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### BACK TO THE 80S TO APPEAR AT THE BIG E

Was it really that long ago when synthesizers and cotton-candy hair seemed oh-so modern? Not for Back to the 80s; this Reagan-era tour features some of the most recognizable acts from that great decade. A Flock of Seagulls, Naked Eyes and Missing Persons will perform Saturday, September 20 at The Big E Arena, sponsored by *MGM Springfield*, at 7:30pm. The show is free with Big E admission and a limited number of Premium reserved seats (\$29) go on sale Thursday, August 22 at 10am at [TheBigE.com](http://TheBigE.com) and The Big E Box Office.

Founded by hairdressers Mike Score and Frank Maudsley, A Flock of Seagulls is back together twenty years later with live shows in the US, UK, Asia, South America and Mexico. After releasing their first album in 1982, their first hit song *Space Age Love Song*, was featured in Columbia Pictures' 2001 film, "Not Another Teen Movie." Their single, *I Ran*, is the song for which they will be remembered by most Americans. Their album track *D.N.A* won a Grammy Award in 1983 for Best Rock Instrumental Performance.

Created in 1982, Naked Eyes was almost immediately signed to EMI and began recording at the legendary Abbey Road Studios. Pete Byrne and Rob Fisher's shared love for the music of Bob Dylan, Cat Stevens, The Beatles and Jimi Hendrix led to their first cover *Always Something There to Remind Me*, which exploded into the Top Ten on the Billboard Hot 100 in the summer of 1983. Self-penned *Promises*, *Promises* and *When The Lights Go Out* led them to massive U.S. radio airplay and an almost constant presence on MTV.

Known as a must-see band among the Los Angeles live music crowd in the 80s, Missing Persons recorded their first song, *Mental Hopscotch*, which made its way to #1 on the local radio station KROQ-FM. The self-promoted EP sold 7,000 copies. After releasing their first full-length album, "Spring Session M," it went gold and peaked at #17 on the charts.

**What:** Back to the 80s

**When:** Saturday, Sept. 20 – 7:30pm

**Where:** The Big E Arena, sponsored by *MGM Springfield*

**Tickets:** Free Show. A limited number of Premium reserved seats (\$29) go on sale Aug. 22 at 10am. Visit [TheBigE.com](http://TheBigE.com) or The Big E Box Office.

*The 2019 Big E takes place Sept. 13-29 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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