring with Eric Johnson to recording with Marcia Ball and Alejandro Escovedo, he has consistently pushed the boundaries of blues, soul, and rock. His musical versatility is evident in projects like the Boneshakers, his solo work, and even gospel albums that showcase his spiritual depth.

Drawing comparisons to soul legends like Otis Redding and Al Green, Milligan brings a vocal power that is both raw and refined. His performances are more than just musical events; they are storytelling sessions that capture the essence of Texas blues and soul. At Katie's Bar, audiences can expect an evening of music that spans decades of experience, featuring songs that range from heart-wrenching blues to uplifting rock and soul.

In recent years, Milligan has continued to evolve as an artist. He has collaborated with international musicians, including Dutch producer Jack Hustinx, and formed new bands like the Milligan Vaughan Project. His most recent album, "I Was A Witness," released in 2021, demonstrates his ongoing commitment to musical innovation and emotional depth.

The upcoming performance at Katie's Bar represents more than just a concert—it's a celebration of a lifetime dedicated to music. Fans can anticipate an intimate evening where every note tells a story, every lyric resonates with emotion, and the spirit of Texas blues comes alive through one of its most authentic voices.

Tickets for this extraordinary performance are limited, and music lovers are encouraged to arrive early. This is not just a concert, but a rare opportunity to witness a true musical legend in an intimate setting. Malford Milligan continues to prove that great music knows no boundaries, transcending age, race, and genre to touch the very soul of those who listen.

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The Fall of Troy

Math Rock Pioneers The Fall of Troy Set to Electrify Houston's Warehouse Live Midtown

By Robert Wilkins

In a highly anticipated event for Houston's post-hardcore and progressive rock fans, pioneering math rock outfit The Fall of Troy is scheduled to bring their intricate soundscapes and frenetic energy to Warehouse Live Midtown on May 3rd.. The Washington-based trio, known for their technical prowess and genre-defying approach, continues to captivate audiences with their unique blend of melodic intricacy and raw intensity.

The Fall of Troy's appearance at the intimate Warehouse Live Midtown venue marks a significant moment for Houston's alternative music scene, offering fans a rare opportunity to experience the band's complex compositions and energetic performance style in a close setting. With their reputation for delivering explosive live shows, this performance is expected to draw dedicated followers from across Texas and neighboring states.

Founded in 2002 in Mukilteo, Washington, The Fall of Troy quickly distinguished themselves in the post-hardcore landscape with their 2003 self-titled debut album. However, it was their sophomore effort, 2005's "Doppelgänger," that catapulted the band to cult status among fans of technical and progressive rock. The album's intricate guitar work, unpredictable song structures, and the dynamic interplay between melody and dissonance established the band as innovators in the math rock genre.

"What makes The Fall of Troy so special is their ability to balance technical complexity with genuine emotion and energy," notes music journalist Derek Simmons. "They're one of those rare bands that can impress you with their instrumental virtuosity while still making you feel something visceral."

The band's current lineup features founding members Thomas Erak (guitar, vocals) and Andrew Forsman (drums), alongside bassist Jon-Henry Batts, who joined the group in 2016 following the departure of original bassist Tim Ward. Despite these changes, The Fall of Troy has maintained the distinctive sound that earned them a devoted following.

The Houston show comes as part of the band's continuing evolution since their reunion in 2013. After disbanding in 2010 following the release of their fourth album "In the Unlikely Event," The Fall of Troy reunited for a series of special performances in Austin, Texas, where they played their first three albums in their entirety over three consecutive nights. This reunion sparked renewed creativity, leading to the release of their fifth album "OK" in 2016, which they self-released through a pay-what-you-want model.

In 2020, the band released "Mukiltearth," an album that bridges their past and present. The record features re-recorded tracks from their earliest days when they performed as The 30 Years War, alongside newly written material. This connection to their roots while continuing to push forward creatively exemplifies the band's artistic approach.

"The Fall of Troy represents the best aspects of the post-hardcore and math rock scenes," explains Houston music promoter Lisa Garza. "They've maintained their artistic integrity throughout their career, whether that meant taking extended breaks, self-releasing albums, or revisiting their earliest material. That authenticity resonates with fans, especially in today's music landscape."

The band's influence extends far beyond their commercial success. Their complex guitar riffs, unconventional time signatures, and seamless transitions between melodic passages and dissonance have inspired countless bands in the math rock, post-hardcore, and progressive metal scenes. Erak's distinctive guitar style, combining technical finger-tapping techniques with rhythmic chord work, has been particularly influential for a generation of guitarists.

For fans attending the Warehouse Live Midtown show, expectations are high for a setlist spanning the band's entire discography. Known for their high-energy performances, The Fall of Troy typically delivers a dynamic mix of fan favorites from "Doppelgänger" such as "F.C.P.R.E.M.I.X." and "Whacko Jacko Steals the Elephant Man's Bones," alongside tracks from their more recent releases.

"Their live shows are something you have to experience to fully understand," says longtime fan and Houston resident Michael Chen.

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"The level of musicianship is incredible, and there's this controlled chaos that makes every performance feel unique. The way Thomas plays guitar while singing such complex parts has to be seen to be believed."

The Fall of Troy's musical style draws from diverse influences, including local Seattle bands like Botch, The Blood Brothers, and Sunny Day Real Estate, as well as post-hardcore pioneers At the Drive-In. They've also cited mathcore group The Dillinger Escape Plan as a significant influence, with drummer Andrew Forsman specifically mentioning Billy Rymer as an inspiration. These varied influences contribute to their distinctive sound that defies easy categorization.

The band's approach to the music industry has been as unconventional as their sound. After parting ways with Equal Vision Records following "In the Unlikely Event," they embraced independence, self-releasing "OK" and its companion pieces "OK#2," "OK#3.1," and "OK#3.2"—alternate and instrumental versions of the album. This DIY ethos resonates with many fans who appreciate the band's commitment to artistic freedom.

In 2018, a trailer leaked for a documentary about the band's reunion tour, filmed in partnership with AudioTree. While the documentary hasn't been released due to issues with release forms and editing, it speaks to the ongoing interest in the band's journey and creative process.

Warehouse Live Midtown provides an ideal setting for The Fall of Troy's performance style. The venue's intimate atmosphere and quality sound system will allow fans to fully appreciate the technical nuances of the band's compositions while experiencing the raw energy of their live show. The space has hosted numerous notable alternative acts and has a reputation for creating memorable concert experiences.

Local music enthusiasts are particularly excited about the show's potential to energize Houston's post-hardcore and progressive rock community. "Performances like this help keep the scene vibrant," notes local radio host Samantha Williams. "The Fall of Troy appeals to musicians and music lovers who appreciate complexity and passion in equal measure. Their shows tend to bring together diverse crowds united by a love of adventurous music."

For younger fans who might be experiencing The Fall of Troy live for the first time, the show represents an opportunity to connect with a band that helped define experimental post-hardcore in the 2000s. For longtime followers, it's a chance to revisit the soundtrack to their formative years while experiencing how the band continues to evolve.

As The Fall of Troy prepares to take the stage at Warehouse Live Midtown, they carry with them not just a legacy of influential albums and memorable performances, but also a reputation for authenticity and artistic integrity that has sustained them through lineup changes, industry shifts, and evolving musical landscapes. For Houston music fans, this upcoming performance promises to be a highlight of the season.

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Memphis May Fire Brings "The Shapeshifter Tour" to Houston's Warehouse Live Midtown

By Robert Wilkins

Metalcore powerhouse Memphis May Fire is set to ignite Houston's Warehouse Live Midtown on April 18th as part of their highly anticipated "The Shapeshifter Tour," supporting their recently released eighth studio album. The Nashville-based band's return to the Bayou City marks a significant moment for Texas metal fans, as the group brings their explosive live show back to the state where they first formed nearly two decades ago.

Released on March 28th through Rise Records, "Shapeshifter" represents the next evolution in Memphis May Fire's sound while staying true to the hard-hitting, emotionally charged approach that has earned them a dedicated following. The album's title track and lead single has already generated significant buzz among fans with its powerful message and intense delivery.

"'Shapeshifter' reflects the struggle of wrestling with identities and the need to confront the masks we wear," explains frontman Matty Mullins. "This track, and the entire album, is about exposing those parts of ourselves we often keep hidden. It's a journey through the layers of deception, self-reflection, and the struggle to find what's genuine in a world full of pretense. We wanted 'Shapeshifter' to embody that feeling of losing and finding yourself, over and over, until you finally see what's real."

The Houston performance at Warehouse Live Midtown promises to be particularly meaningful for the band. Though now Nashville-based, Memphis May Fire was originally formed in Texas back in 2006, making this something of a homecoming show. The venue's intimate setting will allow fans to experience the band's renowned high-energy performance up close, with the technical precision and emotional intensity that have become hallmarks of their live shows.

"Bringing this tour to Texas, where it all began for us, feels like coming full circle," says guitarist Kellen McGregor, the band's sole remaining founding member and the producer of their latest album. "Houston crowds always bring incredible energy, and we can't wait to share these new songs with everyone at Warehouse Live."

The new album follows a succession of singles released throughout the past year, including "Chaotic," "Paralyzed," "Infection," "Hell Is Empty," and "Necessary Evil," all of which showcased the band's evolution while maintaining their signature sound. "Shapeshifter" builds on the momentum of 2022's "Remade in Misery," which saw the band return to their heavier roots and was widely embraced by longtime fans.

Memphis May Fire's journey has been one of persistence and growth. After operating briefly under the name Oh Captain, My Captain, the band emerged in 2009 with their punishing debut album

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"Sleepwalking" on Trustkill Records. They hit their commercial stride in 2014 with their fourth album "Unconditional," which debuted at an impressive number four on the Billboard 200 and claimed the top spot on the Alternative Albums chart.

Throughout numerous lineup changes over the years, the band has maintained their artistic vision and commitment to authentic expression. Currently, the group consists of Mullins on vocals, McGregor on guitar, bassist Cory Elder, and drummer Jake Garland, who joined in 2011. This lineup has developed a chemistry that translates into their cohesive and explosive live performances.

Mullins, who joined the band in 2009, has become known for his willingness to address personal struggles with anxiety and depression through his lyrics. This vulnerability has resonated deeply with fans, many of whom find solace and understanding in the band's music. The new album continues this tradition of emotional honesty while expanding their sonic palette.

"Metal music has always been a outlet for processing difficult emotions," notes music journalist Alicia Reynolds. "What sets Memphis May Fire apart is Mullins' ability to balance raw vulnerability with strength and hope. Their live shows become almost cathartic experiences for many fans."

The current tour finds Memphis May Fire at the height of their powers, following successful runs supporting "Remade in Misery" alongside bands like Asking Alexandria and Atreyu. The headlining "Shapeshifter Tour" allows them to present a fuller setlist that spans their entire catalog while highlighting material from the new record.

Fans attending the Houston show can expect a dynamic set that showcases the diversity of the band's sound, from crushing breakdowns and technical riffing to soaring choruses and moments of atmospheric respite. The production is expected to feature an impressive light show and visual elements that complement the intensity of the music.

"We've put a lot of thought into creating an immersive experience for this tour," Mullins shared in a recent interview. "The themes of transformation and identity in 'Shapeshifter' have inspired some really interesting visual concepts that we're bringing to life on stage."

The band's evolution from their metalcore roots to a more expansive sound has allowed them to build bridges between different segments of the heavy music community. Their ability to balance technical prowess with accessibility has earned them crossover appeal while maintaining credibility among core metal fans.

Industry analyst Marcus Peterson observes, "Memphis May Fire has managed something quite difficult in today's fragmented music landscape—they've evolved their sound without alienating their original fan base. The new album continues that balancing act, bringing in some fresh elements while delivering the intensity their listeners expect."

Following their Houston performance, the band will continue "The Shapeshifter Tour" across the United States, with shows scheduled through late spring. The tour represents an important chapter for Memphis May Fire as they support what could be their most definitive work to date.

Local metal fans have expressed excitement about the band's return to Houston, with tickets selling briskly since the announcement. The city's metal community has long embraced Memphis May Fire, dating back to their early days touring through Texas.

"Houston has always been a stronghold for metalcore and post-hardcore music," notes local promoter David Chen. "Memphis May Fire connects with audiences here because there's an authenticity to what they do. They're technically impressive musicians, but there's genuine emotion behind every note."

For McGregor, who produced "Shapeshifter" himself, the album and tour represent the culmination of years of musical evolution. "This record feels like a culmination of everything we've learned over the years," he stated when announcing the album. "We pushed ourselves to create something that honors our roots while moving forward creatively."

As Memphis May Fire prepares to take the stage at Warehouse Live Midtown on April 18th, they carry with them not just new music but a renewed sense of purpose. For Houston metal fans, the show promises to be a highlight of the spring concert season—a chance to experience one of metalcore's most enduring acts in an intimate setting as they continue to redefine themselves and their music.



Soul Coughing: Cult Alt-Rock Legends Resurrect 90s Magic with Explosive Comeback Tour and Live Album

By Nathan Pugh

In a triumphant return that many thought would never happen, Soul Coughing is set to reignite the alternative music scene with their upcoming North American tour and the release of their first-ever official live album, "LIVE 2024". The band will bring their legendary sound to Houston's White Oak Music Hall on April 16, promising an evening that will transport fans back to the most innovative era of 1990s alternative rock while proving that their musical vision remains as vital and vibrant as ever.

The story of Soul Coughing is one of musical rebellion and unconventional creativity. Formed in the heart of New York City's downtown scene in 1992, the band emerged as a revolutionary force that defied traditional genre boundaries. Led by the poetic and enigmatic Mike Doughty, Soul Coughing was never content to follow musical conventions. Doughty, a military brat turned music critic and doorman at the legendary Knitting Factory, assembled a group of musicians who would become synonymous with a new kind of experimental sound.

The original lineup - Mike Doughty on vocals and guitar, Mark degli Antoni on keyboards and sampler, Sebastian Steinberg on bass, and Yuval Gabay on drums - represented a perfect storm of musical innovation. Their sound was a mind-bending mixture of jazz improvisation, hip-hop rhythms, electronic sampling, and beat poetry that critics struggled to categorize. Doughty himself described their style as "deep slacker jazz," a term that barely scratched the surface of their musical complexity.

Their debut album, "Ruby Vroom," released in 1994, immediately set them apart from their contemporaries. Named after producer Mitchell Froom's daughter, the album was a sonic collage that challenged listeners' expectations. Tracks like "Screenwriter's Blues" and "Down to This" became college radio staples, introducing audiences to a sound that was simultaneously cerebral and visceral. The band's approach was so unique that they found themselves grouped with other experimental bands like Morphine, the Eels, and Cake - groups that pushed the boundaries of alternative rock.

The band's subsequent albums, "Irresistible Bliss" in 1996 and "El Oso" in 1998, further cemented their reputation as musical innovators. Songs like "Soundtrack to Mary," "Super Bon Bon," and "Circles" demonstrated their ability to create music that was both intellectually challenging and unexpectedly catchy. They contributed to iconic soundtracks, including tracks for "The X-Files" and "Batman & Robin," expanding their reach beyond traditional album releases.

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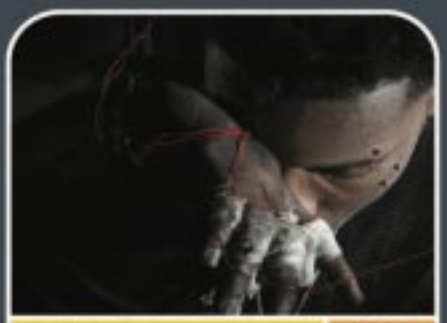
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Soul Coughing: Cult Alt-Rock Legends

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devoted fan base, Soul Coughing never achieved mainstream commercial success. Their music was too avant-garde for top-40 radio, yet too compelling to be ignored. The band's breakup in March 2000 seemed to be the end of a brief but brilliant musical chapter. Each member pursued individual projects: Doughty battled personal demons and launched a solo career, degli Antoni scored independent films, while Steinberg and Gabay continued to collaborate in various musical projects.

The band's reunion tour last fall was nothing short of miraculous. After 25 years apart, they proved that their musical chemistry was as potent as ever. Variety magazine raved that "The songs sounded as forward-thinking as they did in the '90s," while WXPN described the experience as "a moment that truly felt special to witness." Their appearance on Jimmy Kimmel Live!, performing "Super Bon Bon," was a testament to their enduring musical power.

Now, with the upcoming "Soul Coughing Play The Songs Of Soul Coughing Again" tour, fans will have the opportunity to relive the band's most iconic moments. The tour kicks off on April 9 in Memphis and will traverse 14 cities, culminating in a performance at Port Chester, NY's historic Capitol Theatre on April 26. The accompanying live album, "LIVE 2024," captures the raw energy of their reunion, featuring 21 tracks that span their entire catalog.

The album, set for release on April 4, 2025, will be available on CD, 2LP vinyl, and all digital streaming platforms. It's more than just a recording - it's a document of a band rediscovering their collective voice after decades apart. Pre-orders are already available exclusively through their website, with fans eager to own a piece of this musical resurrection.

For those who remember Soul Coughing from their 1990s heyday, the upcoming tour is a chance to reconnect with a band that soundtracked a particular moment of musical innovation. For younger listeners, it's an opportunity to discover a group that was truly ahead of its time. Their stop at White Oak Music Hall in Houston promises to be more than just a concert - it's a celebration of musical creativity, spontaneity, and the enduring power of art that refuses to be categorized.

The band's unique approach to music always set them apart. They were not just musicians, but sonic architects who built landscapes of sound that challenged and delighted in equal measure. From Doughty's stream-of-consciousness lyrics to degli Antoni's experimental sampling, from Steinberg's fluid bass lines to Gabay's dynamic drumming, Soul Coughing represented a moment of pure musical possibility.

As they prepare to take the stage once again, Soul Coughing proves that true artistic vision is timeless. Their music remains as forward-thinking and exciting now as it was three decades ago - a testament to their status as one of the most innovative bands of their generation. The upcoming tour is not just a nostalgia trip, but a vital, living testament to the enduring power of creative musical expression.




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Rising Indie Star Beabadoobee to Bring ‘This Is How Tomorrow Moves’ Tour to Houston’s 713 Music Hall

By Troy Wilson

Filipino-British indie rock sensation Beabadoobee is set to captivate Houston audiences when she takes the stage at 713 Music Hall on April 25th, bringing her distinctive blend of bedroom pop, ’90s alternative rock, and folk-inspired melodies to Texas fans.

The highly anticipated concert comes as part of her “The Space In Between Tour” supporting her upcoming third studio album, “This Is How Tomorrow Moves,” produced by legendary music producer Rick Rubin and scheduled for release in August 2024. The album’s lead single “Take a Bite” has already begun generating buzz among fans and critics alike, offering a glimpse into Beabadoobee’s evolving sound as she enters her mid-twenties with more mature reflections on personal responsibility and emotional growth.

At just 23 years old, Bea Kristi (known professionally as Beabadoobee) has established herself as one of the most compelling voices in indie music today. Since bursting onto the scene in 2017 with her viral bedroom-recorded single “Coffee,” she has amassed more than 5 billion global streams across platforms and built a dedicated Gen-Z fanbase drawn to her confessional lyrics and nostalgic musical sensibilities.

“Beabadoobee represents exactly what makes today’s indie music scene so exciting,” says music journalist and critic Maya Chen. “She has this incredible ability to channel ’90s nostalgia through a contemporary lens while maintaining an authentic voice that resonates deeply with younger listeners. Her Houston show is likely to be one of the city’s most talked-about indie performances this spring.”

The 713 Music Hall performance comes at a particularly significant moment in Beabadoobee’s career. Following the critical acclaim of her sophomore album “Beatopia,” which hit #4 on the UK Official Album Chart, and the breakout success of her 2023 single “Glue Song”—which reached the Top 40 in the UK and #12 on the US Hot Rock & Alternative Songs Chart while earning gold certification in America—Beabadoobee has firmly established herself beyond the “viral sensation” label that initially brought her attention.

Fans attending the Houston show can expect to hear tracks spanning her entire catalog, from early intimate acoustic numbers to the jangling guitar

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anthems of "Fake It Flowers" and the genre-blending explorations of "Beatopia." The setlist will likely feature hits like "Care," "Worth It," "Talk," and "10:36," alongside her TikTok viral track "the perfect pair" and her recent collaboration with Laufey, "A Night to Remember."

Born in the Philippines' Iloilo City and raised in London from the age of three, Beabadoobee's multicultural background has informed her unique artistic perspective. Her journey from feeling like an outsider at her all-girls Catholic school to becoming a globally recognized musician resonates with fans who see themselves in her story of finding identity through creative expression.

"What makes Bea so special is how she's maintained her authenticity throughout her rapid rise," explains concert promoter Jen Alvarez. "She started by recording songs in her bedroom for her friends, and even as she's grown to playing major venues and festivals like Coachella and Glastonbury, that intimate, confessional quality has remained at the heart of her music."

Houston's 713 Music Hall, with its state-of-the-art sound system and vibrant atmosphere, provides an ideal setting for Beabadoobee's dynamic performance style, which seamlessly transitions between delicate acoustic moments and full-band rock energy. The mid-sized venue allows for the kind of connection with the audience that has become a hallmark of her live shows.

Throughout her still-young career, Beabadoobee has garnered praise from major publications including The New York Times, Rolling Stone, Pitchfork, and Vogue. She was named one of Apple's Up Next artists in 2021 and was nominated for the BRITs Rising Star Award. Her musical influences are diverse, ranging from bedroom indie artists like Elliott Smith and Kimya Dawson to '90s alternative icons like Sonic Youth, Pavement, and The Cranberries.

The upcoming Houston performance follows a series of career milestones for the young artist, including a U.S. arena tour supporting Halsey, performances at major festivals, and a sold-out UK/Ireland headline tour. Her growing presence in Texas reflects her expanding American fanbase, with previous Texas shows drawing enthusiastic crowds.

Her previous Texas appearances have drawn enthusiastic crowds, and anticipation for this Houston show has been building steadily among the local indie music community as word of "The Space In Between Tour" has spread.

Music industry insiders note that Beabadoobee's rising profile represents a broader trend of bedroom pop artists transitioning successfully to mainstream recognition while maintaining their artistic integrity. Her journey from uploading a single song recorded in a friend's bedroom to headlining tours and collaborating with established artists demonstrates the changing landscape of music discovery and career development in the digital age.

As she continues to evolve as an artist, Beabadoobee's Houston performance promises to showcase both the intimate vulnerability that first connected her with fans and the expanded sonic palette she's developed through collaboration and artistic growth. For Houston music lovers, the April 25th concert represents a rare opportunity to witness a rising star at a pivotal moment in what promises to be a long and influential career.

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Eden Muñoz: From Sinaloa to Stardom - A Musical Journey Reaches Houston

By Jose Martinez

The vibrant sounds of regional Mexican music will electrify 713 Music Hall on April 12, as Eden Muñoz takes the stage in what promises to be an unforgettable evening of musical brilliance. This concert represents far more than just a performance – it's a celebration of a remarkable musical journey that has transformed the landscape of Mexican regional music, told through the story of one of the genre's most innovative and passionate artists.

Rodolfo Eden Muñoz Cantú's musical story begins in the picturesque city of Los Mochis, nestled in the state of Sinaloa, where he was born on September 25, 1990. The youngest of four siblings born to Rodolfo Muñoz and Isidora Cantú, Eden's musical path was written in the stars from an early age. When most children were learning basic skills, Eden was already embarking on a musical education that would shape his entire future.

At just eight years old, Eden's older brother Daniel became his first musical mentor, introducing him to the guitar. What began as simple family lessons quickly revealed Eden's extraordinary musical talent. The young boy didn't just learn – he absorbed music with an intensity that hinted at his future greatness. Family gatherings, local festivals, and restaurant performances became his early training ground, a crucible where his musical skills were forged.

The year 2006 marked a pivotal moment in Eden's musical journey. At just 16 years old, he was given the opportunity to join Colmillo Norteño, a professional band that would become his first significant musical home. This wasn't just a typical teenage musician's break – it was the beginning of a transformative period that would see Eden grow from a promising young talent to a true musical innovator.

During his time with Colmillo Norteño, Eden's musical horizons expanded dramatically. Not content with just being a vocalist and guitarist, he challenged himself to master the diatonic button accordion – an instrument that would become synonymous with his musical identity. The band itself was evolving, transitioning from traditional Norteño music to the more dynamic

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Norteño-Banda style, a fusion that would become a hallmark of Eden's musical approach.

In 2010, Eden's musical journey took another dramatic turn. Following differences with the other members of Colmillo Norteño, he made the bold decision to form his own group. Initially called Puro Colmillo Norteño, the band was quickly renamed Calibre 50 to avoid legal complications. This moment would prove to be the launching pad for what would become one of the most successful regional Mexican music acts of the decade.

Between 2010 and 2022, Muñoz became the driving force behind Calibre 50, serving as the band's leader, primary songwriter, producer, vocalist, and accordionist. His creative genius propelled the band to unprecedented heights, setting a record for the most No. 1 songs on the Billboard charts for a Regional Mexican band or solo artist. It was a testament to Muñoz's extraordinary musical talent and his ability to connect with audiences through deeply authentic and innovative music.

But Eden Muñoz was never content to rest on his laurels. Beyond his work with Calibre 50, he established himself as a sought-after songwriter for some of the biggest names in Mexican regional music. Artists like Alejandro Fernández, Pepe Aguilar, Cristian Nodal, Carlos Rivera, Banda MS, Yuridia, Arrolladora Banda El Limón, and Calibre 50 have all benefited from his exceptional songwriting skills. His talent has been recognized repeatedly, with two consecutive years of being named Composer of the Year by SESAC Latina and seven "Sebastiana" awards from the Sociedad de Autores y Compositores de México.





The pinnacle of his early career came in January 2022 with the release of his solo hit "Chale." The song was nothing short of a musical phenomenon, amassing over 300 million views on YouTube in record time. It broke positioning records not just in regional Mexican music, but across Latin music as a whole. The track signaled Muñoz's transition from band leader to solo artist, a move that many wondered about but few could have predicted would be so successful.

Since launching his solo career, Muñoz has continued to prove why he's considered one of the most innovative artists of his generation. His albums "La Historia Debe Continuar," "Consejos Gratis," and "Como en Los Viejos Tiempos" have further cemented his status as a musical powerhouse. The National Academy of Recording Arts and Recording in the United States has recognized him as one of the most multifaceted talents of recent times, a testament to his incredible range and musical versatility.

The upcoming concert at 713 Music Hall represents more than just a performance – it's a celebration of a musical journey that has defied expectations and redefined a genre. Fans can expect an evening that captures the raw emotion, technical brilliance, and innovative spirit that have made Eden Muñoz a true icon of Mexican regional music. From his early days learning guitar in Sinaloa to becoming a global musical sensation, Muñoz continues to prove that true artistry knows no boundaries.

Tickets for this extraordinary concert are expected to sell out quickly, reflecting the immense anticipation surrounding one of the most compelling musical acts of our time. Music lovers and fans of regional Mexican music are urged to secure their seats early for what promises to be an unforgettable night of musical excellence. Eden Muñoz isn't just performing – he's continuing to write a musical legacy that will be remembered for generations to come.



Latin Music Sensation J Balvin Brings Electrifying 'Rayo' Tour to Houston's Toyota Center

By Jose Martinez

Houston music fans are in for an extraordinary musical experience as global superstar J Balvin prepares to illuminate the Toyota Center on April 17th, 2025, as part of his groundbreaking "Back to the Rayo" North American Tour. More than just a concert, this performance represents a pivotal moment in the career of an artist who has consistently redefined the boundaries of Latin music and global pop culture.

The tour, an ambitious journey spanning 27 cities across the United States and Canada, kicked off on March 20th at State Farm Arena in Atlanta, promising audiences an immersive musical odyssey centered around Balvin's latest album "Rayo." Released on August 9th, 2024, through Capitol Records, the album is a powerful testament to Balvin's artistic evolution and his uncanny ability to create music that transcends cultural and linguistic barriers.

Balvin's musical roots run deep, tracing back to his childhood in Medellín, Colombia, where he first fell in love with the diverse sounds of rap, champeta, bachata, and reggae. Those early influences would ultimately shape his unique musical identity. From watching music videos and developing his distinctive dance moves to signing with EMI Colombia in 2009 and releasing his debut single "Ella Me Cautivó," Balvin's journey has been nothing short of remarkable. What began as a young artist's dream has blossomed into a global phenomenon that has reshaped the landscape of Latin music.

"Rayo" is more than just an album – it's a musical manifesto that Balvin describes as an "earnest need for human connection," crafted to feel more like an explosive house party than a traditional music collection. The record boasts an impressive roster of collaborators, including Chencho Corleone, Luar la L, Feid, Saiko, Bad Gyal, Zion, and many others, reflecting Balvin's collaborative spirit and his ability to create magic with fellow artists.

Critics have already praised the album's innovative approach. Thania Garcia of Variety described "Rayo" as a "polished collection of pop and reggaeton," noting that the album doesn't waste a single moment. Billboard highlighted the album's dynamic nature, praising its ability to take listeners on a "joyride" that seamlessly navigates between reggaetón, dembow, house music, and electro-pop.

The Houston concert will showcase singles that have already made waves, including "En Alta," which peaked at number 63 on Spain's song

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chart, “Polvo de Tu Vida” featuring Chencho Corleone, the infectious “Gaga” with Saiko, and “Doblexxó” featuring Feid. Each track represents a different facet of Balvin’s musical genius – a blend of infectious rhythms, innovative production, and deeply personal storytelling.

For long-time fans, the concert promises to be a celebration of Balvin’s incredible musical journey. From his breakthrough collaborations like “Sin Compromiso” with Jowell & Randy to his chart-topping hits like “Mi Gente” and his groundbreaking collaboration with Beyoncé, Balvin has consistently pushed the boundaries of Latin music. His discography reads like a musical map of his artistic growth – from “La Familia” in 2012 to the color-themed “Colores” in 2020, and the Grammy-nominated “JOSE” in 2021.

Balvin’s impact extends far beyond music. He has become a global cultural icon, recognized not just for his musical talents but also for his influence in fashion and trendsetting. His collaborations read like a who’s who of global music – working with artists like Bad Bunny, Cardi B, Selena Gomez, and Ed Sheeran, he has consistently broken down barriers between musical genres and cultural boundaries.



The Toyota Center performance will be more than just a concert – it’s a celebration of cultural identity, musical innovation, and the power of artistic expression. Fans can expect a show that combines Balvin’s trademark high-energy performance with the innovative stage design that has become his hallmark. From his early days in Medellín to becoming one of the most-streamed artists in the world, J Balvin has transformed from a local talent to a global phenomenon.



For Houston music lovers, April 17th represents a unique opportunity to witness an artist at the peak of his creative powers. The “Rayo” tour is not just a musical journey, but a testament to the transformative power of music – its ability to connect, inspire, and transcend boundaries.

As the lights dim and the first notes of “Rayo” fill the Toyota Center, audiences will be transported into the vibrant, pulsating world of J Balvin – a world where music is more than just sound, but a universal language of emotion, connection, and unbridled joy. This is more than a concert; it’s a cultural moment that promises to be etched in the memories of all who attend.

Tickets for this unmissable event are sure to be in high demand. For those looking to be part of this musical revolution, securing a spot at the Toyota Center on April 17th is not just recommended – it’s essential. J Balvin is not just performing; he’s creating a moment that will resonate long after the last note has faded.



Someone once wrote that you either is or you ain't and when it comes to blues artists that's exactly how it is. When you are listening to a good song and you get lost in both the vibe and the lyrics you are not focused on who recorded it. Something much deeper is going on. There is a soulful communication happening, one that isn't just barely touching your soul but setting you free. A deep down soulful feeling is being released. It doesn't matter if it's traditional blues or a sub-genre like blues rock that's invited you in the fact of the matter is you are receiving the message big time.

It's way cool. Terrestrial radio has a tendency to present the blues by well known artists, which there is nothing wrong with that, but that does not mean that the blues genre does not include literally thousands of additional top notch but never heard of artists. As I travel the United States on two wheels it's a street level romantic relationship that I harbor with the blues, one that causes me to continually seek it out. I am not 100% sure why. I just know that the word cool doesn't begin to do the genre justice properly. Cathy Lemons, who toured with John Lee Hooker, once said that John was magic. She would see that magic night after night on stage. John Lee would come out, sit in his chair center stage and every time mesmerize audience after audience after audience. It is my contention that the bottom line is that his soul produced works that literally thousands upon thousands of other souls related to in a big way. What else could it be? Another shining

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Cathy Lemons & John Lee Hooker

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example of getting lost in a song is the delivery of one Ms. Diunna Greenleaf. This woman not only delivers from deep within her stage presence drives the message you are hearing too. It's this contagious outpouring of real soul, real depth that spawns the foot tapping and swaying by audience members. Diunna isn't only a hit in the states but man when it comes to Europe she fills the clubs and festivals. Again, you either is or you ain't and this woman definitely is. Although John Lee and Diunna present two very different styles both reach listeners in a massive way. What I am sharing with you is not reserved for just these two greats. Name after name after name can be added to these pages. The cool thing is that you and I can find these artists all over the U.S. for starters and know too that the blues is big in country after country outside of the U.S. as well. So what is the common denominator between them? What inspires both the songwriter and the listener to such a degree that it's almost cult like? It's not age. Take the blues rocker from Cypress Texas Clay Melton. The man was literally writing and delivering blues songs in his pre-teens, I kid you not. He wasn't just performing songs at home in his garage either. In fact he was invited to perform at the annual Cajun Catfish Festival in Conroe Texas when he was just fourteen or fifteen and even at this age he blew people away and it didn't stop there. His songs landed him on the Chevrolet Main Stage at the Texas State Fair not once but three years in a row. That's very rare, three years in a row. He wasn't some young novelty act, the blues found a home within and he let it out. Audiences were like wow this is just too cool. But the coolness of the blues goes beyond stage presence, it encompasses originality. For example blues great Trudy Lynn had recorded maybe ten or twelve CDs when she decided to assemble a collection of blues favorites that her Momma and Grandmother sang at home while she was growing up. At least that is how it began. Then she was encouraged to add some of her songs but it didn't end as a family compilation. No, she got together with two of her girlfriends and they listened to blues song and after blues song from the twenties and thirties. Eventually she found the magic she was looking for and named the album "Royal Oaks Blues". Harp master Steve Krase owned a record label and not only produced the album but performed on it as well. The album climbed Billboard inside the top ten almost immediately. What's also cool about this remarkable album is that Steve had it recorded at a small independent recording studio (Red Shack) and it wasn't distributed on a major label



Noted International Blues Music Award Winner Diunna Greenleaf



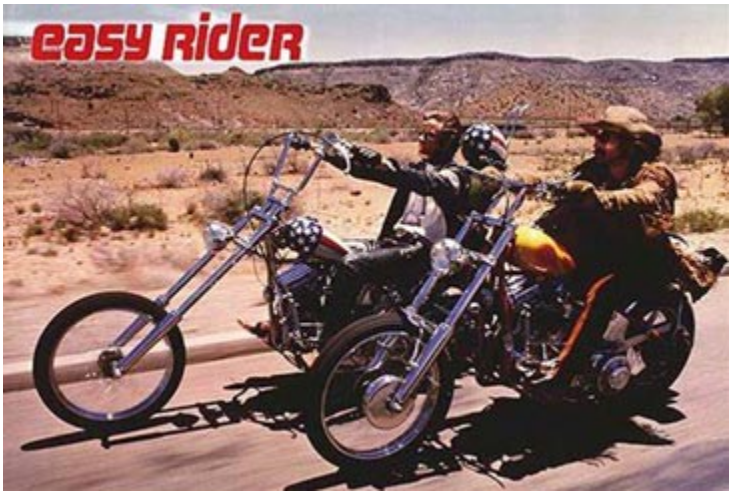
Blues Rocker Clay Melton

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either yet it zoomed right up the charts. The point being that the blues is more than the simple submission to radio and retail distribution Blues is a genre that is made up of cultural and interpersonal experiences. That's why the genre reaches so many people so deeply. Everyone understands the blues and there are many reasons why when combined with as many personalities as one might imagine. Slow blues, Dirty blues, Traditional Blues, fast songs, slow songs the bottom line being that almost every single one of the songs has a relatable story. Now about the bike part of my odyssey well like the song says "I am not going to let them get me no, I'm not going to let them get me no, the midnight rider". No I am not on the run from the law just leaving behind a routine life. God bless those that can put the same nut on the same bolt week in and week out but me well I just can't do it. I got to be free and just as Kristoferson wrote and Janis sang "freedom's just another word for nothing left to lose and nothing ain't worth nothing less it's free". Back in the famous Peter Fonda and Dennis Hopper movie "Easy Rider" there was a song that presented the lyric "I want to be a bird". It struck me that birds are free, not caged in by choice. Waylon Jennings sang about it in a song titled "Low Down Freedom". "Low down freedom you done cost me everything I'll ever be or ever own". Once I got up on two wheels and later began designing scooters they way I wanted them something connected the romance of bikes and blues. The open road was like an opiate calling me and well here I am. I had always enjoyed the blues, women, drink, smoke and good food hen when I added a custom bike well it became irresistible. There's nothing like this variety of freedom. Seeing America but not seeing it from the vantage of some high priced vacation resort etc. Instead meeting down to earth people from town to town as I moved along. Visiting blues clubs, strip joints, cigar bars and all kinds of short order restaurants. I've learned that people can be an addiction all its own. Addictions because of hospitality and no stuffy environment that puts one person above another. We're all here for a reason or reasons and for most of us are happy. The blues is not some melancholy crying in your beer type of genre, not at all. Take the "Oreo Cookie Blues" song by Lonnie Mack. Too funny! We can all relate to the humorous spin the man puts on the urges. How about Ruth Brown's "If I Can't Sell it, I'll Keep Sitting On It"? Oh man we all know what she's talking about and it's humorous as all get out.







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La Sensación de la Música Latina J Balvin Trae su Electrizante Gira 'Rayo' al Toyota Center de Houston

Por Jose Martinez

Los fanáticos de la música en Houston están a punto de vivir una experiencia musical extraordinaria mientras el superestrella global J Balvin se prepara para iluminar el Toyota Center el 17 de abril de 2025, como parte de su revolucionaria gira "Back to the Rayo" por Norteamérica. Más que un simple concierto, esta actuación representa un momento crucial en la carrera de un artista que ha redefinido constantemente los límites de la música latina y la cultura pop global.

La gira, un ambicioso viaje que abarca 27 ciudades en los Estados Unidos y Canadá, arrancó el 20 de marzo en el State Farm Arena de Atlanta, prometiendo a las audiencias una odisea musical centrada en el último álbum de Balvin, "Rayo". Lanzado el 9 de agosto de 2024 a través de Capitol Records, el álbum es un poderoso testimonio de la evolución artística de Balvin y su extraordinaria capacidad para crear música que trasciende las barreras culturales y lingüísticas.

Las raíces musicales de Balvin son profundas, remontándose a su infancia en Medellín, Colombia, donde se enamoró por primera vez de los diversos sonidos del rap, la champeta, la bachata y el reggae. Esas influencias tempranas ultimadamente darían forma a su identidad musical única. Desde ver videos musicales y desarrollar sus característicos pasos de baile hasta firmar con EMI Colombia en 2009 y lanzar su primer sencillo "Ella Me Cautivó", el viaje de Balvin ha sido extraordinario. Lo que comenzó como el sueño de un joven artista se ha convertido en un fenómeno global que ha transformado el panorama de la música latina.

"Rayo" es más que un álbum – es un manifiesto musical que Balvin describe como una "necesidad sincera de conexión humana", creado para sentirse como una fiesta explosiva más que una colección musical tradicional. El disco presume un impresionante elenco de colaboradores, incluyendo a Chencho Corleone, Luar la L, Feid, Saiko, Bad Gyal, Zion, y muchos otros, reflejando el espíritu colaborativo de Balvin y su capacidad para crear magia con otros artistas.

Los críticos ya han elogiado el enfoque innovador del álbum. Thania García de Variety lo describió como una "colección pulida de pop y reggaetón", señalando que el álbum no desperdicia ni un solo momento. Billboard destacó el carácter dinámico del álbum, elogiando su capacidad para llevar a los oyentes en un "viaje de alegría" que navega sin problemas entre el reggaetón, el dembow, la música house y el electro-pop.

El concierto en Houston presentará sencillos que ya han causado sensación, incluyendo "En Alta", que alcanzó el número 63 en la lista de España, "Polvo

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La Sensación de la Música Latina J Balvin



de Tu Vida" con Chencho Corleone, el pegajoso "Gaga" con Saiko, y "Doblexxó" con Feid. Cada canción representa una faceta diferente del genio musical de Balvin – una mezcla de ritmos infectivos, producción innovadora y narrativa profundamente personal.

Para los fans de toda la vida, el concierto promete ser una celebración del increíble viaje musical de Balvin. Desde sus colaboraciones revolucionarias como "Sin Compromiso" con Jowell & Randy hasta sus éxitos como "Mi Gente" y su innovadora colaboración con Beyoncé, Balvin ha empujado constantemente los límites de la música latina. Su discografía es como un mapa musical de su crecimiento artístico – desde "La Familia" en 2012 hasta el temático por colores "Colores" en 2020, y el nominado al Grammy "JOSE" en 2021.

El impacto de Balvin se extiende más allá de la música. Se ha convertido en un ícono cultural global, reconocido no solo por sus talentos musicales sino también por su influencia en la moda y la creación de tendencias. Sus colaboraciones son como un quién es quién de la música global – trabajando con artistas como Bad Bunny, Cardi B, Selena Gomez y Ed Sheeran, ha derribado constantemente las barreras entre géneros musicales y fronteras culturales.

La actuación en el Toyota Center será más que un concierto – es una celebración de la identidad cultural, la innovación musical y el poder de la expresión artística. Los fans pueden esperar un espectáculo que combine la actuación de alta energía característica de Balvin con el innovador diseño de escenario que se ha convertido en su sello distintivo. Desde sus primeros días en Medellín hasta convertirse en uno de los artistas más reproducidos del mundo, J Balvin ha pasado de ser un talento local a un fenómeno global.



Para los amantes de la música de Houston, el 17 de abril representa una oportunidad única de presenciar a un artista en el punto máximo de su poder creativo. La gira "Rayo" no es solo un viaje musical, sino un testimonio del poder transformador de la música – su capacidad para conectar, inspirar y trascender fronteras.

Mientras las luces se apagan y los primeros acordes de "Rayo" llenan el Toyota Center, el público será transportado al mundo vibrante y palpitante de J Balvin – un mundo donde la música es más que un simple sonido, sino un lenguaje universal de emoción, conexión y alegría desenfrenada. Este no es solo un concierto; es un momento cultural que promete quedarse grabado en la memoria de todos los que asistan.

Las entradas para este evento imperdible seguramente estarán en alta demanda. Para aquellos que quieran ser parte de esta revolución musical, asegurar un lugar en el Toyota Center el 17 de abril no solo es recomendable – es esencial. J Balvin no solo está actuando; está creando un momento que resonará mucho después de que el último sonido se haya desvanecido.

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Eden Muñoz: De Sinaloa a la Fama - Un Viaje Musical Llega a Houston

Por Jose Martinez

Los vibrantes sonidos de la música regional mexicana electrizarán el 713 Music Hall el 12 de abril, cuando Eden Muñoz suba al escenario en lo que promete ser una velada musical inolvidable. Este concierto representa mucho más que una simple presentación – es una celebración de un viaje musical extraordinario que ha transformado el panorama de la música regional mexicana, contado a través de la historia de uno de los artistas más innovadores y apasionados del género.

La historia musical de Rodolfo Eden Muñoz Cantú comienza en la pintoresca ciudad de Los Mochis, enclavada en el estado de Sinaloa, donde nació el 25 de septiembre de 1990. El más joven de cuatro hermanos, hijo de Rodolfo Muñoz e Isidora Cantú, el camino musical de Eden estaba escrito en las estrellas desde muy temprana edad. Mientras la mayoría de los niños estaban aprendiendo habilidades básicas, Eden ya estaba iniciando una educación musical que definiría su futuro entero.

A los apenas ocho años, el hermano mayor de Eden, Daniel, se convirtió en su primer mentor musical, introduciéndolo a la guitarra. Lo que comenzó como simples lecciones familiares pronto reveló el extraordinario talento musical de Eden. El joven no solo aprendía – absorbía la música con una intensidad que auguraba su futura grandeza. Las reuniones familiares, festivales locales y actuaciones en restaurantes se convirtieron en su terreno de entrenamiento temprano, un crisol donde se forjaron sus habilidades musicales.

El año 2006 marcó un momento fundamental en el viaje musical de Eden. Con solo 16 años, se le presentó la oportunidad de unirse a Colmillo Norteño, una banda profesional que se convertiría en su primer hogar musical significativo. No era un simple avance de un músico adolescente – era el inicio de un período transformador que vería a Eden crecer de un talento prometedor a un verdadero innovador musical.

Durante su tiempo en Colmillo Norteño, los horizontes musicales de Eden se expandieron dramáticamente. No conforme con ser simplemente vocalista y guitarrista, se desafió a sí mismo para dominar el acordeón diatónico de botones – un instrumento que se convertiría en sinónimo de su identidad musical. La banda misma estaba evolucionando, transitando de la música norteña tradicional al más

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dinámico estilo Norteño-Banda, una fusión que se convertiría en sello distintivo del enfoque musical de Eden.

En 2010, el viaje musical de Eden dio otro giro dramático. Tras diferencias con los otros miembros de Colmillo Norteño, tomó la decisión audaz de formar su propio grupo. Inicialmente llamado Puro Colmillo Norteño, la banda fue rápidamente renombrada Calibre 50 para evitar complicaciones legales. Este momento resultaría ser la plataforma de lanzamiento para lo que se convertiría en una de las agrupaciones de música regional mexicana más exitosas de la década.

Entre 2010 y 2022, Muñoz se convirtió en la fuerza impulsora detrás de Calibre 50, desempeñándose como líder de la banda, compositor principal, productor, vocalista y acordeonista. Su genio creativo impulsó a la banda a alturas sin precedentes, estableciendo un récord de la mayor cantidad de canciones número uno en las listas de Billboard para una banda o artista de música regional mexicana. Era un testimonio del extraordinario talento musical de Muñoz y su capacidad para conectar con las audiencias a través de una música profundamente auténtica e innovadora.

Pero Eden Muñoz nunca estuvo satisfecho con quedarse quieto. Más allá de su trabajo con Calibre 50, se estableció como un compositor muy solicitado para algunos de los nombres más grandes de la música regional mexicana. Artistas como Alejandro Fernández, Pepe Aguilar, Cristian Nodal, Carlos Rivera, Banda MS, Yuridia, Arrolladora Banda El Limón y Calibre 50 se han beneficiado de sus excepcionales habilidades para componer. Su talento ha sido reconocido repetidamente, con dos años consecutivos siendo nombrado Compositor del Año por SESAC Latina y siete premios "Sebastiana" de la Sociedad de Autores y Compositores de México.





El punto culminante de su carrera temprana llegó en enero de 2022 con el lanzamiento de su éxito en solitario "Chale". La canción fue poco menos que un fenómeno musical, acumulando más de 300 millones de vistas en YouTube en tiempo récord. Rompió récords de posicionamiento no solo en la música regional mexicana, sino en toda la música latina. La pista señaló la transición de Muñoz de líder de banda a artista en solitario, un movimiento sobre el que muchos especularon pero pocos pudieron predecir que sería tan exitoso.

Desde el lanzamiento de su carrera en solitario, Muñoz ha continuado demostrando por qué se le considera uno de los artistas más innovadores de su generación. Sus álbumes "La Historia Debe Continuar", "Consejos Gratis" y "Como en Los Viejos Tiempos" han consolidado aún más su estatus como una potencia musical. La Academia Nacional de Artes y Grabación de Estados Unidos lo ha reconocido como uno de los talentos más multifacéticos de los últimos tiempos, un testimonio de su increíble rango y versatilidad musical.

El próximo concierto en 713 Music Hall representa más que una simple presentación – es una celebración de un viaje musical que ha desafiado expectativas y redefinido un género. Los fans pueden esperar una velada que capture la emoción cruda, la brillantez técnica y el espíritu innovador que han convertido a Eden Muñoz en un verdadero ícono de la música regional mexicana. Desde sus primeros días aprendiendo guitarra en Sinaloa hasta convertirse en una sensación musical global, Muñoz continúa demostrando que el verdadero arte no conoce fronteras.

Las entradas para este extraordinario concierto se espera que se agoten rápidamente, reflejando la inmensa anticipación que rodea a una de las propuestas musicales más fascinantes de nuestro tiempo. Amantes de la música y fans de la música regional mexicana están urgidos a asegurar sus asientos con anticipación para lo que promete ser una noche inolvidable de excelencia musical. Eden Muñoz no solo está actuando – está continuando escribiendo un legado musical que será recordado por generaciones.



Los Acosta Traerán Décadas de Éxitos al Arena Theatre de Houston

Por Jose Martinez

Los amantes de la música latina en Houston están de enhorabuena, ya que la emblemática agrupación mexicana Los Acosta se presentará en el Arena Theatre el próximo 12 de abril, trayendo consigo su inconfundible mezcla de baladas románticas, cumbia y música regional mexicana a la Ciudad Bayou. Esta presentación marca una parada destacada en su actual gira por Estados Unidos, brindando a los fanáticos de Houston una oportunidad única para disfrutar en vivo de la banda que ha cautivado a audiencias en toda Latinoamérica por más de tres décadas.

Fundada en 1979 en San Luis Potosí, México, Los Acosta se ha consolidado como uno de los grupos más perdurables e influyentes de la música popular mexicana. Liderados por los hermanos Ricardo, Ernesto, Sergio y Carlos Acosta, la agrupación ha evolucionado continuamente su sonido mientras mantiene la profundidad emocional y la calidad musical que los catapultó a la fama a finales de los años 80.

"Houston siempre ha recibido a Los Acosta con un calor increíble", señala la promotora de conciertos local Elena Sánchez. "Su música trasciende generaciones, y esperamos una audiencia diversa, desde seguidores de toda la vida que los han seguido desde los años 80 hasta jóvenes que están descubriendo su música a través de sus padres, plataformas de streaming o redes sociales".

El camino de Los Acosta hacia el estrellato comenzó en el peculiar distrito de San Sebastián en San Luis Potosí, donde inicialmente se presentaban bajo el nombre

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de “Diablo del Rock” en un festival organizado por un periódico local. Después de años de desarrollo, cambios en la alineación y grabaciones independientes, fueron fichados por Discos Gas en 1986, adoptando oficialmente el nombre de Los Acosta. Su gran oportunidad llegó en 1988 cuando fueron descubiertos por Héctor Manuel Maho y firmaron con Discos Peerless, lanzando una serie de éxitos que definirían su carrera.

El ambiente íntimo del Arena Theatre, con su escenario giratorio, proporciona un lugar ideal para el estilo de interpretación de Los Acosta, que equilibra números de baile enérgicos con baladas emotivas. El diseño circular del teatro garantiza que cada asiento ofrezca una excelente vista, permitiendo a los fanáticos conectar con la banda independientemente de su ubicación.

“Lo que hace especial a Los Acosta es su capacidad para crear una conexión emocional con el público”, explica el periodista musical Carlos Mendoza. “Canciones como ‘Tonto Corazón’, ‘Una Chica Está Llorando’ y ‘Como Una Novela’ no son solo éxitos, son la banda sonora de los momentos más significativos en la vida de las personas. Cuando se interpretan en vivo, estas canciones adquieren una calidad casi ceremonial”.

La significativa comunidad mexicano-americana de Houston ha contribuido a que la ciudad sea una parada regular para las principales giras de música latina. La próxima presentación en el Arena Theatre continúa esta tradición, ofreciendo a los fanáticos locales la oportunidad de experimentar la magia del espectáculo en vivo de Los Acosta en un recinto acústicamente superior conocido por albergar a artistas legendarios.

Los asistentes al concierto del 12 de abril pueden esperar un recorrido completo por el extenso catálogo de la banda. Sus repertorios típicamente incluyen éxitos tempranos como “Sin Razón” y “Borracho De Tristeza”, favoritos de su etapa media como “Tiene Apenas 16” y “Deja Una Rosa En Tu Balcón”, y material más reciente, incluyendo temas de su álbum de 2021 “Corazones Solitarios”.

A lo largo de su carrera, Los Acosta ha demostrado una notable versatilidad y disposición para evolucionar. Manteniendo su esencia romántica, han experimentado con varios estilos, incluyendo pop, cumbia, mambo, bolero y norteño. Fueron pioneros del estilo “onda grupera”, un enfoque innovador que combina la música mexicana tradicional con instrumentos eléctricos. En años recientes, han continuado innovando, incursionando en la música regional mexicana y lanzando versiones mariachi de algunos de sus éxitos clásicos.

“Pocas bandas han mostrado la adaptabilidad de Los Acosta”, señala la historiadora de música latina Alejandra Torres. “Han logrado mantenerse relevantes a través de múltiples décadas respetando sus raíces musicales mientras exploran continuamente nuevas direcciones. Este equilibrio entre tradición e innovación es una razón importante para su longevidad”.

El liderazgo creativo de Los Acosta ha permanecido constante a lo largo de los años, con los hermanos Ricardo y Ernesto Acosta escribiendo aproximadamente el 85% del material de la banda a lo largo de su discografía. Esta consistencia creativa ha ayudado al grupo a mantener un sonido distintivo incluso mientras exploran diferentes territorios musicales.

La influencia de la banda se extiende más allá de su éxito comercial. Debido a su estética única (incluyendo su uso de maquillaje y estilo andrógino), estructura musical con modalidades menores, uso prominente de sintetizadores y baterías electrónicas, y letras que abordan temas como la tristeza y la depresión sentimental, han sido adoptados por el movimiento gótico de México. Los críticos musicales incluso han acuñado términos como “cumbia oscura” o “cumbia gótica” para describir su sonido distintivo.

A pesar de su popularidad duradera, Los Acosta ha enfrentado desafíos a lo largo de su carrera. La industria musical ha experimentado cambios dramáticos desde su formación, y la banda se ha adaptado creando su propio estudio de grabación y sello discográfico, “Audiovisa Records”. En 2018, sufrieron la pérdida del guitarrista Héctor Ojeda, quien falleció por causas naturales durante una gira por Estados Unidos. A través de todo esto, han mantenido una notable estabilidad en su alineación, con la mayoría de los miembros originales permaneciendo en el grupo, algo raro en la industria musical.

La presentación en Houston llega mientras Los Acosta continúa expandiendo sus horizontes artísticos. En los últimos años, han lanzado una serie de sencillos explorando diferentes facetas de su identidad musical, desde el controversial “La Vida De Un Gay” hasta “Motel De Paso”, que señaló su incursión en la música regional mexicana. También han revisitado algunos de sus éxitos clásicos, grabando versiones mariachi de “Como Una Novela” y “Voy A Pintar Un Corazón” que muestran estas canciones familiares bajo una nueva luz.

Para la numerosa comunidad latina de Houston, especialmente aquellos con conexiones a México, el concierto representa más que solo entretenimiento; es un punto de referencia cultural que celebra un patrimonio musical compartido. Las baladas románticas de la banda han sido la música de fondo para innumerables momentos significativos de la vida, desde primeros bailes en bodas hasta celebraciones familiares.

“La música de Los Acosta tiene un poder nostálgico para muchos inmigrantes”, explica el comentarista cultural Miguel Ramírez. “Sus canciones les recuerdan a su hogar, su juventud, momentos importantes en sus vidas. Verlos actuar en vivo es una forma de reconectar con esos recuerdos y compartir esa experiencia con familiares que pueden estar experimentando a la banda por primera vez”.

La capacidad de 2,800 asientos del Arena Theatre crea una oportunidad para una experiencia íntima con el legendario grupo, permitiendo a los fanáticos apreciar la destreza musical y la entrega emocional que han hecho de Los Acosta estrellas duraderas. La excelente acústica y las líneas de visión del recinto garantizan que los asistentes podrán apreciar plenamente la actuación de la banda desde cualquier asiento de la sala.

A lo largo de sus cuatro décadas de trayectoria, Los Acosta ha acumulado numerosos reconocimientos, incluyendo discos de Oro, Platino y Diamante por sus altas ventas. Han sido nominados dos veces al Grammy, en 2006 por el álbum “Amor Y Delirio” y en 2007 por “Siluetas”. Se han presentado en los programas de televisión más importantes tanto en México como en Estados Unidos, consolidando su estatus como uno de los actos musicales más queridos de México.

Mientras Los Acosta se prepara para subir al escenario del Arena Theatre el 12 de abril, traen consigo no solo un catálogo de queridos éxitos, sino una conexión viva con la tradición e innovación musical mexicana. Para los fanáticos de Houston, el concierto ofrece la oportunidad de experimentar de primera mano el poder perdurable de una banda que continúa cautivando a audiencias a través de generaciones.

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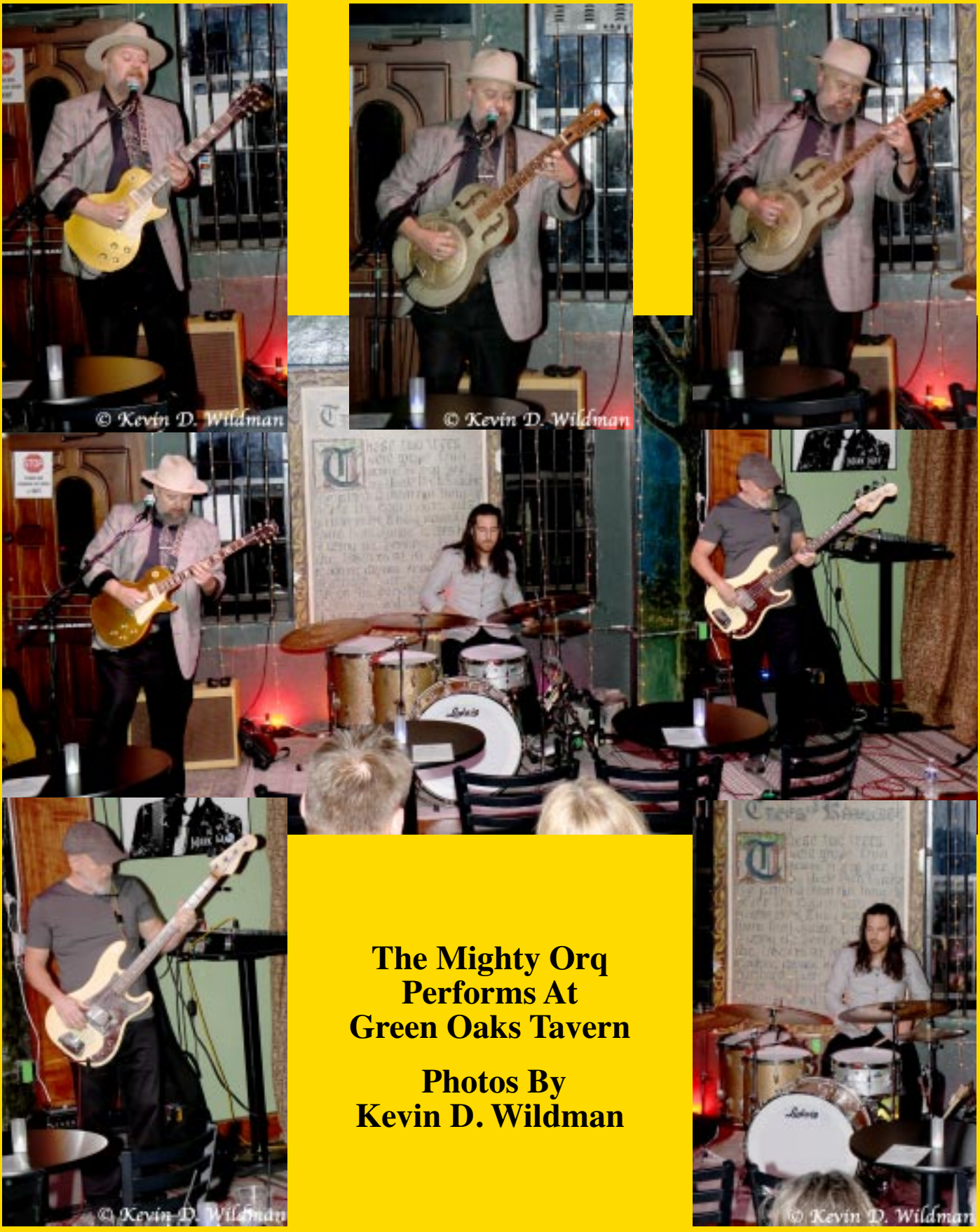


Kha•Thod•Ik Perform At The 19th Hole

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The Mighty Orq Performs At Green Oaks Tavern

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