
Rick Springfield Rocks FireLake Grand

Shawnee, OK- Attention 80's rock fans! Australian heartthrob Rick Springfield will be rockin' the house at FireLake Grand on Saturday, March 26th at 7 pm.

With 17 Top 40 hits, sold out concert tours, an acting career, and a successful memoir to his credit, Rick Springfield appears to have lived a charmed life, but he has struggled. Growing up as the son of military father, his family moved numerous times to bases in Australia and Great Britain. Always the new kid, he had trouble finding his niche. Finally, he found his place in music learning to play the piano at age 9 and the guitar at 13.

Springfield's music career began when he dropped out of school and joined the Rock House as a singer and guitarist. After a name change to MPD, Ltd, the band toured Vietnam entertaining the troops. When he returned to Australia, he formed a band and later joined Zoot which became a very popular Australian band. After Zoot disbanded, Rick began a solo career and recorded "Speak to the Sky" which went to #1 in Australia.

Moving to Hollywood opened new doors for him. Springfield signed on with Capitol Records and appeared on *American Bandstand*. Then when he was featured in teen magazines, he found he had a teenage girl fan base. Unfortunately, his next several record deals failed to bring him any success, so he performed in the LA clubs.

His music career took a backseat to acting for a while when he won a role in the *General Hospital* soap opera as the handsome Dr. Noah Drake. Springfield said that it was the only soap that colleges scheduled their classes around, because students would cut class to watch. When asked if that show hurt his music career, he said that it gave him more than it took away. During this time, Springfield recorded "Jessie's Girl" and it took the #1 spot on the Billboard Charts. Then Springfield had to combine music tours with his acting career.

He recorded a string of hits including "I've Done Everything for You," "Don't Talk to Strangers," and "What Kind of Fool Am I?"

Rick Springfield has found success as an author as well. His book, *Late, Late at Night*, relates the ups and downs of his life and his battle with depression. Springfield is honest about the pain of his depression and his suicidal thoughts at times. He reveals that while it was painful, he wrote some good songs during those dark days.

"I enjoyed the writing process of this [memoir]. I enjoyed going back over my life...I knew I had an interesting story. I knew I'd done a lot of things," related Rick Springfield.

Tickets for this fabulous concert are going fast! Call 405-96-GRAND now for tickets or log on to www.firelakegrand.com. Ticket prices range from \$24 to \$59.

Presented with pride by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, FireLake Grand Casino features more than 1,800 Vegas-style games in the beautiful 125,000 square foot facility, from the hottest slot machines to some 100 table games. As all games are designated "Class 3, Oklahoma Compact,"

six percent of FireLake Grand's net gaming revenue goes to support the state's public education. Dining options range from sizzling steaks at Embers Steakhouse to the exciting Grandstand Sports Grille and The Grand Buffet. The Casino is conveniently located just east of Oklahoma City on Interstate 40 at Exit 178.

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