

# Daniel Sage Special Summer Concert Series

## Artists Information

### Eric Clapton

Eric Clapton has been referred to as one of the most important and influential guitarists of all time. Clapton ranked second in *Rolling Stone* magazine's list of the "100 Greatest Guitarists of All Time". He has received 18 Grammy Awards, was awarded the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award, the Brit Award for Outstanding Contribution to Music, and is the only three-time inductee to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame (once as a solo artist and separately as a member of Cream and the Yardbirds). He has been awarded a CBE at Buckingham Palace for services to music, as well as four Ivor Novello Awards from the British Academy of Songwriters, Composers and Authors, including the Lifetime Achievement Award. In his solo career alone, Clapton has sold more than 100 million records worldwide, making him one of the best-selling musicians of all time.

Among his numerous top hits, include: Change The World, Wonderful Tonight, Lay Down Sally, I've Got A Rock & Roll Heart, Sunshine Of Your Love, After Midnight, Forever Man, Layla, I Shot The Sheriff, Tears In Heaven, Cocaine, and many more.

### John Mellencamp

John Mellencamp has amassed 22 Top 40 hits in the United States, and holds the record for the most tracks by a solo artist to hit number one on the Hot Mainstream Rock Tracks chart, with seven. Mellencamp is a Grammy Award recipient and has been nominated for 13. He was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and the Songwriters Hall of Fame.

Mellencamp is also one of the founding members of Farm Aid, an organization that began in 1985 with a concert to raise awareness about the loss of family farms and to raise funds to keep farm families on their land. Farm Aid concerts have

remained an annual event over the past 34 years, and as of 2019 the organization has raised over \$53 million to promote a strong and resilient family farm system of agriculture.

He has also been bestowed with the Nordoff-Robbins Silver Clef Special Music Industry Humanitarian Award, the Billboard Century Award, the Woody Guthrie Award, the prestigious Classic Songwriter Award, and the ASCAP Foundation Champion Award. Mellencamp also received the Americana Lifetime Achievement Award, and the John Steinbeck Award, given to those individuals who exemplify the spirit of “Steinbeck’s empathy, commitment to democratic values, and belief in the dignity of the common man”.

The American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) presented Mellencamp with its prestigious Founders Award. The ASCAP Founders Award goes to pioneering ASCAP songwriters who have made exceptional contributions to music by inspiring and influencing their fellow music creators.

Among his numerous top hits, include: Hurts So Good, Jack & Diane, R.O.C.K. In The USA, Small Town, Cherry Bomb, Play Guitar, Authority Song, I Need A Lover, Wild Night, Pink Houses, and many more.

## **Van Morrison**

Van Morrison is widely considered by many rock historians to be one of the most influential vocalists in the history of Rock & Roll. His mix of Soul, jazz, rock, folk, blues, Gospel, and more transcends musical boundaries, as he has received two Grammy Awards, the Brit Award for Outstanding Contribution to Music, the 2017 Americana Music Lifetime Achievement Award for Songwriting, and has been inducted into both the the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and the the Songwriters Hall of Fame, the Irish Music Hall of Fame, and has received the Order of the British Empire for his service to music, and an award from the French government making him an *Officier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres*. Along with these state awards he has two honorary degrees in music.

Morrison has also appeared in a number of "Greatest" lists, including the *TIME* magazine list of The All-Time 100 Albums (which contains 2 of his albums). In 2014, Morrison received his fifth BMI Million-Air Award for 11

million radio plays of the song “Brown Eyed Girl” making it one of the Top 10 Songs of all time on U.S. radio and television.

Among his numerous hits, include: Brown Eyed Girl, Moondance, Domino, Wild Night, Have I Told You Lately, Crazy Love, Jackie Wilson Said (I’m In Heaven When You Smile), Warm Love, Into The Mystic, Tupelo Honey, Gloria, Baby Please Don’t Go, and many more.

## **The Beatles**

**The Beatles are the best-selling band in history**, selling more than 800 million records worldwide, the best-selling music artists in the United States, with 178 million certified sales, and are regarded as the foremost and most influential music band in history. They led to the “British Invasion” of the United States and broke numerous sales awards. In addition, they quickly made their motion picture debut and followed with many more while continuing to produce increasingly innovative songs.

The group has received 7 Grammy Awards, an Academy Award for Best Original Score for the film *Let It Be*, and 15 Ivor Novello Awards. The group was inducted into the Rock And Roll Hall Of Fame in 1988, and all four members were inducted individually as well from 1994 to 2015. In 1965, Queen Elizabeth II appointed Lennon, McCartney, Harrison and Starr Members of the Order of the British Empire (MBE).

They have had more number-one albums on the British charts, 15, and sold more singles in the UK, 21.9 million, than any other act. In 2004, *Rolling Stone* ranked the Beatles as the best artist of all time. They ranked number one on *Billboard* magazine’s list of the all-time most successful artists, released to celebrate the US singles chart’s 50th anniversary. They hold the record for most number-one hits on the *Billboard* Hot 100, with twenty. In 2014, they received the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award. They were also collectively included in *Time* magazine’s compilation of the twentieth century’s 100 most influential people.

On January 16, beginning from 2001, people celebrate the World Beatles Day under UNESCO. This date has direct relation to the opening of The Cavern

Club in 1957 (where they met their first manager who got them a recording contract with EMI).

Among their numerous top hits, include: Eight Days A Week, I Saw Her Standing There, I Feel Fine, She Loves You, I Wanna Hold Your Hand, Let It Be, All You Need Is Love, With A Little Help From My Friends, Hey Jude, A Hard Day's Night, We Can Work It Out, Long Tall Sally, Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Heart's Club Band, Come Together, Something, Get Back, Revolution, Back In The USSR, Michelle, Twist & Shout, I Wanna Be Your Man, When I'm 64, Good Day Sunshine, Birthday, Help!, Please Please Me, And I Love Her, Lucy In The Sky With Diamonds, Magical Mystery Tour, Yellow Submarine, Taxman, Eleanor Rigby, Ob-La-Di Ob-La-Da, Strawberry Fields Forever, Got To Get You Into My Life, Here Comes The Sun, Love Me Do, In My Life, All My Loving, and numerous more.

### **A Night of Soul & Motown**

“A Night of Soul & Motown” features numerous top favorite Soul artists and songs that you will KNOW and groove to! Top artists from Aretha Franklin to Ray Charles, Motown favorites including the Temptations, Jackson 5, Sam Cooke, Otis Redding, Sam & Dave, Sly & The Family Stone, The Isley Brothers, even a little Elvis, Curtis Mayfield, Prince, and of course James Brown, and many more!

### **Sting**

One of the best-selling artists, Sting has sold over 100 million records worldwide, received 17 Grammy Awards, a Golden Globe, an Emmy, four Academy Award nominations for Best Original Song, and three Brit Awards. He was inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame, and the Rock And Roll Hall Of Fame in 2003, received a CBE from Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace for services to music, the Ivor Novello Award for Lifetime Achievement from the British Academy of Songwriters, Composer and Authors, received Kennedy Center Honors in 2014, and was awarded the Polar Music Prize in 2017.

Among his numerous top hits, include: Englishman In New York, We'll Be Together, Every Little Thing She Does Is Magic, Message In A Bottle, Fields Of

Gold, Fragile, If You Love Somebody, Brand New Day, Sacred Love, Send Your Love, Roxanne, Every Breath You Take, Synchronicity, Don't Stand So Close To Me, Driven To Tears, It's Probably Me, Walking On The Moon, De Do Do De Da Da Da, So Lonely, Bring On The Night, and many more.

## **“SUMMER SWING!” - A Night of Sinatra!**

### **Frank Sinatra**

Frank Sinatra is one of the most popular and influential musical artists of the 20th century and one of the best-selling music artists of all time selling more than 150 million records worldwide. Known as “Ol’ Blue Eyes”, Sinatra starred in numerous films and musicals and produced as well.

He was honored at the Kennedy Center Honors in 1983, was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by Ronald Reagan in 1985, and the Congressional Gold Medal in 1997. Sinatra also received 11 Grammy Awards, including the Grammy Trustees Award, Grammy Legend Award and the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award. He also won 3 Golden Globe Awards, including the Cecil B. DeMille Award. He was also actively campaigned for presidents such as Harry S. Truman, John F. Kennedy and Ronald Reagan; and he was collectively included in *Time* magazine’s compilation of the twentieth century’s 100 most influential people.

In Sinatra’s native New Jersey, Hoboken’s Frank Sinatra Park, the Hoboken Post Office, and a residence hall at Montclair State University were named in his honor. Other buildings named for Sinatra include the Frank Sinatra School of the Arts in Queens, the Frank Sinatra International Student Center at Israel’s Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and the Frank Sinatra Hall at the UNC School of Cinematic Arts. Congress designated May 13 as Frank Sinatra Day to honor his contributions to American culture.

Among his numerous top hits, include: Come Fly With Me, New York, New York, Fly Me To The Moon, Chicago, It's So Nice To Go Traveling, I've Got A Crush On You, The Way You Look Tonight, The Best Is Yet To Come, Love & Marriage, Night & Day, Cheek To Cheek, The Lady Is A Tramp, Strangers In The Night, You Make Me Feel So Young, I Get A Kick Out Of You, and many more.

The Concert schedule is:

“Wonderful Tonight” (**A Night of Eric Clapton / John Mellencamp**) - Saturday, June 22

“Moondancin” (**A Night of Van Morrison**) - Saturday, July 27

“**Summer Swing!**” (**A Night of Sinatra! Dancing, Singing, Enjoying!**)! - Saturday, July 6

“Twist & Shout” (**A Night of The Beatles**) - Saturday, August 24

“Dance To The Music” (**A Night of Soul & Motown! - Ray, Aretha, Jackson 5, Motown, Otis, Sam Cooke, etc.**)! - Saturday, September 28

“Englishman In NC” (**A Night of Sting**) - Saturday, October 26