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THE BIG E PRESENTS STYX, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3
Tickets on sale Friday, July 23

Multi-platinum Rock band STYX is coming to The Big E Arena, *sponsored by Truly Hard Seltzer*, Sunday, October 3 at 7:30pm. Tickets go on sale Friday, July 23 at 10am, exclusively at TheBigE.com. Concert tickets include admission to The Big E when purchased prior to the show date.

STYX draws from more than four decades of barn-burning chart hits, joyous singalongs and hard-driving deep cuts. Like a symphony that builds to a satisfying crescendo, a STYX set covers a wide range of stylistic cornerstones from “The Grand Illusion” and “Blue Collar Man” to “Come Sail Away” and “Renegade.”

STYX hit its stride with guitarist/vocalist Tommy Shaw’s first LP with the band, 1976’s *Crystal Ball*. They become the first group to score four consecutive triple-platinum albums: *The Grand Illusion* (1977), *Pieces of Eight* (1978), *Cornerstone* (1979) and *Paradise Theater* (1981).

A new era of hope, survival, and prosperity comes calling with the release of *CRASH OF THE CROWN*, STYX’s new studio album, which was written pre-pandemic and recorded during the trying times of the pandemic. The legendary and multi-Platinum rockers—James “JY” Young (lead vocals, guitars), Tommy Shaw (lead vocals, guitars), Chuck Panozzo (bass, vocals), Todd Sucherman (drums, percussion), Lawrence Gowan (lead vocals, keyboards) and Ricky Phillips (bass, guitar, vocals)—released their 17th album June 18 on the band’s label, Alpha Dog 2T/UMe. *CRASH OF THE CROWN* is available on clear vinyl, black vinyl, CD, and on digital platforms.

STYX’s holy mission for cutting *CRASH OF THE CROWN* was crystal-clear to its co-creator from the get-go. “Absolutely no obstacles were going to get in the way of how we approached creating this album,” singer/guitarist Tommy Shaw concludes about the herculean recording efforts of his fellow COTC makers. “And everything came out exactly the way we wanted to hear it.”

CRASH OF THE CROWN is the follow-up to STYX’s 16th studio album, *THE MISSION* (their first in 14 years at the time, which critics called “a masterpiece”) which was released June 16, 2017 on the band’s label, Alpha Dog 2T/UMe. The highly anticipated two-disc reissue of *THE MISSION* was released on July 27, 2018 via Alpha Dog 2T/UMe, which includes a CD of the original album, as well as a Blu-ray of the album mixed in 5.1 surround sound accompanied by stunning visualizations for each of the album’s 14 songs based on the album artwork. It originally debuted on various *Billboard* charts, including: no. 6 Top Rock Albums, no. 11 Physical Albums, no. 11 Vinyl Albums, no. 13 Current Albums, no. 14 *Billboard* Top Albums, no. 16 Retail, no. 17 Mass Merch/Non-Traditional, no. 29 Digital Albums, and no. 45 *Billboard* 200 (includes catalog and streaming).

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“After more than a decade together on the road, this incarnation of Styx is looking forward to performing as many shows as it can as long as it can. We just want to keep on doing this,” Tommy Shaw said. “We want to let life take its course and let this music continue to be the soundtrack to it. And this band will continue to evolve as long as we live and play this music.”

The jig is up, the news is out: The Esprit de Styx is alive and well, and now it is time to see for yourself.

What: Styx

When: Sunday, October 3, 2021 – 7:30pm

Where: The Big E Arena, *sponsored by Truly Hard Seltzer*

Tickets: \$149 VIP, \$49 Floor and \$39 Bleachers – on sale Friday, July 23 at 10am at TheBigE.com

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