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THE MARSHALL TUCKER BAND SET TO PERFORM AT THE BIG E

Icons of Southern Rock, The Marshall Tucker Band (MTB) brings its unique sound to The Big E's xfinity arena Sept. 14 at 7:30pm. The show is free with Fair admission and a limited number of premium reserved seats will go on sale Thursday, June 7 at 10am.

The Marshall Tucker Band has come a long way since its beginning in 1972, when the group originally signed with Capricorn Records, opened for the Allman Brothers in 1973 and thereafter began headlining shows across America due to the platinum-plus sales of their debut album. Along the way, the group has amassed Country, Rock and industry accolades.

Founding member and lead singer Doug Gray fronts a talented line-up of musicians who are carrying on the timeless essence of The MTB's sound. They include: the highly respected drummer B.B. Borden, a former member of both Mother's Finest and The Outlaws; multi-instrumentalist Marcus Henderson of Macon, Georgia, who plays flute, saxophone and keyboards in addition to singing lead and background vocals; Pat Elwood on bass guitar and Rick Willis on lead guitar and vocals, both of Spartanburg, South Carolina, and are disciples of the Caldwell Brothers. Acclaimed lead guitarist and vocalist Chris Hicks recently rejoined the band after a two-year absence. All together they present a powerful stage presence as they continue to tour the country and be a powerful force in the world of music.

Today, the band records on its own RAMBLIN' RECORDS Label (distributed by Sony/RED) and continues to release new and previously unreleased material.

A major influence on a number of Country acts and critics alike, The MTB has a new generation of fans who have discovered its 22 studio albums, three DVDs, three live albums and many compilations.

With hit singles like "Heard It In a Love Song," "Fire On The Mountain," "Can't You See," and "Take The Highway," The Marshall Tucker Band earned seven gold and three platinum albums while they were on the Capricorn Records label. During the 90s, The MTB scored four hit singles on Billboard's Country chart and one on Billboard's Gospel chart. Their music has also been featured on the soundtracks of major motion pictures.

"The buying public never really cared whether we were Country or Rock & Roll," Gray said. "They called us a Southern rock band, but we have always played everything from Country, Jazz, Blues, Rock & Roll and all things in-between. As we've become older, our Southern heritage seems to come out even more. But, no matter how old we get, we can still rock your socks off."

The Big E takes place Sept. 14-30 in West Springfield, Mass., and is the best place in the northeast to find something for everyone. Stay up-to-date on all the concerts, events, food and activities by visiting TheBigE.com to join our mailing list and connect with us on social media.

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