

# MILFORD 125 YEAR CELEBRATION JULY 21 ROCK CONCERT ANNOUNCED

The Classics IV, Gary Puckett & The Union Gap Band  
and The Ides of March Featuring Jim Peterik

**"The Milford 125 Year Celebration Rock Concert at Boji Bay Legacy Park in Milford, Friday, July 21, promises to be an abridged history of American rock 'n' roll, with stars spanning decades of popular music,"** announced concert sponsors: Mark C. Fisher, President of United Community Bank, Jason J. Farrell, President/CEO of Land Mark Products and Tom W. Clary, President/CEO of Clary Lake Service and Laser Car Wash. The doors open at 5:00 pm, with performances starting at 6:00 pm, featuring The Classics IV, Gary Puckett & The Union Gap Band and The Ides of March Featuring Jim

Peterik, all of the artists playing a full set. The concert event is free to the public and one not to miss. United Community Bank, Land Mark Products, Clary Lake Service and Laser Car Wash all of Milford, are sponsoring the free event to thank Milford residents and neighbors for years of support. "We are very excited to see the community enjoy such an event. We invite everyone to join us as we celebrate 125 years of Milford history and as we set the stage for growth and prosperity for the next 125 years," said Fisher.

## THE CLASSICS IV

The Classics IV, one of the most popular and influential pop groups of the 60s and 70s, achieved phenomenal success with hits "Spooky," "Stormy," "Traces," and "Everyday With You Girl," all



which sold well over a million copies and were awarded gold discs by the Recording Industry of America. All four hits, appeared in the 1977 film "The Chicken Chronicles," in addition to other various soundtracks, including the hit HBO Series "Six Feet Under."

By the 1970s, The Classics IV accumulated a total of 16 Billboard Chart hits, solidifying them as a pop group, crediting Dennis Yost & The Classics IV with the development of "Southern Soft Rock." To date, The Classics IV have recorded 13 LPs, including "Spooky," "Lil Bit of Gold," "Traces" and "Golden Greats." In 2011, The Classics IV returned to the studio with the release of their album, "A New Horizon," blending the old with the new. October 1, 2015 saw the first ever "Live Album" with the release of "One Stormy Night - The Classics IV Live At The Ritz."

## GARY PUCKETT & THE UNION GAP BAND

Gary Puckett & The Union Gap Band was one of the most successful musical groups of the sixties. Gary's unmistakable signature voice garnered six consecutive Gold Records and top ten Billboard hits including, "Young Girl," "Woman Woman," "Lady Willpower," "This Girl Is A Woman," "Don't Give In To Him," "Keep The Customer Satisfied," "Home" and "Over You." Gary Puckett and The Union Gap sold more records in 1968 than any other recording act, including the Beatles. Gary is one of a few artists whose first five releases went gold. Not even Elvis accomplished this.

Gary has performed on more than thirty network television shows and prime time specials during his career, even adding a command performance for the President and Prince Charles at the White House. He continues to tour and recently released "Gary Puckett Live" and his first Christmas CD entitled "At Christmas."



## THE IDES OF MARCH FEATURING JIM PETERIK

On October 16th, 1964, a basement in Berwyn, Illinois played host to four schoolboys, guitars, drums and their dreams. From that meeting sprang platinum hits, Grammy Awards and a common bond that has lasted ever since. The Ides of March mark a rare milestone in any partnership, let alone rock and roll, they have remained together, with all the original members intact for fifty years. Best remembered for their 1970 smash "Vehicle," the Ides have had hit records including their 1966 debut "You Wouldn't Listen," "L.A. Goodbye" to the rousing sports anthem "Finally Next Year."

The Ides tunes have never left the airwaves on classic rock and oldies radio, but with the rise of music and dance competition TV shows, "Vehicle" has found a brand new audience, most notably on "American Idol" where Bo Bice rode the song to the final show, which led to his version earning the song another Platinum Award to accompany the original. You can also hear "Vehicle" regularly on commercial soundtracks, and it is in regular rotation on the playlists of all the nightly talk shows' house bands. The secret of the band's longevity might rest in the fact that they all have remained best friends throughout the years. This is especially unique because singer Jim Peterik rose to the top of the heap with his band Survivor, being co-writer of all of their platinum hits including the anthem "Eye Of The Tiger," the theme from the motion picture Rocky III, "The Search Is Over," "High On You," and "I Can't Hold Back." Jim also co-wrote the multi-platinum hits for Southern favorites .38 Special, "Hold On Loosely," Rockin Into The Night," "Fantasy Girl," "Wild-Eyed Southern Boys," and "Heavy Metal" for Sammy Hagar. He has co-written songs with Lynyrd Skynyrd, Blackhawk, Cheap Trick, Cathy Richardson, Van Zant, Brian Wilson, REO Speedwagon and The Beach Boys. When Survivor ran its course, Jim returned "home" to the Ides, and the band never looked back. They will perform many of these hits.

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