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A Legend and a Survivor

Foreigner's Lead Singer Lou Gramm Presents His Own Brand of Rock N Roll

Three decades after the debut of Foreigner and chart-topping success as a solo artist, Lou Gramm returns with a hot new band and a dynamic live show featuring 90 minutes of his own unique brand of Rock'n'Roll. Gramm and his band headline at the El Dorado County Fair on Saturday, June 19. Fans can expect to rock out on classics like "Hot Blooded" and "Juke Box Hero," groove to the sound of Gramm's massive solo hit, "Midnight Blue," and hear a great slice of melodic rock from the new self-titled album "Lou Gramm Band."

"I was the lead vocalist for Foreigner for 26 years," says Gramm. "I am enormously proud of this, and the music I have made with Foreigner is still a big part of my solo shows. However, with this line up, I can also perform my own music and the hit records I have had as a solo artist. I even throw a few curve balls, such as my take on a Beatles classic like 'You Can't Do That.' In the end, I believe the fans are getting a better show."

Born in Rochester, NY in 1950 as Lou Grammatico, Gramm and the band Foreigner first exploded onto the music scene in 1977 with the chart topper, "Feels Like The First Time." Twenty Top 40 singles followed, which continue to drive sales of nearly 80 million albums worldwide.

"It is enormously gratifying when I speak with fans before and after these shows," says Gramm. "So many of them tell me how the music I have made since the mid-1970s has been so important in their lives. For some, it was a rebellious youth that identified with Foreigner rockers like 'Dirty White Boy'; for others it was that flashback to their first true love that they envision when they hear a song like 'Waiting For A Girl Like You.' I am just grateful that something I helped create could touch people so deeply."

Discovery of a life-threatening brain tumor in 1997 prompted Gramm to take stock of his life and his creative direction. "I have a stronger appreciation of my family and friends, and want to make better use of my time here," says Gramm. He and his new band, which includes brothers Richard Grammatico and Ben Grammatico, have been performing together since 2004.

"This is a strong group and it is wonderful to finally be working with my brothers who have always been successful and acclaimed musicians in their own right," says Gramm. "I am at the point in my life where I can really enjoy the result of my many years of hard work. I am having fun now for the first time in a long time."

The Lou Gramm Band performs Saturday, June 19 at 8pm on the main stage. Admission is included with Fair entry.

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