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GIN BLOSSOMS TO PERFORM AT FOUR WINDS NEW BUFFALO'S SILVER CREEK EVENT CENTER ON SATURDAY, MARCH 16

Tickets go on sale on Friday, December 15

NEW BUFFALO, Mich. – December 13, 2023 – The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi's Four Winds® Casinos are pleased to announce that Gin Blossoms will perform at Four Winds New Buffalo's Silver Creek® Event Center on Saturday, March 16, 2024 at 9 p.m. Eastern. Ticket prices for the show start at \$45, plus applicable fees, and can be purchased online at [Ticketmaster](#) beginning on Friday, December 15 at 10 a.m. Eastern. Hotel rooms are available on the night of the concert and can be purchased with event tickets.

Gin Blossoms formed in 1987 in Tempe, Arizona by guitarist Jesse Valenzuela and bassist Bill Leen, and developed further with the addition of drummer Phillip Rhoades, vocalist and guitarist Robin Wilson, and guitarist Doug Hopkins. The Gin Blossom band member bench is quite impressive as four of the five are songwriters who all create a unique musical experience. In 1989 the band debuted their first album, *Dusted* and became known for its high-energy, loose, and informal shows full of lively stage banter and audience interaction.

In 1990, the group signed a contract with A&M Records where they cut a five-song album and then ten months later the *New Miserable Experience (NME)* twelve-song album was released. Then a year later, the third single, *Hey Jealousy* was released and took off, increasing band awareness, and re-establishing *NME* which went on to earn Platinum status selling more than four million copies. As *NME* experienced a breakthrough, the band experienced profound change when guitarist, founding member and stellar songwriter Doug Hopkins was replaced with Scotty Johnson.

Three and a half years later, the band worked to stay afloat when *Congratulations I'm Sorry* showed up to prove that the Gin Blossoms had the ability to continue to turn out lyrically compelling songs. The band then delivered, *Follow You Down* as *Congratulations* went Platinum, reaching #10 on the U.S. album charts and *As Long as it Matters*, a third single from the album earned a Grammy nomination.

Due to a non-stop touring schedule, the band took a hiatus in 1997 and band members pursued outside projects. In 2017, Gin Blossoms celebrated the 25-year anniversary of the landmark *NME* and were inducted into the Arizona Music & Entertainment Hall of Fame. Gin Blossoms then worked on a new album with Don Dixon, producer of the Smithereens and R.E.M.'s veteran engineer, Mitch Easter. The two well-known individuals helped define a fresh style for Gin Blossoms to reconnect the band to its original foundation, creating *Mixed Reality*, which became a timeless label.

More information on Gin Blossoms can be found at <https://www.ginblossoms.net/>.

Reservations and Information

To make a hotel reservation at Four Winds New Buffalo or Four Winds South Bend® 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.

About The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians of Michigan and Indiana

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi's sovereignty was reaffirmed under legislation signed into law by President Clinton in September of 1994. The Pokagon Band is dedicated to providing community development initiatives such as housing, education, family services, medical care, and cultural preservation for its more than 6,000 citizens. The Pokagon Band's ten-county service area includes four counties in Southwestern Michigan and six in Northern Indiana. Its main administrative offices are located in Dowagiac, Mich., with a satellite office in South Bend, Ind. In 2007, it opened Four Winds Casino Resort in New Buffalo, Mich., followed by Four Winds Hartford in 2011, Four Winds Dowagiac in 2013 and Four Winds South Bend in January 2018. The Pokagon Band operates a variety of non-gaming businesses through its investment enterprises, Mno-Bmadsen and the Pokagon Development Authority. More information is available at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov, www.fourwindscasino.com and www.mno-bmadsen.com.

About Four Winds New Buffalo's Silver Creek Event Center

Four Winds New Buffalo's Silver Creek Event Center is a 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 <https://fourwindscasino.com/newbuffalo/entertainment/event-center>.

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