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JOHNNY MATHIS TO PERFORM AT FOUR WINDS NEW BUFFALO ON FRIDAY, JULY 20

Tickets go on sale Friday, February 9

NEW BUFFALO, Mich. – February 5, 2018 – The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians’ Four Winds® Casinos are pleased to announce Johnny Mathis will perform The Voice of Romance Tour 2018 at Four Winds New Buffalo’s® Silver Creek® Event Center on Friday, July 20, 2018 at 9 p.m. Hotel and dinner packages are available on the night of the concert. Tickets can be purchased beginning Friday, February 9 at 11 a.m. EST exclusively through Ticketmaster®, www.ticketmaster.com, or by calling (800) 745-3000. Ticket prices for the show start at \$139 plus applicable fees.

Four Winds New Buffalo is offering hotel and dinner packages along with tickets to the Johnny Mathis concert. The Hard Rock option is available for \$543 and includes two concert tickets, a one-night hotel stay on Friday, July 20 and a \$50 gift card to Hard Rock Cafe® Four Winds. The Copper Rock option is available for \$643 and includes two tickets to the performance, a one-night hotel stay on Friday, July 20 and a \$150 gift card to Copper Rock Steak House®. All hotel and dinner packages must be purchased through Ticketmaster.

The fourth of seven children, John Royce Mathis was born on September 30, 1935 in Gilmer, Texas. As a small boy he learned an appreciation of music from his father Clem who taught him his first song, “My Blue Heaven”. He sang in the church choir, school functions, community events, for visitors in their home as well as amateur shows in the San Francisco area.

In 1954, Johnny enrolled at San Francisco State College (now called San Francisco State University). While there, Johnny set a high jump record of 6’-5 1/2”. Just as when he was in high school, Johnny’s name was frequently mentioned in the sports sections of the Northern California newspapers. While there, a fellow student brought Johnny in for a Sunday afternoon jam session at a local nightclub. It was at the Black Hawk that Helen Noga, co-owner of the club, first heard him sing. She decided that she wanted to manage his career.

In early September of 1955, Johnny landed a job singing weekends at Ann Dee’s 440 Club. He continued his studies at San Francisco State and gained additional fame as a high jumper. In early 1956, Johnny was asked to attend the trials for the 1956 Olympic teams that would travel to Melbourne, Australia that summer. At the same time, Columbia Records requested that Johnny come to New York to start arrangements for his first recording session. Clem helped his son decide that his future and best interests were with the recording company. So, Johnny gave up his chance to become a member of the USA Olympic Team. He went to New York to record his first album in March of 1956.

The first album was a collection of jazz-oriented renditions of popular standards, "Johnny Mathis: A New Sound In Popular Song". Soon, Columbia placed Johnny under the supervision of producer Mitch Miller. Mitch favored using Johnny's voice to sing soft, romantic ballads. At his second recording session, in the fall of 1956, Johnny recorded two singles. These songs were to become among his most popular all-time greatest hits: "Wonderful, Wonderful" and "It's Not For Me To Say." These successes were followed by the monumental single "Chances Are" which became Johnny's first #1 hit. In late 1959, Johnny recorded another song that became synonymous with the name of Johnny Mathis, "Misty".

"Johnny's Greatest Hits" went on to become one of the most popular albums of all time and spent an unprecedented 490 continuous weeks (almost 10 years) on the BILLBOARD Top Albums Chart. This record has been noted in the GUINNESS BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS.

Johnny has been inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame three times so far for "Chances Are", "Misty", and "It's Not For Me To Say", and in 2003 received the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences. Most impressive of all is at 82 years old he is still touring & recording, having recently released his newest album titled "Johnny Mathis Sings The Great New American Songbook".

[To access high-resolution images of Johnny Mathis, click here.](#)

About Four Winds New Buffalo's Silver Creek Event Center

Four Winds New Buffalo's Silver Creek Event Center is a 1,500 seat, modern, multi-use facility that is located adjacent to the casino floor, at 11111 Wilson Road. In addition to hosting concerts, the 17,000-sq. ft. event center is often reconfigured to host large meetings, special events, conferences and banquets. Details on concerts and other performances at Silver Creek Event Center are available at http://www.fourwindscasino.com/newbuffalo/silvercreek_ent.php.

Reservations and Information

To make a hotel reservation at Four Winds New Buffalo or for more information on Four Winds New Buffalo, Four Winds Hartford®, Four Winds Dowagiac® or Four Winds South Bend®, please call 1 (866)-4WINDS1, (866) 494-6371 or visit www.fourwindscasino.com. Additionally, be sure to like Four Winds on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/fourwindscasino and follow on Twitter at www.Twitter.com/fourwindscasino for information on the latest offers and promotions.

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