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## **INDIANA STATE FAIR ANNOUNCES THIRD WAVE OF CONCERTS TO BE PART OF THE 2017 INDIANA STATE FAIR**

*Wildly Popular Mummies, multiple Festivals featuring Gospel, Hispanic, Contemporary Christian music, A day highlighting Hoosier musicians, and tribute to one of Rock's most legendary bands all part of third round of concert lineup announcements*

Indianapolis, IN – Today details were announced for six more concert events that will be part of the Chevrolet Silverado Free Stage lineup at the 2017 Indiana State Fair, which will take place August 4-20. Each night of the fair features a concert that is free with paid fair admission.

The additional six shows announced today include:

- **Hotel California “A Salute to The Eagles”** with **The Gordon Bonham Blues Band**, and **Terry Lee & the Rockaboogie Band** – Saturday, August 5
- **Hispanic Music Festival** headlined by **Chicas Roland** and **Carmen Jara** – Sunday, August 6
- **Here Come the Mummies** with **Hero Jr.**, and **Four Star Edition – U.S. Navy Band** – Saturday, August 12
- **Contemporary Christian Music Festival** headlined by **Danny Gokey** with **Echoboy**, **Building Nations**, and **Jester** – Sunday, August 13
- **Pepsi Indiana Music Festival** featuring **The Why Store**, **The Easthills**, **Bigfoot Yancey**, and **Against The Clocks** – Saturday, August 19
- **Gospel Music Festival** headlined by **Anthony Brown** and **Kierra Sheard**, presented by **WTLC AM & FM** – Sunday, August 20

*An additional Free Stage Show will be announced soon*

Online Fair ticket sales are available now at a discounted rate of \$8 plus transaction fees on the Indiana State Fair [website](#). Tickets can also be purchased at the Indiana Farmers Coliseum Box Office during regular business hours at the discounted rate. Tickets purchased at the gate are \$12.

Purchase of an Indiana State Fair ticket allows for general admission to the Chevrolet Silverado Free Stage concert seating area. No seats can be reserved unless otherwise specified. For more information, visit [IndianaStateFair.com](http://IndianaStateFair.com).



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## **ABOUT HOTEL CALIFORNIA "A SALUTE TO THE EAGLES"**

**HOTEL CALIFORNIA "A Salute to the Eagles"** was founded with the intent of filling the void left by the demise of The Eagles in 1982. By blending their extraordinary vocal and musical talents, HOTEL CALIFORNIA faithfully and accurately reproduces the sound of the Eagles studio recordings while recreating a classic sound which undeniably transcends the boundaries of Rock, R&B, and Country while delivering a modern, action packed performance that brings this timeless music into the new millennium.

This band, comprised of five respected, multi-talented top music industry professionals, presents a dynamic exciting show saluting the music of The Eagles, a supergroup whose music has proven to have a staying power that few bands lay claim to. Finally, audiences can once again experience the energy and magic of this timeless music.

This highly acclaimed presentation has a great reputation and excellent references. HOTEL CALIFORNIA has become one of the most sought after acts in the world, with name recognition and true marquis value paralleling today's modern recording artists.

The group performs 150 - 200 high profile events every year, including special corporate functions, charity benefits, fund raisers, outdoor concerts, festivals, and fairs, playing main stages receiving top billing as a national act, as well as opening for some of the most prominent names in the entertainment industry. See the "clients" page for a sampling of credit, references and satisfied customers.

Each concert presents an exciting showcase of The Eagles mega-hits such as "Take it Easy", "Heartache Tonight", and "Hotel California" as well as newer releases "Get Over It" and "Love will Keep Us Alive". The group also performs select titles from the solo works of Don Henley, Glen Frey, and Joe Walsh.

This timeless music is appealing to audiences of all ages, bringing back memories and touching the hearts of every generation. So join us now on a trip down a dark desert highway, feel the cool wind in your hair, and experience the Grammy Award winning sounds that defined a generation.

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## **ABOUT HERE COME THE MUMMIES**

Here Come the Mummies is an eight-piece funk-rock band with a one-track mind, staying "under wraps" (quite literally) by portraying 5,000-year-old Egyptian Mummies. Since their discovery, Here Come The Mummies has opened for notable artists P-Funk, Al Green and Cheap Trick, rocked Super Bowl Village 2012, become a regular on The Bob and Tom Show, been invited to play Summer Camp Music Fest 2015/16, Common Ground 2015, Voodoo Fest 2015, Musikfest 2016, Summerfest and Riverbend 2016, Bunbury Music Festival 2016 and sold tickets by the thousands



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across large swaths of North America.

The group's single "Dirty Minds" has been featured on numerous television shows, including "Big Shots," "The Loop" and "Scrubs," as well as the soundtrack for the movie "Fired Up!" Some say the band members were cursed after deflowering a great Pharaoh's daughter, others claim they are reincarnated Grammy-Winning studio musicians. Regardless, HCTM's mysterious personas, cunning song-craft and unrelenting live show will bend your brain and melt your face. Get ready for Here Come The Mummies.

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## **ABOUT DANNY GOKEY (Headliner of Contemporary Christian Music Festival)**

America watched closely as Danny Gokey battled tragedy and won millions of hearts on his way to the finals of American Idol Season 8. His story was no secret: a onetime truck driver from Milwaukee, he'd married his high school sweetheart Sophia only to lose her, a victim of surgery gone bad, just a month before auditioning for the smash hit talent show.

That was enough to transfix viewers week after week. Add to that his singing — expressive, soulful, driven but yet in command of emotions that would have overpowered practically anyone else. The result was a performance that moved audiences to tears and inspired many to face adversity with greater courage.

Today Danny Gokey stands at a different place, wiser, stronger. He's married and has become a father. Once paled by clouds, his world now bathes in a brighter light — the same light that illuminates his extraordinary new album.

On Rise, Gokey refocuses. No longer is he fighting to get through round after round for Idol without succumbing to grief. Now, his passion is to touch people who like him have suffered moments of hopelessness. His mission is far from over, but what he achieves through his music, as an artist and a messenger, is another step towards this.

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## **ABOUT THE WHY STORE (Headliner of Pepsi Indiana Music Festival)**

The Why Store was formed in the late 1980s in Muncie, Indiana. Lead by singer Chris Shaffer, the first album the band recorded was called, Welcome to the Why Store. One year later the band recorded Inside the Why Store. Both albums were successful across Indiana, and The Why Store began getting attention from record labels. In 1995, The Why Store signed to MCA's subsidiary Way Cool Music for their first major-label effort, a self-titled LP, which was released in 1996.

Their major label debut on MCA Records spawned several hits. The first single, "Lack Of Water", was a #1 hit on Triple-A Radio; the band performed "Surround Me" on Late Night with Conan O'



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Brien and saw their video for “Father” receive rotation on MTV2 and VH1. The Why Store was a Top 20 album for 1996 and went on to sell 200,000 copies.

In 2007, Shaffer has reincarnated The Why Store and is poised to break back into the scene with an exiting new album called VIM. Produced by Rusty Anderson, Paul McCartney’s long time guitarist, VIM showcases Chris’s passionate songwriting and refreshingly edgy vocal ability. “It was a magical experience, definitely the best thing I’ve ever done,” says Shaffer. The Why Store is open for business.

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## **ABOUT ANTHONY BROWN | KIERRA SHEARD (HEADLINERS OF GOSPEL MUSIC FESTIVAL)**

Anthony Brown is an American urban contemporary gospel artist and musician, whose background singers are called Group Therapy, stylized group therAPy. He started his music career, in 2012, with the release of, *Anthony Brown & Group TherAPy*. This was a *Billboard* breakthrough release, with chartings *The Billboard 200*, the Top Gospel Albums, and the Independent Albums chart.

Kierra Sheard is an American gospel singer, fashion designer, and radio host.

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## **The 2017 Indiana State Fair Free shows announced include:**

- **George Thorogood and the Destroyers** – Friday, August 4
- **Hotel California “A Salute to The Eagles”** – Saturday, August 5
- **Hispanic Music Festival** – Sunday, August 6
- **\*TBD** – Monday, August 7
- **High Valley** presented by HANK FM – Tuesday, August 8
- **Montgomery Gentry** presented by WFMS – Wednesday, August 9
- **Yacht Rock Revival Tour 2017** – Thursday, August 10
- **Blue October** – Friday, August 11
- **Here Come the Mummies** – Saturday, August 12
- **Contemporary Christian Music Festival headlined by Danny Gokey** – Sunday, August 13
- **Happy Together Tour** – Monday, August 14
  - *Starring: The Turtles featuring Flo & Eddie, The Association, Chuck Negron formerly of Three Dog Night, The Box Tops, The Cowsills and The Archies*
- **Midland** presented by HANK FM – Tuesday, August 15
- **Dashboard Confessional with The All-American Rejects** – Wednesday, August 16
- **Patti LaBelle** – Thursday, August 17
- **Kiefer Sutherland** – Friday, August 18



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