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CHUBBY CHECKER – KING OF THE TWIST TO PERFORM AT FOUR WINDS NEW BUFFALO’S SILVER CREEK EVENT CENTER ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Tickets go on sale on Friday, October 2

NEW BUFFALO, Mich. – September 28, 2026 – The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi’s Four Winds® Casinos are pleased to announce that Chubby Checker will perform at Four Winds New Buffalo’s Silver Creek® Event Center on Saturday, February 13, 2027, at 8 p.m. Eastern. Ticket prices for the show start at \$29, plus applicable fees, and can be purchased online at [Ticketmaster](#) beginning on Friday, October 2 at 10 a.m. Eastern. Hotel rooms are available on the night of the concert and can be purchased with event tickets.

If all the people who have seen Chubby Checker perform through the years stood side by side they would encircle the globe many times over. And, no matter who among them was asked, there would be no question that Chubby Checker is the most dynamic, charismatic entertainer in the world today.

Chubby Checker exploded onto the music scene in 1960 and never looked back. Known as “King of the Twist,” Chubby Checker is one of the few entertainers who has successfully sustained a career over six decades. He is as popular today as he was in 1960 when the Twist first came out. Chubby is a record breaker who has sold over 250 million records to date. He is the first musical artist who has had the same single record go number one twice in different years as well as the only artist ever to have nine double sided hit records.

The Twist was additionally named the first number one song of all time according to Billboard Magazine and held that position for a period of over sixty years.

Chubby Checker was born Ernest Evans on October 3, 1941, in Spring Gulley, South Carolina. When he was just four years old, his mom took him to a county fair. He watched Ernest Tubb, better known as the Texas Troubadour entertain on stage. That day at the Georgetown County Fair, Ernest told his mom he wanted to be an entertainer just like Ernest Tubb. He shared his dream with everyone over the years telling them that he was going to be a big star, a famous singer, have a big record and be on stage. No matter what anyone said to the contrary, it was his dream and he believed it would happen.

When he was eight years old, he moved to Philadelphia. He still had the dream. As a teenager, Ernest found a job opening in a produce market on 9th Street in Philadelphia. When he applied for the job, Tony Anastasi who was the boss called him Chubby. Ernest said, “Who’s Chubby? I’m not Chubby.” Tony replied, “You are if you

want the job”... and Ernest Evans became Chubby. Soon after that, Chubby found another job working in a chicken store. The man who owned the shop, Henry Colt, liked to set up a microphone so his young employee could sing songs of the fifties while people shopped. Coincidentally, Colt had a friend, Kal Mann who was a songwriter associated with the most recognized recording studio in the Philadelphia area.

So when Dick Clark asked Mann to write a song and recommend a singer for a musical Christmas card based on Jingle Bells, Mann suggested Chubby. While in the studio, Clark's wife, Barbara walked in and said to him, “Chubby... Chubby Checker. You're going to be Chubby for Fats and Checker for Domino.” And Ernest Evans received yet another new name and became Chubby Checker for the rest of time.

A few months later, while still attending South Philadelphia High School, Chubby made his first record called “The Class.” Just before he graduated from high school, the record company told him they had a song that had been done by someone else, but they wanted him to record it over again. The song was *The Twist*. It had been written and originally recorded by Hank Ballard in 1958 and had made a little noise, but was no hit record by any means. Chubby went in the studio and recorded the tune.

Before Chubby graduated high school, the Twist was a hit and so was he. History was made. The music world and the dance floor had changed forever and would never be the same again. Chubby's dream started coming true. His string of hits include *The Twist*, *Let's Twist Again*, *The Hucklebuck*, *Limbo Rock*, *Slow Twistin*, *The Fly* and *Changes* among others.

Chubby, a Casino Entertainer of the Year, was also just inducted into the prestigious Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. His ability to electrify an audience puts him in a class of his own. His showmanship, energy and charm captivates everyone, pleasing crowds of every age group. It is impossible not to have a good time at a Chubby Checker concert. He is always on the road traveling around the world making audiences happy and people smile.

And every single time he gets on that stage, Chubby is proof that dreams can come true.

More information on Chubby Checker can be found at <https://chubbychecker.com/>.

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 X at www.x.com/fourwindscasino, YouTube at www.youtube.com/user/fourwindscasinos, and Pinterest at <https://www.pinterest.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 6,400 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 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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