

LEGENDARY ROCK BANDS CHICAGO & REO SPEEDWAGON ANNOUNCE CO-HEADLINE NORTH AMERICAN SUMMER TOUR

- Tickets On Sale Starting February 9 at LiveNation.com -



February 5, 2018 – Two of the most successful and critically acclaimed rock bands **REO Speedwagon** and **Chicago** – who have sold 140 million records combined – announced today a co-headline North American summer tour kicking off June 13, 2018 in Concord, CA. The 30+ date tour, promoted by Live Nation, will take the multiplatinum selling groups through major cities including Los Angeles, Chicago, Boston, Toronto, Atlanta and Nashville for a night of unforgettable live music. The tour will conclude August 12 in Detroit, MI.

Tickets for the tour go on sale starting **Friday**, **February 9** at **12 p.m.** in select cities on <u>www.livenation.com</u>. Please see below for full tour itinerary and details.

Says Chicago's Robert Lamm of the upcoming trek: "It's always a party sharing the stage with Kevin, Neal, Bruce, Dave and Bryan! They rock. We rock. The tour rocks!"

REO Speedwagon frontman Kevin Cronin agrees: "We love the Chicago guys. We all share that Midwest rock' n roll ethic. We work hard, rock hard & take care of business. So, c'mon out and party with Chicago and REO this summer."

Fans will be treated to a night filled with a deep catalog of hits from both bands. Chicago, in planning a show unlike any other they've done before, will perform their historic album Chicago II in its entirety followed by the "world's longest encore" as the band jokingly refers to it, filled with their greatest hits. REO Speedwagon will electrify audiences with hits and fan-favorites such as "In Your Letter," "Can't Fight This Feeling," "Time For Me To Fly," "Roll With The Changes," "Keep On Loving You," "Take It On the Run" and more.

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 #9, the highest charting American band in Billboard Magazine's Hot 200 All-Time Top Artists. And Chicago is the first American rock band to chart Top 40 albums in six consecutive decades. Some recent inductions include: Chicago was inducted into the 2016 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame; their first album, Chicago Transit Authority, was inducted into the GRAMMY Hall Of Fame in 2014; and Robert Lamm and James Pankow have become the latest inductees of the Songwriters Hall of Fame in 2017. Chicago's lifetime achievements include two Grammy Awards, multiple American Music Awards, a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, record sales topping the 100,000,000 mark, 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. 2018 marks the band's 51st 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.

Formed in 1967, signed in 1971, and fronted by iconic vocalist Kevin Cronin since 1972, REO Speedwagon's unrelenting drive, as well as non-stop touring and recording, jump-started the burgeoning rock movement in the Midwest. Platinum albums and radio staples soon followed, setting the stage for the release of the band's explosive *Hi Infidelity* in 1980, which contained the massive hit singles "Keep On Loving You," and "Take It On the Run." That landmark album spent 15 weeks in the No. 1 slot and has since earned the RIAA's coveted 10X Diamond Award for surpassing sales of 10 million units in the United States. REO Speedwagon has now sold 40 million albums around the globe, and Cronin and bandmates Bruce Hall (bass), Neal Doughty (keyboards), Dave Amato (guitar), and Bryan Hitt (drums) are still electrifying audiences worldwide in concert with hits and fan-favorites. For more information, visit http://www.speedwagon.com/.

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Date	City	Venue		
June 13, 2018	Concord, CA	Concord Pavilion		
June 15, 2018	Los Angeles, CA	The Forum		
June 16, 2018	Irvine, CA	FivePoint Amphitheatre		
June 17, 2018	Phoenix, AZ	Ak-Chin Pavilion		
June 19, 2018	Salt Lake City, UT	USANA Amphitheatre		
June 20, 2018	Denver, CO	Pepsi Center		
June 23, 2018	St. Louis, MO	Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre		
June 24, 2018	Chicago, IL	Allstate Arena *on sale March 2		
June 26, 2018	Rogers, AR	Walmart AMP		
June 27, 2018	Kansas City, MO	Starlight Theatre		
June 29, 2018	Dallas, TX	Starplex Pavilion		
June 30, 2018	Houston, TX	Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion		
July 1, 2018	Austin, TX	Austin360 Amphitheater		
July 13, 2018	Nashville, TN	Ascend Amphitheater		
July 14, 2018	Atlanta, GA	Verizon Amphitheatre		
July 15, 2018	Charlotte, NC	PNC Pavilion		
July 17, 2018	Raleigh, NC	Coastal Credit Union Music Park at Walnut Creek		
July 18, 2018	Virginia Beach, VA	Veterans United Home Loans Amphitheater		

July 20, 2018	West Palm Beach, FL	Coral Sky Amphitheatre
July 21, 2018	Tampa, FL	MIDFLORIDA Credit Union Amphitheatre
July 22, 2018	Jacksonville, FL	Daily's Place
July 25, 2018	Bristow, VA	Jiffy Lube Live
July 27, 2018	Syracuse, NY	Lakeview Amphitheater
July 28, 2018	Pittsburgh, PA	KeyBank Pavilion
July 29, 2018	Holmdel, NJ	PNC Bank Arts Center
July 31, 2018	Saratoga Springs, NY	Saratoga Performing Arts Center
August 1, 2018	Camden, NJ	BB&T Pavilion
August 3, 2018	Wantagh, NY	Northwell Health at Jones Beach Theater
August 5, 2018	Boston, MA	Xfinity Center
August 7, 2018	Darien Lake, NY	Darien Lake Amphitheater
August 8, 2018	Toronto, ON	Budweiser Stage
August 10, 2018	Cincinnati, OH	Riverbend Music Center
August 11, 2018	Indianapolis, IN	Ruoff Home Mortgage Music Center
August 12, 2018	Detroit, MI	DTE Energy Music Theatre

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