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**JAM BANDS UMPHREY'S McGEE AND LOTUS TO PERFORM AT THE BIG E ARENA,  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15  
Tickets on sale Friday, April 12**

Improv-rock group Umphrey's McGee will be joined by Lotus for an unforgettable show at The Big E Arena, *sponsored by Truly Hard Seltzer*, Sunday, September 15. Concert tickets go on sale this Friday, April 12 at 10am ET, exclusively at [TheBigE.com](http://TheBigE.com). Concert tickets include admission to The Big E when purchased in advance of show date.

With a resume of over 2,700 live shows, 14 studio albums and 25 years together as a band, Umphrey's McGee continues to build an organization that defies categorization. Attracting followers from across the globe and from different musical backgrounds, the band has devoted its craft to creating a community centered around meticulous attention to fan experience. At the cutting-edge of both music and technology, their live show offers immersive tech-fueled innovations, while both super-serving their core audience and welcoming new fans into the fold.

The band's sound has been an amalgamation of genres, moods and tempos, effortlessly flowing from one feeling to the next throughout an album or concert—or sometimes within a singular song. But with time and repetition comes wisdom and maturity, both personally and musically, and in the case of the band's latest album *Asking For A Friend* (2022), Umphrey's McGee entered the recording studio with something to say and a wise, measured way to say it.

The end result is an astoundingly cohesive 14-song album that feels like a fresh statement from a group of world-class musicians and friends reapproaching their craft with a new lens. But longtime fans will be happy to know that the Umphrey's McGee they know and love is still very much present on *Asking For A Friend*, just more refined and more focused.

Comprised of six critically acclaimed musicians – Brendan Bayliss (guitar, vocals), Jake Cinninger (guitar, vocals), Joel Cummins (keyboard, piano, vocals), Andy Farag (percussion), Kris Myers (drums, vocals) and Ryan Stasik (bass) – the group blends together multiple genres and sounds to make something uniquely Umphrey's McGee.

Joining Umphrey's McGee is Lotus, a four-piece instrumental band. Lotus was formed while members were in college and has evolved and grown over 20 plus years. They were early adopters of fusing electronic beats and sounds from dance music with jam music, but also draw on psych-rock, post-rock, disco, funk and jazz. Their dance-inducing, high energy shows have made them festival favorites.

The band cut its teeth on the road building up a loyal fanbase by word of mouth. They also have released a steady stream of studio albums that showcase the band's diverse musical tastes and production styles. In 2021, Lotus welcomed new lead guitarist Tim Palmieri to the group. Tim has been a pillar of the scene for two decades known for his virtuosic playing and melodic improvisation. He has brought a new energy to the stage and will was also featured on the band's most recent album *Bloom & Recede* (2022).

The first incarnation of Lotus came together for a music showcase in 1998 at Goshen College in Indiana. Albums such as their debut studio release, *Nomad* (2006) have become a touchstone for how to organically fuse elements of electronica with jam music.

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Over the last two decades, Lotus has toured actively throughout the US working their way up from dingy basement clubs to world-class venues such as Red Rocks. They've become festival favorites, playing everything from Bonnaroo, Camp Bisco and Outside Lands to Ultra Music Festival and Electric Forest, building a hyper-loyal following along the way. The band also hosts their own annual Summerdance Festival in Garrettsville, Ohio. A Lotus live show is an experience, a uniquely crafted and improvised set taking everyone, the crowd and band, on a journey.

For more information on Umphrey's McGee with special guest Lotus at The Big E Arena, visit [TheBigE.com](http://TheBigE.com).

The Big E, recognized as the largest event on the East Coast and seventh-largest fair in North America, takes place September 13-29 in West Springfield, Mass. Stay up to date with all the events and programs happening year-round at Eastern States Exposition by subscribing to the email newsletter at [TheBigE.com](http://TheBigE.com) or connecting with us on social media platforms.

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