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Chicago comes to Prescott Valley Celebrating more than 50 years of touring! March 8th at Findlay Toyota Center

PRESCOTT VALLEY — Danny Zelisko Presents **Chicago** at the **Findlay Toyota Center** on **Sunday, March 8th** at 7pm. Reserved seat tickets for the event go on sale **Friday, October 11th at 10:00am** at www.findlaytoyotacenter.com.

Hailed as one of the "most important bands in music since the dawn of the rock and roll era" by former President Bill Clinton, the legendary rock and roll band with horns, Chicago, came in at #4, the highest charting American band in the chart's history, in Billboard Magazine's recent Top Bands And Duos. And Chicago is the first American rock band to chart Top 40 albums in six consecutive decades.

Chicago was inducted into the 2016 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame! This was their first nomination. They've been eligible since 1994. A long time coming! Chicago's first album, Chicago Transit Authority, was inducted into the GRAMMY Hall Of Fame in 2014, and the band performed on the Grammy stage for the first time that year. Robert Lamm and James Pankow have become inductees of the Songwriters Hall of Fame in 2017. These legendary songwriters wrote mega-hits such as, "25 or 6 to 4," "Saturday In The Park," "Feelin' Stronger Every Day," "Make Me Smile," and many others.

Chicago, will celebrate the holidays this year with a new Christmas album, CHICAGO CHRISTMAS, that spotlights the legendary group's trademark sound on eight original songs, two yuletide favorites and one timeless classic that embraces the spirit of hope.

On October 4, 2019, CHICAGO CHRISTMAS will be available on CD and through digital and streaming services. In addition, a black vinyl version of the album will be released to general retail, with limited-edition red and white vinyl versions exclusively available at Rhino.com. All vinyl versions will be available on November 22.

Produced by founding member Lee Loughnane, CHICAGO CHRISTMAS is the 37th album of the band's career and its fourth holiday collection. Whereas its previous releases focused more on traditional Christmas songs, the new record spotlights holiday music the band wrote especially for the album, including "All Over The World," "(Because) It's Christmastime," and "I'm Your Santa Claus." The album also features R&B and ballad versions of "Merry Christmas, I Love You," a song that Loughnane wrote with John Durrill of The Ventures, the best-selling instrumental band of all time.

More than 40 years after its debut, Chicago II still sounds like nothing else. Released in 1970, Chicago's second album brims with confidence and inspiration as it draws on everything from orchestral music to heavy rock. It spawned a trio of Top Ten hits, and the timeless classic has been remastered to reveal unprecedented clarity and definition. For the first time a new stereo remix, created by British musician and producer Steven Wilson from the 16-track multi-track tapes, made it possible to bring out elements that were muffled or submerged in the mix. The result is a new stereo version of CHICAGO II that boasts clearness, punch and definition that it didn't have before. It has recently been released by Rhino Records on CD and vinyl.

CHICAGO's award-winning documentary film, *Now More Than Ever: The History Of Chicago* premiered on CNN on New Year's Day and ranked No. 1 among adults 25-54. This is per "Nielsen Fast National Time Period Based Data" for 1/1/17 from 8 PM -10 PM. The documentary film was originally shown at the Sedona International Film Festival in February, 2016, and won the Film Festival's Best of Fest Audience Choice Award. The band opened the festival with back-to-back sold-out performances.

Additionally, *Now More Than Ever: The History of Chicago* won three awards in April, 2016, at the 10th Annual Fort Myers Beach Film Festival, taking home top prizes in the Documentary and Audience Award categories. Director Peter Pardini was awarded the festival's Rising Star Award in direction and was on hand to accept all three awards. Earlier that month the documentary was the runner-up for Audience Award at the Sarasota Film Festival.

Chicago's lifetime achievements include two Grammy Awards, two American Music Awards, Founding Artists of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, a Chicago street dedicated in their honor, and keys to and proclamations from an impressive list of US cities. Record sales top the 100,000,000 mark, and include 21 Top 10 singles, 5 consecutive Number One albums, 11 Number One singles and 5 Gold singles. An incredible 25 of their 36 albums have been certified platinum, and the band has a total of 47 gold and platinum awards.

Chicago have toured every year since the beginning - they've never missed a year. The original four band members are Robert Lamm on keyboards and vocals, Lee Loughnane on trumpet and vocals, James Pankow on trombone and Walt Parazaider on woodwinds. The band line-up also includes Wally Reyes, Jr. on drums, Keith Howland on guitar and vocals, Lou Pardini on keyboards and vocals, Ray Herrmann on sax and flute, Neil Donnell on vocals, Brett Simons on bass and Ramon "Ray" Yslas on percussion.

For five years, Chicago raised over a quarter of a million dollars to fight breast cancer for the American Cancer Society by having a winning bidder come on stage and sing "If You Leave Me Now" in concert. Chicago generously support other charitable causes, donating a portion of ticket sales to Kelly Cares, established by Notre Dame head coach Brian Kelly and his wife Paqui, to support local, national and global organizations that strive to improve their communities in the areas of health and education. Portions of ticket sales also benefit the Ara Parseghian Medical Research Foundation, which seeks a cure for a fatal children's disease, Niemann-Pick Type C. Chicago manager Peter Schivarelli, who played football for Coach Parseghian, is on Notre Dame's Board Of Directors for their Athletic Commission. Chicago has also associated with Hannah & Friends, an organization that serves children and adults with special needs. Hannah & Friends is the personal mission of Maura Weis and her husband, Charlie Weis, the former coach at the University of Kansas.

From the signature sound of the Chicago horns, their iconic Vocalists, and a few dozen of ever-Classic Songs, this band's concerts are celebrations. 2019 marks the band's 52nd consecutive year of touring, without missing a single concert date! Chicago continue to be true ambassadors for their beloved hometown, carrying the city's name with pride and dignity around the world.

Some of Chicago's hits:

Make Me Smile

Does Anybody Really Know What Time It Is?

25 or 6 to 4

Saturday In The Park

Beginnings

Questions 67 and 68

Happy Man

(I've Been) Searchin' So Long
Old Days Free
Just You 'N' Me
Feelin' Stronger Every Day
If You Leave Me Now
Hard To Say I'm Sorry
Look Away
Wake Up Sunshine
Hard Habit To Break
Baby, What A Big Surprise
Colour My World
Another Rainy Day In New York City
Call On Me Dialogue (Part I and II)
I'm A Man
You're The Inspiration

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Doors open at 6pm. Reserved seat tickets (starting at \$40) go on sale at **10:00am on Friday, October 11th** at Findlay Toyota Center, 3201 N. Main St, Prescott Valley, or online at www.findlaytoyotacenter.com. To charge by phone, call 928- 772-1819. All tickets are subject to facility, sales tax and ticketing surcharges. All ages welcome.

About Danny Zelisko Presents: Danny Zelisko has been bringing shows to Arizona since 1974! He founded and ran the legendary Evening Star Productions starting in 1976, and helped make Arizona and the Southwest a viable stop on most contemporary tours, producing thousands of shows over the years. After years of practice, DZP promotes about 150 shows annually in Arizona, New Mexico and Las Vegas. For more information: www.dannyzeliskopresents.com

About Findlay Toyota Center (Formerly the Prescott Valley Event Center) is a \$35 million multipurpose facility located in Prescott Valley, Arizona. The arena seats approximately 5,100 for hockey, soccer and football and up to 6,200 for concerts. The facility can also host boxing, basketball, rodeo, ice shows, and theatrical productions as well as banquets, weddings, and fundraising galas. Findlay Toyota Center has 2,365 parking spaces, 22 private luxury suites, and two-party suites. It was designed and built to meet all ADA specifications to accommodate our guests with disabilities. Findlay Toyota Center is owned by the Town of Prescott Valley and has been professionally managed by Spectra Venue Management since Fall 2017. Spectra manages over 750 clients and creates world-class experiences through innovative and customized management solutions. Spectra's Findlay Toyota Center management team has over 50 years of experience in venue management and is committed to hosting and presenting the highest-quality events in the industry.