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### **10,000 MANIACS TO PERFORM AT THE BIG E SEPT. 27, 2020**

American alternative rock band 10,000 Maniacs will perform Sept. 27, 2020 at The Big E's Court of Honor Stage at 8pm. The show is free with Big E admission and seating is on a first come, first served basis.

10,000 Maniacs is comprised of four of the six original members. Keyboardist Dennis Drew and bassist Steven Gustafson co-founded the band in 1981. Drummer Jerry Augustyniak came along shortly afterward, and founding guitarist/singer John Lombardo, who'd never completely left the picture, was welcomed back fulltime in 2015. The two new members have long been part of the family: Mary Ramsey toured and recorded with the Maniacs as a viola player and backup singer before stepping into the front woman's role 24 years ago. Jeff Erikson, the lead guitarist for 17 years, came in at the behest of his friend and mentor, the late Rob Buck.

Since their founding, 10,000 Maniacs has released nine studio albums, six Eps and five live albums. They achieved their most significant success between 1987 and 1993, when they released four albums that charted in the top 50 in the U.S.

10,000 Maniacs has a lot in common with Jamestown, New York, the city that spawned them back in 1981. Both are honest and hardworking, a step outside mainstream, and both possess a bit of magic. "It's a city of blue collar poetry," Drew said. "That's what we're about, real life stories. We're a family, we do real work and we keep moving forward."

**What:** 10,000 Maniacs

**When:** Sunday, Sept. 27, 2020 – 8pm

**Where:** Court of Honor Stage

**Tickets:** Free Show

*The 2020 Big E takes place Sept. 18 - Oct. 4 in West Springfield, Mass. Stay up to date with all the happenings at Eastern States Exposition by finding us on Facebook, following us on Twitter and Instagram or joining our mailing list at [TheBigE.com](http://TheBigE.com).*

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