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**THE FAMED BAND FOREIGNER SET TO ROCK THE BIG E ARENA
ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025**

Decorated band of legend, FOREIGNER, will play The Big E Arena, sponsored by *Truly Hard Seltzer*, on Sunday, September 21, at 7:30pm. Tickets will be available to the public on Friday, October 25, at 10am ET, exclusively at TheBigE.com. Each ticket includes free admission to the Fair for the ticket holder on the date of the concert they are attending.

With 10 multi-platinum albums and 16 Top hits, FOREIGNER is universally hailed as one of the most popular Rock acts in the world, boasting a formidable musical arsenal that continues to propel sold-out tours and album sales, now exceeding 80 million.

Responsible for some of Rock and Roll's most enduring anthems, including "Juke Box Hero," "Cold as Ice," "Hot Blooded," "Waiting for a Girl Like You," "Feels Like the First Time," "Urgent," "Head Games," "Say You Will," "Dirty White Boy," "Long, Long Way from Home" and the worldwide No. 1 hit, "I Want to Know What Love Is," FOREIGNER still rocks the charts almost 50 years into the game with massive airplay and continued *Billboard* album chart success. Audio and video streams of FOREIGNER's hits exceed 15 million per week.

With more Top 10 songs than Journey and as many as Fleetwood Mac, FOREIGNER also features strongly in every category in *Billboard's* Greatest of All Time listing. At times, the band's weekly catalog sales have eclipsed those of Led Zeppelin, AC/DC, The Rolling Stones, The Who, Def Leppard, Van Halen, Aerosmith and most of their Classic Rock peers (source: *Nielsen SoundScan*). FOREIGNER's catalog sales were recently celebrated in *Business Insider* as hitting the Top 40 among the Best-Selling Music Artists of All Time.

Founded in 1976, FOREIGNER's debut album produced the hits "Feels like the First Time," "Cold as Ice" and "Long, Long Way from Home." The album *Double Vision* followed, as did a string of hits, including "Urgent," "Juke Box Hero" and "Waiting for a Girl Like You." Those songs helped give FOREIGNER's next album, *4*, its impressive run at No. 1 on the *Billboard* chart. At the zenith of 1980s sound, FOREIGNER's fifth album, *Agent Provocateur*, gave the world the incredible No. 1 global hit, "I Want to Know What Love Is." This musical milestone followed the record-breaking song "Waiting for a Girl Like You."

FOREIGNER's founder is legendary Songwriters Hall of Fame inductee Mick Jones, a visionary maestro whose stylistic songwriting, indelible guitar hooks and multi-layered talents continue to escalate FOREIGNER's influence and guide the band to new horizons.

Jones reformed the band after a 2002 hiatus and selected lead singer, Kelly Hansen, to help write an inspired new chapter in the history of FOREIGNER. One of Rock's greatest showmen, Hansen is among the most respected, consummate professionals in Rock and Roll. With a 40-year career that spans almost every area of music, from the role of lead vocalist to producing and engineering, Hansen has led FOREIGNER into the digital age while inspiring a whole new generation of fans.

FOREIGNER's lineup also includes noted Dokken bassist, Jeff Pilson; Michael Bluestein on keyboards; Bruce Watson, guitarist; Chris Frazier on drums; and Luis Carlos Maldonado, guitarist. An unprecedented new level of energy led the group to a re-emergence of astounding music that speaks to FOREIGNER's enduring popularity.

With renewed vitality and direction, FOREIGNER hit the *Billboard* charts again with the 2004 release of their live Greatest Hits album, *Extended Versions*. *Can't Slow Down* followed in 2009 and entered the *Billboard* chart in the Top 30, driven by two Top 20 radio singles, "In Pieces" and "When It Comes to Love." To follow was the release of the band's three-disc set, *Feels Like the First Time*, which included an acoustic CD with an intimate and unique re-interpretation of many FOREIGNER classics, studio re-records by the new lineup and a live performance DVD showcasing the group's exceptional live energy.

FOREIGNER's music experienced another surge in popularity in recent years thanks to usage in primetime television, major motion pictures, video games, advertising and digital content. Films such as *Rock of Ages*, *Bad Moms*, *The Angry Birds Movie*, *Magic Mike*, *Pitch Perfect*, *Good Boys* and *Eternals*, and television shows *Orange is the New Black*, *Stranger Things*, *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*, *The Tonight Show starring Jimmy Fallon* and *Tacoma PD* have all strongly featured FOREIGNER's songs. Advertisers, including Toyota, Google, Molson and Ford have turned to FOREIGNER's music to engage their fans.

In May of 2014, Atlantic Records Chairman, Craig Kallman, presented the band with RIAA Gold and Platinum digital awards for six FOREIGNER songs. These awards signify 500,000 and 1,000,000 downloads of FOREIGNER hits, which is more individual awards than any other heritage Rock band, and an illustration of FOREIGNER's resonance in the digital era.

In recent years, FOREIGNER has headlined several Live Nation tours, rocking across the country and the world with contemporaries and friends. In 2014, FOREIGNER headlined *The Soundtrack of the Summer* U.S. amphitheater tour with Styx and Don Felder. A hits compilation album of the same name was released to coincide with the tour and immediately hit the *Billboard* Top 200 chart. In 2015, FOREIGNER joined Kid Rock on his "First Kiss: Cheap Date Tour."

In October of 2016, FOREIGNER hit a major milestone when the band performed for the very first time at New York's iconic Carnegie Hall with a sold-out acoustic show. The concert highlighted the band's ongoing relationship with the GRAMMY Museum's initiative to promote music education in our nation's schools. It included an a cappella contest among New York high schools who competed for a \$5,000 prize donated by the band.

The year also brought the release of FOREIGNER's first ever live acoustic album, *In Concert; Unplugged*, recorded at a once-in-a-lifetime private concert hosted by Edsel B. Ford II at the Ford Motor Company Conference & Event Center in Detroit, Mich. The band's royalties were donated to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) and the album is available exclusively via Amazon.

The year 2017 marked the celebration of FOREIGNER's 40th anniversary. The Warner Music Group released a double CD set, *40*, which includes 40 songs recorded between 1977 and 2017. The album spent several weeks on the *Billboard* Top 200 chart, and it featured two tracks recorded especially for this release, "Give My Life for Love" and a new version of "I Don't Want to Live Without You." The album spent nine weeks on the *Billboard* Top 200 chart. The U.S. anniversary headline tour played 40 shows across the U.S. where the band was supported by Cheap Trick and Jason Bonham's Led Zeppelin Experience.

In April of 2018, FOREIGNER topped the *Billboard* Classic Album Charts for the first time with *FOREIGNER with the 21st Century Symphony Orchestra & Chorus*, a live recording of FOREIGNER's first-ever orchestral shows in Lucerne, Switzerland. The band went on to headline orchestral shows in the U.S., Europe, Australia and New Zealand throughout the year, including sold-out appearances at London's Royal Albert Hall and the iconic Sydney Opera House in Australia. In the summer of 2018, FOREIGNER starred in a 30-city Live Nation U.S. summer tour with Whitesnake and Jason Bonham's Led Zeppelin Evening in support.

The excitement continued in 2019 with the premiere of *Juke Box Hero, the Musical* in Canada. Following a series of sold-out workshops in Alberta and Calgary, the musical premiered in Toronto in February and a Broadway run is on the horizon.

The November 2019 release of *Double Vision: The & Now* is a DVD/CD package that celebrates the 40th anniversary of the iconic album. It features a stunning reunion concert that brings together the current and original band members playing all the hits at the top of their game.

2020 kicked off with a three-day run at the Schermerhorn Symphony Center, in Nashville, Tenn., with the Nashville Symphony Orchestra in mid-January. Another highlight was a sold-out January through February residency at The Venetian Resort Las Vegas, in Nev. The COVID-19 pandemic forced the band to postpone almost a hundred shows all over the world, including a sold-out show with Whitesnake at the 18,000 seat London O2 Arena.

The COVID-19 impact on the live concert business continued through the majority of 2021. By careful observation of health protocols, FOREIGNER was able to execute a limited but highly successful touring schedule, breaking box office records in many markets.

Following spectacular shows at Los Angeles's Greek Theater and the Santa Barbara Bowl, both in Calif., the band embarked on a run of theater and major casino dates and other special events, including appearances at the Fox Theatre, in Detroit, Mich., and the Hard Rock Live at Etes Arena in Atlantic City, N.J. Another highlight was an appearance at the Annual Gala at the American Turkish Society, which celebrated the life of Mick Jones' and FOREIGNER's guiding light at Atlantic Records, Ahmet Ertegun. The year culminated with FOREIGNER's appearance at the spectacular Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

2022 commenced with a three-week residency at The Venetian Resort Las Vegas, the rescheduled co-headline U.K. tour with Whitesnake and solo headline shows across Europe. The year continued with an exciting schedule of headline appearances that included the New York State Fair, where FOREIGNER's audience of more than 38,888 attendees broke the Classic Rock attendance record, and a run of sold-out amphitheater shows with Kid Rock. In the fall, FOREIGNER returned to international touring with sold-out shows in France, Holland, Israel and South Africa

In 2023, the band continued touring throughout the U.S. with a 32-date Live Nation amphitheater tour with special guest Loverboy. That year also saw FOREIGNER's third residency at The Venetian Resort Las Vegas and major television appearances on *Good Morning America* and *Fox & Friends*.

In the spring of 2024, FOREIGNER executed a sold-out tour of Canada and another Live Nation headline tour of amphitheaters with STYX. Attendances for this tour reached 14,000 to 15,000 in some markets, with two headline residencies at The Venetian Resort Las Vegas in the spring and fall.

The biggest news of the year was FOREIGNER's nomination to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, followed by an appearance at the induction ceremony in Cleveland, Ohio, on October 19. The band also announced a Hall of Fame celebration tour, which begins with a fall Las Vegas residency, and will feature original band members in select markets. That tour will continue through 2025.

The band released *Turning Back the Time* this fall as part of the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame celebration. The album features FOREIGNER's hits through the years with a newly released song, which was written by Mick Jones and Lou Gramm and originally recorded in 1996. The titular single, "Turning Back the Time," has achieved great critical acclaim and significant airplay.

More information and tickets to FOREIGNER are available at TheBigE.com beginning on Friday, October 25, at 10am ET.

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Above: The prolific Rock and Roll band, FOREIGNER, is set to play The Big E Arena on Sunday, September 21, 2025.