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2008 Last Fling Announces Dennis DeYoung and the Doobie Brothers, Friday and Saturday Night Headliners

NAPERVILLE, Ill. – June 3, 2008 – This Labor Day weekend Rotary Hill, in Naperville, will be filled with the unique musical stylings of the Doobie Brothers and Dennis DeYoung.

Dennis DeYoung, former lead singer of Styx, takes the Last Fling main stage on Friday, August 29, at 8 p.m. and will play the music of Styx. DeYoung is a Chicago native and a founding member of the famous rock group. DeYoung wrote eight of their nine top ten singles. Styx sold 35 million albums worldwide and was the only band to ever record four consecutive triple platinum albums.

For more than four decades, DeYoung has been a singer, songwriter, keyboardist and record producer. He wrote and sang several classics including: “Lady”, “Come Sail Away”, “Best of Times”, “Mr. Roboto”, “Show Me the Way”, “Desert Moon”, “Don't Let It End”, and the 1979 Peoples Choice Award winner, “Babe”. DeYoung has also recorded seven solo albums including “Desert Moon”, whose title track achieved top ten status.

“Dennis has a huge catalog of hits and is among Chicagoland’s most relevant artists, both in the past and currently,” says John Wrona, Last Fling co-executive director.

The Doobie Brothers perform at the Last Fling on Saturday August 30, at 8 p.m. on the main stage. Over the years, The Doobie Brothers’ music has evolved from a country/blues base into a sound emphasizing everything from R&B and Jazz elements, from guitar fueled rockers like “China Grove” and “Long Train Running,” to the folky chart topper “Black Water.” Other hits include “Listen to the Music” and “Rockin' Down the Highway.”

Combined with their consistent appeal on the road, the Doobies have earned a fanatical loyalty for their high-energy shows, and are truly one of America’s most loved rock and roll bands. The band has sold more than 50 million records worldwide, which includes multiple Grammy award-winning songs, 27 chart singles, 16 top-40 hits (including two number ones) and 11 multi-platinum albums.

“We are excited to bring the Doobie Brothers to Naperville, they are an outstanding live act,” says Wrona. “It’s sure to be a rocking weekend!”

The Black Crowes were scheduled to perform Sunday night at the Last Fling, but are unable to honor the date due to scheduling conflicts and logistical problems involving international travel. Sunday’s headliner is yet to be determined.

For more information on the Last Fling’s weekend events, concert tickets, sponsorship and volunteer opportunities visit our Web site at www.LastFling.org.

The Last Fling is the Naperville Jaycees’ major fundraising event of the year. Each year, they host the city’s annual Labor Day festival, a wholesome, family event, with the entire community participating. More than 300,000 patrons visit over the 4-day event, which is
held along Naperville’s Riverwalk area. Starting Friday afternoon and running through Monday evening, there are special events, carnival rides and attractions, a children’s playland, food and beverage vendors, a business expo and concerts on two stages each evening. The Labor Day parade is also part of the festivities. Hotel packages and free shuttle service will also be available.

The Naperville Jaycees is a nonprofit service organization with over 200 young persons dedicated to personal development through community service. The group organizes and staffs the Last Fling in close cooperation with the City of Naperville, the Naperville Park District, numerous Naperville community organizations and tons of volunteers. Proceeds from the Last Fling are given to nonprofit organizations in the community and throughout DuPage County. The Jaycees have contributed more than $300,000 to various local charities over the last three years.

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