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The Santa Barbara County Fair is Proud to Present 38 Special Live in Concert on July 11, 2024

The Santa Maria Fairpark is pleased to announce 38 Special will be performing at the Santa Barbara County Fair on Thursday, July 11, 2024.

The Santa Barbara County Fair is moving the concerts into the Minetti Arena and are excited to announce a new concert layout. Reserved Special Tables \$300, Special Seating prices range from \$10-\$25 and the Grandstands Seating is Free. Fair admission is not included with concert tickets.

Tickets go on sale Friday, June 7, 2024.

[Arena Concert Information](#)



After more than four decades, **38 SPECIAL** continues to bring their signature blast of Southern Rock to over 100 cities a year. At each and every show, thousands of audience members are amazed by the explosive power of the band's performance.

Their many Gold and Platinum album awards stand in testament to the endurance of a legendary powerhouse.

With sales in excess of 20 million, most associate the band with their arena-rock pop smashes, "Hold On Loosely," "Rockin' Into the Night," "Caught Up in You," "Fantasy Girl," "If I'd Been the One," "Back Where You Belong," "Chain Lightnin'," "Second Chance," and more – Timeless hits that remain a staple at radio, immediately recognizable from the first opening chord, and paving the way to their present-day touring regimen.

Guitarist/vocalist DON BARNES says it's all about maintaining that intensity in their live shows. "We never wanted to be one of those bands that had maybe gotten a little soft or complacent over the years. We're a

team, and it's always been kind of an unspoken rule that we don't slack up, we stack up. We go out there every night to win."

Completing the team is bassist BARRY DUNAWAY, drummer GARY MOFFATT and keyboardist/vocalist BOBBY CAPPS. The most recent addition to the band is legendary virtuoso guitarist and vocalist JERRY RIGGS.

For 38 Special onstage, it is a celebration of camaraderie and brotherhood, a precision unit bringing the dedication and honesty to a long history of classic songs, as well as surprisingly fresh new material.

Since 1976, the band has released more than 15 albums. And from the start, they've toured relentlessly, bringing their signature brand of 'muscle and melody' to fans worldwide.

It is that steely determination that lives on in the hearts of these 'Wild-Eyed Southern Boys.'

Barnes adds, "This music keeps our wheels on the road. We're a band that's tried to stay honest with what has driven us over the years. We started out with nothing but bold determination to make our own history and to endure. Looking back now, it has been our greatest pride to have persevered and attained that level of success and longevity. For us, it's the ultimate validation."

"The magic's still there," adds Barnes. "It's an emotional high for us to keep 'bringing it' after all these years. When those lights go down and we all walk up those steps to the stage and hear that crowd roar, it's a real rush to the head. It feels like we're getting ready to strap ourselves in and it just takes off from there."



Opening Act - American Mile

American Mile will take the stage on Thursday, July 11th at 6:55 PM in the Minetti Arena to open for 38 Special.

American Mile has drawn attention in and around Los Angeles with their explosive stage presence, southern/blues rock sound, and three part harmony with a hint of country. In 2020 American Mile released their debut album "The Longest Road".

With no signs of slowing down, American Mile is a must-see act time and time again.



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