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### **Naper Settlement announces 2017 lineup for Naper Nights**

**Naperville, IL** —Naper Nights Community Concert Series will kick off this summer with another exciting line-up covering the best in rock and roll history. Naper Settlement invites visitors to relax under the stars while enjoying some cold drinks, delicious food and amazing music with family and friends. The concert series will take place from 5 to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights on June 16-17, July 21-22 and Aug. 18-19 at Naper Settlement located at 523 S. Webster St. in Naperville. Tickets will be available beginning March 20. Admission is \$15 adults, \$10 youth 4-12, members and children under 4 are free. No outside food or beverages are permitted. For more information, visit [www.napernights.org](http://www.napernights.org).

“Naper Nights over the years has definitely become a celebrated Naperville tradition, but I’m very excited to see the event grow in new ways this year,” said Naper Settlement’s Special Events Coordinator, Adison Glick. “By bringing nationally recognized tribute acts like The Pettybreakers and Bruce in the USA, giving kid’s from School of Rock a chance to shine in the spotlight and partnering with local non-profits to help support the community, Naper Nights is stretching out to new territory that is sure to have everyone dancing.”

#### **Naper Nights 2017 music lineup**

**June 16:** The Fortunate Sons, 6 p.m.; Trippin Billies, 8:00 p.m.

**June 17:** The Neverly Brothers, 6 p.m.; American English, 7:30 p.m.

**July 21:** Journeyman, 6 p.m.; The Pettybreakers, 8:00 p.m.

**July 22:** The Chicago Experience, 6 p.m.; Shining Star, 8:00 p.m.

**Aug. 18:** Synchronicity, 6:30 p.m.; Landslide, 8:30 p.m.

**Aug. 19:** Simply Billy, 6 p.m.; Bruce in the USA, 8:00 p.m.

The first night will open with Fortunate Sons, a Creedence Clearwater Revival tribute band, on Friday, June 16, known for using original vintage instruments and spot-on musical ability to create a full experience of CCR’s best songs; followed by Trippin Billies, a popular Dave Matthews tribute band, that has been touring the Midwest for over 20 years.

Enjoy the explosive beginning of rock and roll on Saturday, June 17, where the Neverly Brothers will perform music ranging from Elvis to the Beatles. The evening’s headliner is a Naper Night’s favorite, American English. In celebration of the Beatles’ Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, American English will be performing the album in full, along with some Paul McCartney and George Harrison solo songs.

July will be jam-packed with bands that have never before graced the Naper Nights Stage. Beginning on Friday, July 21, will be Journeyman, an Eric Clapton tribute band; followed by the nation's premier tribute to Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers, the Pettybreakers. Ozzie Mancinelli, who performs as Tom Steady, says although the music may appear simple at times to the casual listener, it can be very complicated to reproduce and the Pettybreakers love to recreate it.

“For people who have seen Tom Petty live, they can expect a pretty accurate reproduction of a Tom Petty and the Heartbreaker's show. Petty has a way of touching your soul with his lyrics,” said Mancinelli. “We're very excited to come to Naperville. It's going to be a fun show for Petty fans and Clapton fans!”

Visitors will “groove” to a fun-filled evening on Saturday, July 22. Kicking the night off will be The Chicago Experience, a tribute to the legendary band Chicago. They are then followed by Shining Star, a band that recreates the magic of Earth, Wind & Fire, and are sure to perform all the songs you know by heart.

The August concerts move the music into mid to late rock and roll favorites beginning Friday, Aug. 18 with Synchronicity, a tribute to the music of the Police; followed by Landslide, a tribute band to the Rock and Roll Hall of Famers Fleetwood Mac.

Don't miss the last night of the series on Saturday, Aug. 19 showcasing some tribute powerhouses. Opening will be Simply Billy, a tribute to Billy Joel's incredible songwriting, vocals and pianistic virtuosity. Bruce in the USA, deemed one of the World's Greatest Tribute bands by AXS TV, will end the night and showcase the high-energy, spot-on musical performance and accurate recreation of Bruce Springsteen & the E St. Band.

Matt Ryan, who has performed as “The Boss” for the past 14 years, is incredibly excited to bring the band to Naper Nights. “It's all about happiness and love and connections when you're playing for Bruce Springsteen fans,” said Ryan. “There are some incredible fans in the Chicago area, so we're very excited to come to Naperville.”

Be sure to show up early to catch performances from School of Rock's local musicians as they welcome guests to Naper Nights each night.

Details regarding Naper Night's Children's Activity Tent and food vendors will be announced later this spring. Beverages will be provided by Bell's Brewery and Rodney Strong Vineyards.

### **About Naper Settlement and the Naperville Heritage Society**

Naper Settlement is a nationally accredited, award-winning outdoor museum set on 12 acres in the heart of Naperville, where history comes to play and the community comes to connect. The Naperville Heritage Society is the administrator of Naper Settlement. With a commitment to the community and a focus to the future, the mission of the Naperville Heritage Society is to collect, document, preserve and support the history of Naperville, Illinois, past and present. For more information, visit [napersettlement.com](http://napersettlement.com) or call (630) 420-6010.