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Styx & REO Speedwagon set to take over SMG-managed Van Andel Arena® March 19 Tickets for show with special guest Don Felder on sale Friday, December 8 at 12 PM

Grand Rapids — Brace yourself for rock's ultimate triple header! Classic rockers **Styx** and **REO Speedwagon** will make their return to Grand Rapids together with very special guest Don Felder, formerly of the Eagles, when they play **Van Andel Arena** on **Monday, March 19, 2018 at 7:00 PM**.

Tickets go on sale to the general public beginning Friday, December 8 at 12 PM. Ticket prices are \$20, \$39.50, \$49.50, \$75, and \$125, and tickets will be available at the DeVos Place® and Van Andel Arena® box offices, online at <u>Ticketmaster.com</u>, and charge by phone at 1-800-745-3000. Prices are subject to change.

About Styx

The six men comprising **STYX** have committed to rocking the Paradise together with audiences far and wide by averaging over 100 shows a year every year since (yes) 1999, and each one of them is committed to making the next show better than the last. Founded in Chicago in 1972, **STYX** has the unique distinction of being the first band in rock history to have four consecutive certified multimillion-selling albums in a row: 1977's *The Grand Illusion*, 1978's *Pieces of Eight*, 1979's *Cornerstone*, and 1981's *Paradise Theatre*.

STYX draws from over four decades of barnburning chart hits, joyous singalongs, and hard-driving deep cuts. Like a symphony that builds to a satisfying crescendo, a **STYX** set covers a wide range of stylistic cornerstones. From the progressively sweeping splendor that is "The Grand Illusion" to the hunker-down fortitude of all that is the "Blue Collar Man," from the majestic spiritual love for a special "Lady" to the poignant rumination on the fleeting nature of fame in "Miss America," from an individual yearning for true connection as a "Man in the Wilderness" to a soul-deep quest to achieve what's at the heart of one's personal vision in "Crystal Ball," from the regal reach-for-the-stars bravado of "Come Sail Away" to the grainy all-in gallop of that rugged "Renegade" who had it made, **STYX** draws on an unlimited cache of ways to immerse one's mind and body in their signature sound.

About REO Speedwagon

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. Today, REO Speedwagon has 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.





About Don Felder

Don Felder, formerly of the Eagles, New York Times best-selling author and four-time Grammy® Award winner—released his second solo album (and first since 1983), ROAD TO FOREVER, on October 9, 2012 and has been on tour throughout the U.S. ever since. To coincide with the launch of "The Soundtrack of Summer," the album was re-released with four additional songs, ROAD TO FOREVER: EXTENDED EDITION, via **INGrooves** Music Group. FELDER's ROAD FOREVER originally debuted on Billboard's "Heatseekers" chart at #27. "Girls In Black," the album's first single, reached the Top 30 on the Mediabase Rock chart while the second single, "Wash Away," co-written by FELDER and Styx's Tommy Shaw and featuring Shaw's signature vocal sound, quickly jumped to #4 on the Mediabase Classic Rock chart. FELDER wrote or co-wrote all the songs and performs guitar and lead vocals on the album, which boasts a long list of iconic guest performers including: David Crosby, Graham Nash, Stephen Stills, Steve Lukather, David Paich and Steve Porcaro of Toto, Randy Jackson, Styx's Tommy Shaw and others. It was produced by FELDER along with Robin DiMaggio (Posse 2.0 bandleader on the "Arsenio Hall Show," United Nations' Musical Director).

About SMG

Celebrating its 40th anniversary and founded in 1977, SMG provides management services to more than 230 public assembly facilities including convention and exhibition centers, arenas, stadiums, theaters, performing arts centers, amphitheaters, equestrian facilities, science centers and a variety of other venues. With facilities across the globe, SMG manages more than 15 million square feet of exhibition space and more than 1.5 million sports and entertainment seats. As the recognized global industry leader, SMG provides venue management, sales, marketing, event booking and programming; construction and design consulting; and pre-opening services for such landmark facilities as McCormick Place & Soldier Field in Chicago, Moscone Convention Center in San Francisco, Houston's NRG Park and the Mercedes-Benz Superdome in New Orleans. SMG also offers food and beverage operations through its concessions and catering companies, currently serving more than 140 accounts worldwide. For more information visit www.smgworld.com.

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