

Concert Series

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has been in the top five on the country singles chart three times (1991, 2001 and 2003), giving it the distinction of being the only song in any genre of music to achieve that feat. It was also No. 1 on the pop charts after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. In addition, CBS News voted "God Bless the U.S.A." the most recognizable patriotic song in America.

The Platters come to Convention Hall on July 15. The group formed in 1953. "Only You (and You Alone)" became its first big hit. The follow-up single, "The Great Pretender," propelled The Platters to the No. 1 position on the pop charts, providing the launch pad for their meteoric rise as crossover artists. As a result, The Platters became the first African-American group to achieve international superstardom. Other hits included "You've Got the Magic Touch," "My Prayer," "You'll Never Know," "Twilight Time" and "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes."

The Platters were inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 1990 and "Only You (and You Alone)" and "The Great Pretender" were named songs of the century and entered in the Grammy Hall of Fame in 1999 and 2002, respectively.

The Guess Who, the band that became Canada's first international rock music superstars, brings its suitcase full of hits to Cape May on July 22. The band's hits include "These Eyes," "No Time," "Laughing," "Undun," "American Woman," "No Sugar" and "Hand Me Down World."

"American Woman" gave the Guess Who a No. 1 single in the U.S., unseating The Beatles for three weeks straight. More hits followed, such as "Albert Flasher" and "Clap for the Wolfman."

"Honey, you are my shining star," is a verse from The Manhattan's super hit "Shining Star." The Manhattans featuring Gerald Alston bring their smooth rhythm and blues style to Convention Hall on July 29. Other hits include "Kiss and Say Goodbye," "I Wanna Be (Your Everything)," "It Feels So Good to be Loved So Bad" and "There's No Me Without You."

Their sound has been described as "real music, real love songs." The Manhattans won a Grammy in 1980 for the big hit "Shining Star."

Superstar describes Mary Wilson, an original member and the longest-running member of The Supremes. She returns to Convention Hall on Aug. 5. The Supremes' hit



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singles include "Where Did Our Love Go," "Baby Love," "Come See About Me," "Stop in the Name of Love," "Back in My Arms Again," "You Can't Hurry Love," "I Hear a Symphony" and "My World is Empty Without You."

In 1988, Wilson accepted the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award on behalf of the Supremes when they were inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. In 1994, the Supremes received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame and in 1998 were inducted into the Vocal Group Hall of Fame.

Wilson is also a best-selling author, motivational speaker, businesswoman, former U.S. Cultural Ambassador, wife, mother and grandmother.

On Aug. 12, The Hit Men return to Cape May. The unique super-group of legendary sidemen were the 2019 recipients of Nashville's Musicians Hall of Fame and Museum's first Road Warriors Award, given to them to honor "their years of dedication to the music, and the countless miles that they have traveled in delivering so many hits throughout the world."

These five musicians recorded and/or toured with the artists whose hits they play — including the biggest names in rock history from Paul McCartney and Elton John, to Frankie Valli, Foreigner, The Who, Toto, Carole King, Cat Stevens, Jim Croce, the Rascals and more. They're the real deal, appearing on about 85 albums, many of them gold and platinum. They are the actual artists who were heard in concert and on the original versions of classic rock's most important songs.

In their multimedia show, The Hit Men not only play the classic rock hits they helped rocket to the top of the Billboard charts, but also share fascinating insider back



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On July 8, the concert series goes country with Lee Greenwood, best known for his hit 'God Bless the U.S.A.' Greenwood had seven No. 1 songs and 25 charted singles.

stories about their days on the road and in recording studios with rock royalty.

The Modern Gentlemen, "The voices behind Frankie Valli over the past decade," come to Convention Hall on Aug. 19.

"These guys are truly special, they're the best singers I've ever worked with," Valli stated.

Individually, Landon Beard, Todd Fournier and brothers Brian and Brandon Brigham were all in-demand singers prior to joining the legendary Frankie Valli. For well over a decade, they've wowed audiences all over the world with the rock 'n' roll icon. During their long tenure, they developed their own identity.

They've had the honor to share the stage with The Beach Boys, The Manhattan Transfer and many other notable

groups. They have performed for U.S. presidents and Prince William, the Duke of Cambridge, at the esteemed Arts Club in London.

This dynamic quartet is different from any other vocal group of their generation, having been a part of one of the biggest and most influential American rock 'n' roll bands of all time.

All the concerts take place Wednesday nights. Tickets for all the concerts are priced at \$48 and are on sale now. Tickets are available at Convention Hall, 714 Beach Ave. from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday pending private events and holidays. Ticket made be ordered by phone at (609) 884-9565 or online at capemaycity.com.



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