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Placerville's Hometown Band Made Big

Ricky & the Redstreaks return to where it all started...
the El Dorado County Fair

Placerville, CA (June 5, 2011) —Just like Brooks and Dunn sing in their hit song... “we got Ricky an' The Redstreaks playin' down the road...”

That's Friday night, June 17th at the El Dorado County Fair and a big crowd is expected.

Immortalized by Brooks and Dunn in “Just Another Neon Night” and followed by cowboys with the pro-rodeo circuit with an almost a cult-like fervor, Ricky & the Redstreaks is returning to the El Dorado County Fairgrounds for a reunion concert that promises to fill the house.

It was 1968 at the El Dorado County Fair when high school pals John Jackman, Ray Brown, Scott Thomas and Jan Volz hooked up to form a band called the Train. Part of their act was a special performance by Ricky and the Redstreaks, which later grew into popularity on its own and became the official band of the Pro Rodeo Circuit.

And the rest is history and “phenomenon,” according to fans and music critics who says thousands of people will show up during the closing nights of a rodeo as word-of-mouth spreads the news that the Redstreaks are in town.

Though cowboys love 'em, the Redstreaks don't play country music. They prefer rock n' roll...actually what we now call classic rock, including Jefferson Airplane, Creedence Clearwater Revival, Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and ZZ Top. Throw in what's described as “cabaret corn and titillating innuendo” from Jackman, who fronts the band, and you have an evening with Ricky and the Redstreaks—part concert, part comedy show, part rip roarin' dance-on-the-tables party.

The band attributes their four-plus decades of success to the loyalty of their fans.

“Catching a Ricky and the Redstreaks show is to rejoice in the infectious antics of self-indulgent, costumed, full-throated exhibitionists. And those are just the fans,” says John

Katsilometes of the Las Vegas Sun, where the Redstreaks have become a special favorite of the National Finals Rodeo.

“Other groups draw crowds, we draw friends,” says Jackman.

It seems a fitting comment about a band that took its name from a quote by Paul McCartney during his break up with the Beatles. McCartney said he missed the old days and would like to just go out and rent a hall and call themselves something like ‘Ricky and the Redstreaks ‘ and just make music.

Forty-three years later, the name and music seem to be working out just fine for Ricky and the Redstreaks. They’ll perform back-to-back concerts with their original band the Train on Friday, June 17th beginning at 8pm on the Main Stage at the El Dorado County Fair.

Calendar

2011 El Dorado County Fair

Main Stage

Friday, June 17

8pm – The Train

9pm- Ricky and the Redstreaks

included with Fair admission

The 2011 El Dorado County Fair, themed “Rockin’ & Wranglin’”, will take place Thursday through Sunday, June 16 to 19 in Placerville. For more information, visit eldoradocountyfair.org or call the Fair office at 530.621.5860.

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