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Gin Blossoms are Joining the Back Waters Stage Summer Concert Lineup!

Dubuque, IA - Q Casino is announcing an addition to its summer shows on the Back Waters Stage - presented by American Trust.

Q Casino is proud to announce an addition to our outdoor summer lineup, Gin Blossoms with Special Guest The LoveMonkeys!

This summer, both national acts and local favorites will take the stage through community events and Q Casino hosted concerts. All ages are welcome to experience the excitement at the Back Waters Stage. Community members can expect to enjoy a wide range of concerts from all genres including Classic Rock, Country and vModern Rock.

For more than two decades, Gin Blossoms have defined the sound of jangle pop. From their late 80s start as Arizona's top indie rock outfit, the Tempe-based combo has drawn critical applause and massive popular success for their trademark brand of chiming guitars, introspective lyricism, and irresistible melodies. Gin Blossoms soon unfurled a chain of crossover favorites spanning five different formats, from "Hey Jealousy" and "Until I Fall Away" to "Follow You Down" and the GRAMMY®-nominated "As Long As It Matters," earning the band sales in excess of 10 million in the US alone.

In the late 80's, Gin Blossoms started to grow a huge following as the #1 local music draw in Phoenix and certainly were the hometown heroes of their favorite hang, Tempe, Arizona.

Gin Blossoms indelible jangle-pop sound was evolving during radio's diverse mix of hair bands and grunge music superstars. They qualified to perform at the South By Southwest Music Festival in Austin Texas in 1989. That same year College Music Journal dubbed them "The Best Unsigned Band In America" and added an invitation to perform on MTV's New Music Awards in New York City. Their breakout record *New Miserable Experience* was where their rise to fame began. This album kept the band on the chart for almost 3 years with singles "Hey Jealousy," "Allison Road," "Until I Fall Away," "Mrs. Rita," and "Found Out About You." The crossover hits on *New Miserable Experience* played on 4 radio formats and, to date, have sold over 5 million records.

Those hits were followed up by "Til I Hear It From You" which rocketed to #1 and moved the Empire Records smash soundtrack to platinum status. The track also became Canada's longest-running #1 hit of 1995, its #1 tenure lasting six weeks. This song was co-written with the great Marshall Crenshaw and Billboard described it as "the closest thing to a perfect pop song to hit radio in recent memory." Their next gem "Follow You Down" spent ten weeks in the top 10,

and “As Long As It Matters” earned the band a Grammy nomination for “Best Performance by a Duo or Group” making their Congratulations I’m Sorry record another multi radio format favorite and multi-platinum success.

Having dominated radio and MTV playlists for most of the 90s, Gin Blossoms took a brief turn of the century hiatus, a provisional parting of the ways that singer Robin Wilson chalks up to “personal dissatisfaction and the mistaken impression that we could perform at that same level with another group.” The brief break allowed guitarist Jesse Valenzuela and Wilson to re-energize via solo recordings, new combos, and production credits for an array of local Arizona acts. However, Gin Blossoms’ idiosyncratic magic proved impossible to ignore for long, and on New Years Eve 2001 in their hometown of Tempe, the band reconvened and never looked back.

“There’s a certain civility among us now,” Valenzuela says. “None of us are as brusque as we once were. We’re too old to have shouting matches.”

The revived band hit the road hard, earning a well-deserved reputation as one of the busiest touring acts in the world, playing close to 150 shows a year. Those chops were readily apparent on 2006’s Major Lodge Victory – Gin Blossoms’ long awaited fourth album and first new recording in almost a decade. Rave reviews followed, as did a top 10 Triple A smash in the album’s lead single, “Learning The Hard Way.” The album’s second single, “Long Time Gone,” quickly became another favorite among both fans, the critics and Major Lodge Victory made Billboards Top 10 Independent Albums. Next, Gin Blossoms recorded “No Chocolate Cake” and released the single “Miss Disarray” which is now one of the most requested songs in the band’s live set and the album reached #1 on Amazon’s sales chart.

These talented tunesmiths promise the inevitable arrival of new material and as they approach their third decade, Gin Blossoms remain a rare breed – rock ‘n’ roll lifers, destined to continue creating, crafting and performing for audiences ever rapt by their glorious catalog of material. “We’re entertaining and we have chops,” says Wilson, “but it really comes down to the songs. The reason we’re still here is that we have good songs. When young musicians ask me for advice, what’s the best thing to do to further my career, I always say, ‘Write good songs.’ It always comes down to that.”

The band’s fusion of Pop, Melodic Rock, Folk and Country elements took the airwaves by siege, making the band an MTV playlist hostage for almost a decade and the group a natural 90’s mainstay. From their breakout album through today, Robin, Jesse, Bill and Scotty have sold over 10 million records and are one of the most in demand 90’s live artists who began at the end of the grunge era. In February 2017 the band went back in the studio recording a new album in time for release this Summer. Fans will get a taste of the new album as it works its way into their live set beginning this April.

Tickets for Gin Blossoms will go on sale Monday, May 8 at 5pm.

Tickets can be purchased online at QCasinoAndHotel.com or at Guest Services at Q Casino.

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Q Casino is an entertainment and gaming complex located in Dubuque, Iowa. The casino is owned by the City of Dubuque, and operated by the non-profit Dubuque Racing Association, its license holder.



We're proud to sponsor these community events!

Summerfest

Friday, August 11

Featuring: 50 Pound Rooster and the Matt Stedman Band

Proceeds from this event, organized by the Dubuque Area Labor-Management Council with the help of dozens of employers and unions, fund the Council's "Education-to-Employment Grant Program" for students entering skilled occupations in demand in the tri-state area. Admission to Summerfest Dubuque is free. Free-will donations to the Education-to-Employment grant fund are accepted at the gates by volunteers.

Summer's Last Blast 18

Friday, August 25

Featuring: PopROCKS

Saturday, August 26

Featuring: Johnny Trash, Electric Shock and Half Fast

Summers last blast 18 is celebrating 18 years of raising money for area charities including FFA, the Boy Scouts, Dubuque County Fairgrounds and Sertoma. Summers Last Blast 18 event featuring the areas best entertainment and it's cover charge free!

Montgomery Gentry with Special Guest Ty Bates
Tickets on sale now! General Admission \$34 :: VIP Pit \$49

American Trust After Party with Ty Bates
Friday, June 2 at 7pm :: Gates open at 6pm

- Grammy Nominated
- American Music Award winner for Favorite New Country Artist
- Academy of Country Music winner for Top New Vocal Duo or Group
- 11 Times nominated for Vocal Duo of the Year
- Five #1 Hits including "Lucky Man"
- 16 Top 10 Hits
- 27 Top 40 Hits

Theory of a Deadman with Special Guest Red Light Saints
Tickets on sale now! General Admission \$30 :: VIP Pit \$45

American Trust After Party with Red Light Saints
Saturday, June 17 at 7pm :: Gates open at 6pm

- Platinum Artist
- Juno Award winner for New Group of the Year
- WCMA Award winner for Rock Recording of the Year
- Three #1 Hits including "Bad Girlfriend"
- Ten Top 10 Hits
- 22 Top 40 Hits

Aaron Lewis with Special Guest Stevie Monce
Tickets on sale now! General Admission \$25 :: VIP Pit \$40

American Trust After Party with Stevie Monce
Saturday, July 1 at 7pm :: Gates open at 6pm

- 5x Platinum Artist with Staind
- Lead Vocalist of the rock group Staind which had 15 top 20 hits including 5 #1 Hits
- Broke into the country music scene in 2011
- CMT Music Award nominated for Breakthrough Video of the Year
- Top current single on radio is "That Ain't Country"

Gin Blossoms with Special Guest the Love Monkeys
Tickets on sale Monday, May 8 at 5pm! General Admission \$25 :: VIP Pit \$40

Sunday, July 2 at 6pm :: Gates open at 5pm

- 5x Platinum Artist
- Eight top 40 hits including: "Hey Jealousy," "Found Out About You," "Til I Hear It From You" and "Follow You Down"

Skid Row with Special Guest Autograph
Tickets on sale now! General Admission \$25 :: VIP Pit \$40

American Trust After Party with Johnnie Trash
Saturday, July 15 at 7pm :: Gates open at 6pm

- 5X Platinum Artist
- America Music Award winner for Favorite Hard Rock New Artist
- America Music Awards nominated for Favorite Hard Rock Album
- Top Hits include "18 and Life" and "I Remember You"

38 Special with Special Guest Craig Wayne Boyd
Tickets on sale now! General Admission \$34 :: VIP Pit \$49

American Trust After Party with the Buzz Berries
Friday, August 18 at 7pm :: Gates open at 6pm

- Platinum Artist
- Southern Rock Band with over 20 top 40 Hits
- Three #1 Hits
- 13 Top 10 hits including "Hold on Loosely" and "Caught up in You"