

## GRAND FUNK RAILROAD ADDS DATES TO HIGHLY ANTICIPATED 'THE AMERICAN BAND TOUR'

*Celebrates the 50th Anniversary of Their 1973 "We're An American Band" Platinum Selling Single and Album*

JAN 13 • GREELEY, CO	JUL 14 • DETROIT, MI#	SEP 23 • CHARLESTON, SC
JAN 19 • CATOOSA, OK	JUL 15 • DETROIT, MI#	SEP 28 • KANSAS CITY, MO*
JAN 21 • NEWKIRK, OK <b>SOLD OUT</b>	JUL 22 • SAHUARITA, AZ	OCT 05 • OXFORD, AL
FEB 04 • KINDER, LA* <b>SOLD OUT</b>	JUL 28 • AKRON, OH	OCT 13 • LAS VEGAS, NV
FEB 11 • DAVENPORT, IA	AUG 03 • MOUNT VERNON, KY	OCT 20 • BATON ROUGE, LA
FEB 18 • LAUGHLIN, NV	AUG 05 • KANNAPOLIS, NC	NOV 02 • GARY, IN^
FEB 25 • ANNA MARIA, FL <b>SOLD OUT</b>	AUG 10 • LAWTON, OK	NOV 04 • VAN WERT, OH
MAR 03 • LAS VEGAS, NV	AUG 12 • WHITE PARK, MN*	NOV 10 • WATERLOO, NY
MAR 09 • MAYETTA, KS	AUG 15 • SANDY SPRINGS, GA	NOV 16 • HIGHLAND, CA*
MAR 18 • CLEWISTON, FL	AUG 25 • LANCASTER, PA	NOV 18 •
JUN 02 • PEACHTREE CITY, GA <b>SOLD OUT</b>	AUG 30 • LAYTON, UT	NOV 30 • DEADWOOD, SD*
JUN 09 • LINCOLN, RI	SEP 01 • RENO, NV*	DEC 09 • ATLANTIC CITY, NJ^
JUN 24 • SELBYVILLE, DE <b>SOLD OUT</b>	SEP 08 • NASHVILLE, IN	DEC 14 • MARIETTA, OH
JUL 04 • GREECE, NY	SEP 16 • MIAMI, OK	DEC 16 •
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FEATURING: KID ROCK# WITH SPECIAL GUESTS: JEFFERSON STARSHIP\* FOGHAT^

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**NASHVILLE, Tenn. (May 2, 2023)** - Multi-platinum selling iconic group **GRAND FUNK RAILROAD** announced today additional tour dates to their highly anticipated upcoming 'The American Band Tour,' in honor of the 50th anniversary of their 1973 "We're An American Band" platinum-selling single and album. New dates include performances in New York, Ohio, Arizona, Kentucky, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Minnesota, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Utah, Nevada, Indiana, South Carolina, Missouri, Alabama, Louisiana, California, South Dakota, New Jersey, Michigan, and Mississippi.

One of rock's most definitive anthems, founding member Don Brewer (vocals and drums) was the soul writer and vocalist on "We're An American Band," which went all the way to #1 on the Billboard 'Hot 100' chart on September 29, 1973.

“‘We’re An American Band’ came to me when we were flying from town-to-town on our ‘Phoenix Tour’ in 1972,” said Brewer of writing the song. “We were being sued by our former manager, Terry Knight, and he was trying to stop us from performing. The line, ‘We’re comin’ to your town, we’ll help you party it down,’ came to me first, and I wrote the song around that line, taking snippets of things going on during the tour at that time - like staying up all night with Freddy King playing poker, four young chiquitas in Omaha, sweet, sweet Connie in Little Rock, and, finally, the declaration, ‘We’re An American Band,’ because it sounds great and sings well. I feel lucky and blessed every time we play it live.”

As part of this year’s itinerary, the legendary rock & roll powerhouse will be the “special guests” of Kid Rock for two hometown shows in Michigan at Little Caesars Arena on Friday, July 14 and Saturday, July 15. See GRAND FUNK RAILROAD’s full tour itinerary below.

The tour’s setlist will include hits like “We’re An American Band,” “The Loco-Motion,” “Walk Like a Man,” and more.

#### **UPCOMING ‘THE AMERICAN BAND TOUR’ DATES:**

- June 2, 2023** - [Frederick Brown Jr. Amphitheater](#) - Peachtree City, Ga.
- June 9, 2023** - [Twin River Casino](#) - Lincoln, R.I.
- June 24, 2023** - [Freeman Arts Pavilion](#) - Selbyville, Del.
- July 4, 2023** - Town of Greece Concert Series - Greece, N.Y.
- July 7, 2023** - [River City Casino & Hotel](#) - St. Louis, Mo.
- \*July 14, 2023** - [Little Caesars Arena](#) - Detroit, Mich.
- \*July 15, 2023** - [Little Caesars Arena](#) - Detroit, Mich.
- July 22, 2023** - [Desert Diamond Casinos & Entertainment](#) - Diamond Center - Sahuarita, Ariz.
- July 28, 2023** - [Goodyear Theater](#) - Akron, Ohio
- August 3, 2023** - [Renfro Valley New Barn Theatre](#) - Mount Vernon, Ky.
- August 5, 2023** - [Village Park Amphitheater](#) - Kannapolis, N.C.
- August 10, 2023** - [Apache Casino Hotel](#) - Lawton, Okla.
- August 12, 2023** - [The Ledge Amphitheater](#) - Waite Park, Minn.
- August 18, 2023** - [Sandy Springs Performing Arts Center](#) - Sandy Springs, Ga.
- August 25, 2023** - [American Music Theatre](#) - Lancaster, Pa.
- August 30, 2023** - [Edward A. Kenley Centennial Amphitheater](#) - Layton, Utah
- September 1, 2023** - [Grand Theatre at the Grand Sierra Resort](#) - Reno, Nev.
- September 8, 2023** - [Brown County Music Center](#) - Nashville, Ind.
- September 16, 2023** - Buffalo Run Casino & Resort - Miami, Okla.
- September 23, 2023** - [The Riviera Theater](#) - Charleston, S.C.
- September 28, 2023** - [Uptown Theater](#) - Kansas City, Mo.
- October 5, 2023** - [Oxford Performing Arts Center](#) - Oxford, Ala.
- October 13, 2023** - [Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino \(Showroom\)](#) - Las Vegas, Nev.
- October 20, 2023** - [Raising Cane’s River Center Theatre](#) - Baton Rouge, La.
- November 2, 2023** - [Hard Rock Casino Northern Indiana](#) - Gary, Ind.
- November 4, 2023** - [Niswonger Performing Arts Center](#) - Van Wert, Ohio
- November 10, 2023** - [The Vine @ del Lago Casino Resort](#) - Waterloo, N.Y.
- November 16, 2023** - [Yaamava’ Theater](#) - Highland, Calif.
- November 18, 2023** - TBA
- November 30, 2023** - [Deadwood Mountain Grand Event Center](#) - Deadwood, S.D.
- December 9, 2023** - [Sound Waves at Hard Rock Hotel & Casino](#) - Atlantic City, N.J.
- December 14, 2023** - [Peoples Bank Theatre](#) - Marietta, Ohio

December 16, 2023 - TBA

\*Special Guest of Kid Rock



*Grand Funk Railroad (Pictured L-R: Bruce Kulick (guitar), Mel Schacher (bass guitar), Max Carl (vocals), Don Brewer (drummer), Tim Cashion (keyboardist))  
Photo credit: Allen Clark*

#### **ABOUT GRAND FUNK RAILROAD:**

Originating from Flint, Michigan in 1969, this top selling American rock group of the 70's is "COMIN' TO YOUR TOWN TO HELP YOU PARTY IT DOWN." Grand Funk Railroad is extremely excited to be touring in 2023 marking a 54-year milestone. After playing to millions of fans on the band's tours from 1996 to 2022, Grand Funk's 2023 AMERICAN BAND TOUR will continue to reach both new and long-time fans.

Known as "The American Band," the high-energy five-piece group will play forty shows all over the USA this year. Grand Funk Railroad includes original founding members Don Brewer (vocals and drums, writer and singer of the multi-million selling hit, "We're an American Band") and bassist Mel Schacher, "The God of Thunder." Joining Don and Mel are true "All Stars." Singer Max Carl is a rock veteran from 38 Special. Max penned and sang 38's biggest hit "Second Chance" and was co-founder of California's legendary Jack Mack and the Heart Attack. Don refers to Max as "the best blue-eyed soul singer on the planet. Lead guitarist Bruce Kulick is best known for his 12 years with KISS and has credits with Michael Bolton, Meatloaf and Billy Squier. (KISS members Gene Simmons and Paul Stanley were influenced early on by Grand Funk.) Keyboardist Tim Cashion has a master's degree in music from the University of Miami. Affectionately called "Dr. Tim", his credits include stints with Bob Seger and the Silver Bullet Band and English soul man Robert Palmer.

Grand Funk laid the groundwork for such bands as Foreigner, Journey, Van Halen and Bon Jovi with its signature hard driving sound, soulful vocals, muscular instrumentation and forceful pop melodies. The fact that Grand Funk's legacy still reigns over the Classic Rock landscape fifty years after its 1969 birth in Flint, Michigan is a testament to the group's influence and staying power. Mega-hits We're an American Band, I'm Your Captain/Closer to Home, Locomotion, and Some Kind of Wonderful still receive

continuous airplay on Classic Rock radio. We're an American Band has received notoriety in recent years being used in movie soundtracks and in television/radio advertising. The huge hit was featured in a General Motors national TV ad campaign and in Disney's animated feature film The Country Bears. We're an American Band was featured in the Cuba Gooding Jr. film RADIO, and in the swashbuckler SAHARA starring Matthew McConaughey.

Internationally acclaimed Grand Funk has toured the world, selling out in the U.S., Canada, Europe, Japan and South America. A 1971 performance at New York's Shea Stadium sold out faster than the Beatles. The group's widespread appeal is also evident in its prestigious recording achievements. Over their career, Grand Funk has had 19 charted singles, 8 Top 40 hits and two Number One singles (We're an American Band and Locomotion, both selling more than one million each). The group has now accumulated 13 gold and 10 platinum records with record sales exceeding 25 million copies sold worldwide. The most recent gold CD award was presented to the band for their greatest hits package Grand Funk Railroad the Collectors Series.

The multi-talented band carries on the tradition of Grand Funk hits and creates a new chapter in the legacy of Grand Funk Railroad. GFR drew 25,000 people to their Molson Canal Series Concert outside Buffalo, 20,000 in Albany, New York, and 20,000 fans to downtown Orlando, Florida. EMI/Capitol (Universal Music) released a new Grand Funk Greatest Hits package that includes a bonus DVD of rare concert footage. Grand Funk Railroad's 2022 SOME KIND OF WONDERFUL TOUR was a huge success and now, with the group's 2023 THE AMERICAN BAND TOUR, seasoned Grand Funk lovers and contemporary rock fans discovering the group for the first time will be able to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup>. ANNIVERSARY OF WE'RE AN AMERICAN BAND with GRAND FUNK RAILROAD!

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