

ROCK & ROLL HALL OF FAME LEGENDS JOURNEY ANNOUNCE THE 'FREEDOM TOUR 2022' STOP AT UBS ARENA AT BELMONT PARK ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25

THE DIAMOND-SELLING ROCK BAND WILL BE JOINED ON TOUR BY VERY SPECIAL GUESTS BILLY IDOL AND TOTO (VARIES BY DATE)



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November 15, 2021 – One of the most legendary rock bands of all time, JOURNEY, announces its Freedom Tour 2022, featuring very special guests BILLY IDOL and TOTO. The diamond-selling Rock & Roll Hall of Famers will take the stage in 40 cities across North America with their catalog of global chart-topping hits, including "Don't Stop Believin'," "Any Way You Want It," "Faithfully," "Lights," and more. The tour comes after the band previously announced a brand

new six-show Las Vegas residency, running from December 1 to December 11 at the Theater at Virgin Hotels.

Presented by AEG Presents, the **Freedom Tour 2022** begins February 22 and includes a stop at **UBS Arena at Belmont Park**, located on the border of Queens and Nassau County, on **Friday**, **February 25, 2022**. Very special guest and Rock and Roll icon **Billy Idol** will join **JOURNEY** on all dates from February 22 through April 5. Very special guest **TOTO**, who have collectively streamed more than 3.3 billion plays on Spotify alone, will join **JOURNEY** on all remaining dates beginning in San Diego on April 7.

Opening November 20, 2021, UBS Arena at Belmont Park is made for music and built for hockey. New York's newest premier entertainment and sports venue and home of the New York Islanders is developed in partnership with Oak View Group, the New York Islanders, and Jeff Wilpon. Providing a significant boost to the regional economy, especially when economic activity has been greatly impacted by the pandemic, the world-class entertainment venue, with its timeless and classic design, will bridge its iconic past with today's advanced technology and amenities.

The \$1.1 billion multi-purpose, state of the art arena will host more than 150 major events annually while delivering an unmatched live entertainment experience including clear sightlines and premier acoustics. UBS Arena is designed to hold up to 19,000 people for concerts and audiences up to 17,000 for NHL games. In an effort to build a greener future, UBS Arena intends on being carbon neutral for operations before 2024, which will make it the first arena to do so on the eastern United States seaboard.

Citi is the official card of the **JOURNEY Freedom Tour 2022**. Citi cardmembers will have access to presale tickets for US dates beginning Tuesday, November 16 at 10am local time until Thursday, November 18 at 10pm local time through Citi Entertainment. For complete presale details visit <u>www.citientertainment.com</u>. A limited number of exclusive VIP Packages are also available. These exceptional offers can include an amazing selection of reserved seated tickets, custom merchandise and much more. Tickets go on sale to the public Friday, November 19 at 10am local time via Ticketmaster unless otherwise noted.**

JOURNEY is one of rock music's most influential icons, and is set to deliver a brand-new album, FREEDOM, in 2022. This summer, the band headlined the Lollapalooza Festival in Chicago, uniting thousands of fans across generations with their decade-spanning setlist of beloved anthems. The group also rocked Central Park with "Anyway You Want It" and "Don't Stop Believin" at We Love NYC: The Homecoming Concert, in addition to honoring 9/11 first responders at the Tunnel to Towers concert in August. JOURNEY features founder Neal Schon (lead guitarist), Jonathan Cain (keyboards, backing vocals), Arnel Pineda (lead vocals) Jason Derlatka (keyboards, backing vocals), and Deen Castranovo (drums, backing vocals).

"It's that time - time to get back to where we are used to being - on Stage!" says **Neal Schon**. "We are looking forward to shifting into high gear and bringing you the best show possible. The band is running on all 12 cylinders and very excited! Please come and join us once again for an evening full of rocking stage connection fun. See you soon Friends."

"Touring next year with **JOURNEY** is going to be great fun! An epic night you won't want to miss," **Billy Idol** says. "I'm excited to get back to so many wonderful cities and I'm bringing Steve Stevens and the rest of the Billy Idol band with me!"

TOTO's Steve Lukather shares, "On behalf of myself and the band, we are very honored and excited to do this tour with our old and dear friends **JOURNEY**. Gonna be a great night of music, and as all the guys are lifelong friends... a blast off stage as well."

FREEDOM TOUR 2022 DATES

With Very Special Guest BILLY IDOL

Tuesday, February 22	Pittsburgh, PA	PPG Paints Arena
Wednesday, February 23	Philadelphia, PA**	Wells Fargo Center
Friday, February 25	Belmont Park, NY	UBS Arena
Sunday, February 27	Newark, NJ	Prudential Center
Monday, February 28	Boston, MA	TD Garden
Wednesday, March 2	Detroit, MI	Little Caesars Arena
Saturday, March 5	Quebec City, QC	Videotron Centre
Monday, March 7	Toronto, ON	Scotiabank Arena
Tuesday, March 8	Albany, NY	Times Union Center
Saturday, March 12	Milwaukee, WI	Fiserv Forum
Monday, March 14	St. Paul, MN	Xcel Energy Center
Wednesday, March 16	Kansas City, MO	T-Mobile Center
Thursday, March 17	Oklahoma City, OK	Paycom Center
Saturday, March 19	N. Little Rock, AR	Simmons Bank Arena
Monday, March 21	St. Louis, MO	Enterprise Center
Thursday, March 24	Salt Lake City, UT	Vivint Arena
Sunday, March 27	Portland, OR	Moda Center
Monday, March 28	Seattle, WA	Climate Pledge Arena

Thursday, March 31	San Francisco, CA	Chase Center
Friday, April 1	Sacramento, CA	Golden 1 Center
Monday, April 4	Anaheim, CA	Honda Center
Tuesday, April 5	Los Angeles, CA	STAPLES Center

With Very Special Guest TOTO

Thursday, April 7	San Diego, CA	Pechanga Arena San Diego
Saturday, April 9	Glendale, AZ	Gila River Arena
Monday, April 11	Denver, CO	Ball Arena
Wednesday, April 13	Dallas, TX	American Airlines Center
Friday, April 15	New Orleans, LA	Smoothie King Center
Wednesday, April 20	Tampa, FL	Amalie Arena
Thursday, April 21	Orlando, FL	Amway Center
Sunday, April 24	Cincinnati, OH	Heritage Bank Center
Monday, April 25	Atlanta, GA	State Farm Arena
Wednesday, April 27	Nashville, TN	Bridgestone Arena
Thursday, April 28	Charlotte, NC	Spectrum Center
Saturday, April 30	Columbus, OH	Schottenstein Center
Monday, May 2	Rosemont, IL	Allstate Arena
Wednesday, May 4	Grand Rapids, MI	Van Andel Arena
Thursday, May 5	Indianapolis, IN	Gainbridge Fieldhouse
Saturday, May 7	Cleveland, OH	Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse
Monday, May 9	Washington, DC	Capital One Arena
Wednesday, May 11	Hartford, CT	XL Center

**On sale at 9am ET

LAS VEGAS RESIDENCY: AN EVENING WITH JOURNEY (on-sale now) DATE VENUE

Wednesday, December 1	The Theater at Virgin Hotels, Las Vegas
Thursday, December 2	The Theater at Virgin Hotels, Las Vegas
Tuesday, December 7	The Theater at Virgin Hotels, Las Vegas
Wednesday, December 8	The Theater at Virgin Hotels, Las Vegas
Friday, December 10	The Theater at Virgin Hotels, Las Vegas
Saturday, December 11	The Theater at Virgin Hotels, Las Vegas
Thursday, December 18	The Colosseum at Caesars Palace, Las Vegas –with Special Symphony Performance

ABOUT JOURNEY

Since the group's formation in 1973, **JOURNEY** has earned 19 top 40 singles, 25 gold and platinum albums, and has sold nearly 100 million albums globally. Their **"Greatest Hits"** album is certified 15 times-platinum, making **JOURNEY** one of the few bands to ever have been diamond-certified, and their song **"Don't Stop Believin'"** has been streamed over one billion times alone.

JOURNEY was inducted into the Rock And Roll Hall Of Fame in 2017, and 2018's co-headlining tour with DEF LEPPARD was the band's most successful tour to date, landing them in the Top 10 year-end touring chart with more than 1 million tickets sold, and earning them the prestigious Billboard "Legends Of Live" touring award. March 2019 saw the release of "Escape & Frontiers Live In Japan", a live DVD/CD set from their concert at the Budokan in Tokyo featuring the band's first-ever performances of the albums "Escape" and "Frontiers" in their entirety. JOURNEY has also received a star on the Hollywood Walk Of Fame and were inducted into the Hollywood Bowl Hall Of Fame. Additionally, the band is the subject of the awardwinning documentary "Don't Stop Believin': Everyman's Journey" about the band's resurgence upon adding Arnel Pineda as lead singer after founding member Neal Schon discovered the Philippines native on YouTube.

ABOUT BILLY IDOL

For forty-five years, **Billy Idol** has been one of *the* faces and voices of rock'n'roll, with an artistic resume to match the brilliant light of the image. First as the camera-ready front man for Generation X, between 1977 and 1981 Billy emerged with three albums that made positivity, emotional depth, and high pop synonymous with punk rock. In 1982, Billy embarked on a remarkable transatlantic/transgenre solo career that integrated clubland throb, wide-screen depth and drama, rockabilly desperation, the bold and simple lines of punk, and rock'n'roll decadence.

Decades after releasing his first 45, Billy Idol still makes gliding, thumping, cinematic songs about sin, redemption and the love of rock'n'roll...and that's what you will find on The Roadside, Billy Idol's first release of original material in seven years. Produced by Butch Walker (Green Day, Weezer, amongst many others), The Roadside takes Billy Idol into new but familiar waters full of color, power, atmosphere, attitude, and mystery.

On The Roadside Billy Idol is joined by his friend and collaborator since 1981, guitarist and cosongwriter **Steve Stevens**. For 40 years – 40 years! – Steve has been Billy Idol's sonic assassin and master blender of tones and textures, the thinking man's shredder and the shredding man's Picasso.

ABOUT TOTO

Over the past several years, **TOTO** have had a major renaissance in popularity like few bands at this point in their career. Their 40th anniversary in 2018 was marked by them releasing a brand new Greatest Hits album (40 Trips Around The Sun) and embarking on their most successful worldwide tour to date. Few ensembles in the history of recorded music have individually or collectively had a larger imprint on pop culture than the members of **TOTO**. As individuals, the band members can be heard on an astonishing 5000 albums that together amass a sales history of a half a billion albums. Amongst these recordings, NARAS applauded the performances with more than 200 Grammy nominations.

Collectively **TOTO** has over two billion streams worldwide on all streaming services. Just last year one of their biggest hits "Africa" went from being a Platinum single to being recently recertified 6X Platinum. The band has found a new generation of fans. With now 40+ years together and literally thousands of credits, including the biggest selling album of all time: Michael Jackson's *Thriller*, and accolades to their names, **TOTO** remains one of the top selling touring and recording acts in the world. They are the benchmark by which many artists base their sound and production, and they continue to transcend the standards set by the entire music community, being simply synonymous with musical credibility. They are pop culture, and are one of the few 70's bands that have endured the changing trends and styles continuing to remain relevant while enjoying their multi-generational global fan base.

About AEG Presents

Combining the power of the live event with a focus on true artist development, AEG Presents is a world leader in the music and entertainment industries. Operating across four continents, the company has an unparalleled commitment to artistry, creativity, and community. Its tentpole festivals and multi-day music events — which include the iconic Coachella Valley Music & Arts Festival and the legendary New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival alongside British Summer Time at Hyde Park, Stagecoach, Hangout Festival, Electric Forest, and Firefly — continue to set the bar for the live music experience. AEG Presents promotes global tours for artists such as The Rolling Stones, Elton John, Taylor Swift, Celine Dion, Justin Bieber, Kenny Chesney, Paul McCartney, and Katy Perry, in addition to — through its network of clubs, theatres, arenas, stadiums and renowned partner brands such as Goldenvoice, Messina Touring Group, Concerts West, The Bowery Presents, PromoWest Productions, Marshall Arts, Madison House Presents, and Zero Mile Presents — creating and developing an unmatched infrastructure for artist development and audience reach. More information can be found at <u>www.aegpresents.com</u>.

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Located on the historic grounds of Belmont Park, UBS Arena is located less than 15 miles from both JFK and LaGuardia Airports and is accessible via car and ride share at exits 26A, 26B, and 26D off the Cross Island Parkway. For guests using the Long Island Rail Road, UBS Arena will be accessible to East and Westbound travelers at the Queens Village LIRR station, Eastbound travelers at the brand-new Elmont Station (accessible Westbound in Fall 2022), and via the Belmont Spur station, operating from Jamaica on event days. In addition to the Long Island Rail Road, the arena is also accessible via MTA Bus Routes Q2 and Q110 and the Nassau County Inter-Express N6 bus service.

Upcoming events at UBS Arena at Belmont Park include the venue's opening concert with Harry Styles on November 28, Eric Church on Saturday, December 4, Genesis on Friday, December 10 and a sold out Sebastian Maniscalco on December 27.

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