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LEGENDS OF ROCK AT THE BROWARD CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Sept. 18 concert features Jefferson Starship,

Mark Farner formerly of Grand Funk Railroad, Rick Derringer and Mitch Ryder and the Detroit Wheels

FORT LAUDERDALE – The Broward Center for the Performing Arts will present Legends of Rock featuring Jefferson Starship, Mark Farner formerly of Grand Funk Railroad, Rick Derringer and Mitch Ryder and the Detroit Wheels on **Sunday, September 18 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Au-Rene Theater.

Together the bands created the soundtrack of a generation including “Somebody to Love,” “White Rabbit,” “We’re an American Band,” “Rock and Roll, Hoochie Koo,” “Real American,” “Little Latin Lupe Lu” and “Devil with a Blue Dress On/Good Golly Miss Molly” medley.

Jefferson Starship rose from the ashes of another legendary San Francisco band, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductees, Jefferson Airplane. Between 1974 and 1984, Jefferson Starship released eight gold and platinum selling albums, 20 hit singles and sold out concerts worldwide. Legends of Rock features: original and historic members David Freiberg, who was also a founder of Quicksilver Messenger Service, and drummer Donny Baldwin along with longtime members Chris Smith on keyboards and synth bass and Jude Gold on lead guitar. Grammy Award nominee Cathy Richardson anchors the female lead vocal spot made famous by the inimitable Grace Slick. Richardson was invited by Slick to sing in her place when Jefferson Airplane accepted its Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award.

Farner is the engine that took the original Grand Funk Railroad to the top of the charts as their lead vocalist, lead guitarist and principle songwriter for the group. In addition to a successful solo career, in 1995, he accepted an invitation to join Ringo Starr's All-Starr Band. After 40 years on the road, he's the consummate, professional rocker who's lost none of his chops and gets audiences on their feet with his slick and lightening quick guitar playing and his trademark prancing.

A guitarist, singer/songwriter and producer, Derringer was just 17 when his band, The McCoys, recorded the number one hit *Hang On Sloopy* in the summer of 1965, knocking *Yesterday* by The Beatles out of the top spot. The McCoys had enjoyed four years of successful touring, when Derringer merged his talents with Johnny Winter in 1969 forming “Johnny Winter And...” Derringer was featured on *Johnny Winter And*, *Johnny Winter And-Live* and Edgar Winter's *White Trash*. He has also appeared on numerous albums with Alice Cooper, Richie Havens, Todd Rundgren and Steely Dan, Cyndi Lauper, Barbra Streisand, Kiss, Mason Ruffner and Madam X.

High octane, turbo, high performance, super charged Mitch Ryder & The Detroit Wheels hit during the mid-'60s, when AM radio was going through a golden era, and scored seven hits on the *Billboard Top 100* charts. The hits are part of the rock and roll cannon and Bruce Springsteen has often performed his “Detroit Medley” consisting of two of the band’s classics: “CC Rider/Jenny Take a Ride,” and “Devil with the Blue Dress/Good Golly Miss Molly.”

Tickets are priced at \$25-75 with \$105 LATAM AIRLINES CLUB LEVEL seating. VIP tickets are available for \$155 offering premium seat locations, a meet and greet with select artists and exclusive use of the Intermezzo Lounge with complimentary appetizers and desserts and a selection of beverages including seasonal craft and premium beer, wine and champagne. Ticketmaster is the only official ticketing service of the Broward Center, Parker Playhouse and affiliated venues. Buy tickets online at BrowardCenter.org or Ticketmaster.com; by phone at 954-462-0222; in person at Ticketmaster outlets or the Broward Center's AutoNation Box Office. Know who you are buying from when you purchase tickets. We CANNOT PROVIDE REFUNDS OR CUSTOMER SERVICE for tickets purchased from unauthorized sites, brokers or secondary ticket sellers.

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