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ZZ TOP SET TO ROCK THE BIG E ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

For more than half a century, ZZ Top has been on top of the music industry, delivering Rock, Blues and Boogie. Now, “That Little Ol’ Band From Texas” is prepared to rock The Big E Arena, sponsored by *Truly Hard Seltzer*, Sunday, September 28, at 7:30pm. Tickets will be available to the public starting Friday, February 21, at 10am, exclusively at TheBigE.com. Each concert ticket grants the ticket holder free admission to the Fair for the date of the concert they are attending.

ZZ Top’s fan base consists of millions of devoted fans. Their iconography is as distinctive as their sound; they have become virtually synonymous with beards, hotrod cars, spinning guitars and that magic keychain, all of which transcend geography and language.

It was in Houston in the waning days of 1969 that ZZ Top coalesced from the core of two rival bands: Billy Gibbons’ Moving Sidewalks and Frank Beard and Dusty Hill’s American Blues. Their third album, *Tres Hombres* (1973), catapulted them to national attention with the hit “La Grange,” which is still one of the band’s signature pieces today.

Eliminator (1983) was something of a paradigm shift for ZZ Top. Their roots skew was intact but added to the mix were tech-age trappings that soon found a visual outlet with such tracks as “Sharp Dressed Man” and “Legs” on the nascent MTV. It was one of the music industry’s first albums to have been certified Diamond, far beyond Gold and Platinum, and a reflection of U.S. domestic sales exceeding 10 million units.

As a touring entity, they have been matchless for five decades, having performed before millions of fans on four continents and have been the subject of their own Grammy-nominated documentary titled *ZZ Top: That Little Ol’ Band from Texas* (2019). The band’s line-up of the bearded Gibbons, bearded Hill and Beard, who is ironically clean shaven, remained intact for more than 50 years until Hill’s passing.

When Hill temporarily departed the tour to treat his chronic hip injury in summer of 2021, it was given that Elwood Francis would be the perfect choice to stand in for him. Francis has been

part of the ZZ Top family for the better part of three decades as the band's guitar tech. After Hill's unexpected and untimely passing, Francis continued to handle the bass duties for the band, as he does now and will continue to in the future.

The elements that keep ZZ Top fresh, enduring and above the transitory fray can be summed up in the three words of the band's internal mantra: "Tone, Taste and Tenacity." As genuine roots musicians, they have few peers. Their influences are both the originators of the form—Muddy Waters, B.B. King, et al.—as well as the British blues rockers and Jimi Hendrix, who emerged the generation before ZZ's ascendance.

They have sold hundreds of millions of records over the course of their career, have been officially designated as Heroes of The State of Texas, inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame by no less than Keith Richards and have been referenced in countless cartoons and sitcoms. They are true rock icons, and, against all odds, they are doing what they have always done. ZZ Top abides!

For more information on ZZ Top at The Big E Arena, as well as Foreigner's and other Fair-related breaking news, head to TheBigE.com!

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Above, L to R: Frank Beard, Billy Gibbons and Elwood Francis of ZZ Top, "That Little Ol' Band from Texas," which is set to rock The Big E Arena on Sunday, September 28, at 7:30pm.