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Creedence Clearwater Revisited to headline balloon festival



Creedence Clearwater Revisited has been announced as the second headliner at the QuickChek New Jersey Festival of Ballooning. Featuring Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Members of Creedence Clearwater Revival, the band will perform at 3 p.m., July 29.

Creedence Clearwater Revival founding members and Rock and Roll Hall of Famers Stu Cook and Doug "Cosmo" Clifford have been on quite a ride.

Not long after their 1993 induction into the Hall of Fame, they launched their Creedence Clearwater Revisited project and now have spent more than 20 years entertaining old and new generations of fans with their classic songs.

Creedence Clearwater Revisited will close out this year's QuickChek New Jersey Festival of Ballooning in Association with PNC Bank concert series at 3 p.m. July 29 on the Progressive Insurance Main Stage at Solberg Airport in Readington. The three-day event is the largest summertime hot air balloon and music festival in North America.

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The legendary rhythm section led by Cook's bass and Clifford's drums helped produce classic Creedence, including "Proud Mary," "Bad Moon Rising," "Travelin' Band," "Looking Out My Back Door," "Who'll Stop the Rain," "Down on the Corner" and "Up Around the Bend."

During their heyday from 1967 to 1972, San Francisco Bay area-based Creedence Clearwater Revival combined elements of rock 'n' roll, rhythm & blues, blues, country, gospel, and various bayou styles culled from other artists, having never actually yet seen the Mississippi Bayou.

The original lineup included singer-songwriter-guitarist John Fogerty and his brother and rhythm guitarist Tom Fogerty. In 1969 and 1970, Creedence was the most popular rock band in America, releasing five of seven albums and seven hit singles and performing at Woodstock.

"Creedence was one of the greatest American rock 'n' roll bands of all time," said Howard Freeman, executive director of the balloon festival, in a news release. "Their music is timeless. Whether you're

young or old, whether you listen to them on the radio or know their music from countless TV shows and movie soundtracks, you'll love seeing Stu, Cosmo and Creedence Clearwater Revisited live."

Clifford and Cook started performing live again in 1995.

"In the beginning, Cosmo and I decided that if we could find the musicians that could capture the sound and re-create what the music was about, we'd do it," said Cook.

They found that in lead guitarist Kurt Griffey, lead vocalist-rhythm guitarist Dan McGuinness and multi-instrumentalist Steve Gunner, who provides the live sounds and overdubs that were on their early recordings.

Tickets, which include Blue Sky Club VIP packages, go on sale at 10 a.m. March 8 at www.balloonfestival.com. They cost \$24 to \$99.

Tickets are on sale now for July 27 headline Andy Grammer and "kindie" rocker Laurie Berkner, who also will perform July 27.

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