



MILITARY HERITAGE MUSEUM  
900 W Marion Ave. | Punta Gorda, FL

## ANNOUNCING THE 2023-2024 GULF THEATER SEASON 5!

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Welcome to Season 5 of the Gulf Theater at the Military Heritage Museum! It is hard to believe we are already in our fifth season! Thank you all for being such fantastic fans of not only the talent we bring to Punta Gorda, but also to the Gulf Theater and the Military Heritage Museum. Without your support we would not be who we are today. The

Gulf Theater has become one of the busiest performing arts venue in the tri-county area. We are proud of that success, but also acknowledge, with that success comes the responsibility of bringing the best talent we can offer you.

There is so much exciting talent coming your way in our fifth season!  
(Scroll down to the end of this email to view all the promo videos for each show in chronological order)

**This season we are offering 3 packages of either a Pick 10, Pick 15 and the whole season package of all 26 shows.**

**Pick 10 package: \$449.99 (\$50 savings vs buying individual tickets)**

**Pick 15 package: \$649.99 (\$100 savings vs buying individual tickets)**

**Full season pass: \$1049.99 (\$250 savings vs buying individual tickets)**

**Individual tickets run from \$40.00 to \$45.00**

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## **FRIENDS OF THE GULF THEATER**

The Gulf Theater at the Military Heritage Museum is greatly appreciative of our patrons. Without you, we would not exist!

Did you know that our patrons support over 90% of our performances? If you would like to join the Friends of the Gulf Theater and in turn provide high-quality performances throughout the year, please consider a donation of any amount today.

All charitable contributions are tax exempt. The Gulf Theater at the Military Heritage Museum greatly appreciates you!

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## **BOX OFFICE HOURS**

**IN PERSON: TUESDAY-SATURDAY 10:00a-4:00p**

**BY PHONE (STARTING MAY 10): WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY  
10:00a-2:00p**

## **GULF THEATER SEASON 5 LINEUP**

### **History of Rock 'n' Roll: The Johnny Rogers Show November 3, 2023 @7pm**

This is your time machine back to the early days of rock & roll!

The Johnny Rogers Show

The History of Rock n' Roll - His show will start with Johnny's uncanny portrayal of the late Buddy Holly and go on with a tribute to the legendary Roy Orbison, Jerry Lee Lewis, Ricky Nelson, Chuck Berry, and many more.

The Johnny Rogers Show "The History of Rock n' Roll" is the story of Buddy and Beyond. Johnny is the most versatile performer in America today. Performing in London, the Netherlands, Germany all over the United States including New York, Las Vegas, Branson, and Chicago.

Johnny will transport his audience back in time when you could go your favorite malt shops with your favorite girl and dance to your favorite bands. The Show is a tribute to the music of the legends of Rock n' Roll. His show will start with Johnny's uncanny portrayal of the late Buddy Holly and go on with a tribute to the legendary Roy Orbison, Jerry Lee Lewis, Ricky Nelson, and Chuck Berry, and many more.

### **Salute to Veterans with Bob Hope and the Victory Dolls November 9, 2023 @7pm**

Patriotism and love of country are at the heart of this salute to the brave men and women we call "Veterans." Bill Johnson returns from Las Vegas as Bob Hope, and he is joined by the Victory Dolls whose harmonies along with beauty and uniform will jog your memory of the Andrews Sisters.

**APPLY VETERAN2023 TO RECEIVE A 20% VETERANS DISCOUNT!**

### **Matt Stone as Elvis November 17, 2023 @7pm**

One of Graceland's Top 10 Elvis Tribute Artists in the world, 19-year-old Florida-native Matt Stone is taking the industry by storm! With Matt's uncanny resemblance, remarkable voice, and fiery stage presence, he has earned the adoration of fans across the country!

Even Elvis Presley's stepbrother has said, "When I heard [Matt]... now if I close my eyes that's Elvis. It touched my heart. The only person I ever heard sing like that was my brother, and [Matt] was close—SCARY— that's how close it was."

Selling out theaters all across the country, the Elvis Presley Experience is the CLOSEST THING audiences have seen to the King since he passed in 1977! With every detail accounted for, this show is sure to keep lips curling and hips swinging for years to come!

### **Irving Berlin's White Christmas**

**November 30, December 1 and 2 @7:00pm**

**December 3 @ 2:00pm (MANAGERS PICK!!)**

You've seen the movie, now come witness the majesty and spectacle live as 7 Mary 34 Productions, in association with Ft Myers Theatre brings the stage version of the beloved family classic White Christmas to life at the Gulf Theater.

First performed in 2008, this stage adaptation of the classic film features the songs from the movie like "Count Your Blessings", "Snow", "Sisters" and of course, the perennial classic title song. White Christmas is an uplifting, heart-warming musical for the whole family that will mark the entry of the joyous holiday season for anyone that sees it.

Come ring in the season with us as the Gulf Theater proudly presents this magical production of Irving Berlin's White Christmas live for a special four show only engagement.

### **Carpenters Legacy: A Christmas Portrait**

**December 7 @7:00pm and December 8 @3:00p and 7:00p**

**(MANAGERS PICK!!!!)**

Direct from Las Vegas, Carpenters Legacy: A Christmas Portrait, starring Sally Olson as Karen Carpenter and Ned Mills as Richard Carpenter, takes the audience back in time to an old-fashioned Christmas. The show recreates the nostalgia of the Carpenters' 1977 and 1978 Christmas TV Specials, in addition to the endearing humor that will make you feel like a kid again! The show features the holiday classics "Merry Christmas, Darling", "Sleigh Ride", "The Christmas Song" and much more, and includes many of the Carpenters' greatest hits.

Randy Schmidt, author of Little Girl Blue: The Life of Karen Carpenter, says "Sally's tribute to Karen Carpenter is heartfelt and honest" and John Katsilometes of Las Vegas Review-Journal has lauded the show as "musically sound, vocally spot-on, and will please any fans of the duo." Sam Novak of Vegas 411 says, "Sally Olson and Ned Mills perfectly embody Karen and Richard Carpenter. Carpenters Legacy is nothing short of astounding." Sally is truly unsurpassed in her startling representation of Karen Carpenter, including authentic hairstyles, vintage costumes, gestures, and stunning voice.

Carpenters Legacy maintains a Las Vegas residency at The Modern Showroom at Alexis Park Resort Hotel. The show was voted "Best Impersonator" (Bronze Winner) for the 2021 Best of Las Vegas awards and was also voted "Best Impersonator" (Silver Winner) and "Best Tribute Show" (Bronze Winner) for the 2022 Best of Las Vegas awards. Carpenters Legacy has played at performing arts centers, cabarets spaces including the famed Triad Theater in NYC, and SOLD-OUT showrooms in Las Vegas and all over the country. Carpenters Legacy was featured at the Carpenters 50th Anniversary Celebration in Thousand Oaks, CA in April 2019. Olson is the first-ever and only Karen Carpenter tribute artist to perform with the world-renowned Las Vegas based revue Legends in Concert. Carpenters Legacy: A Christmas Portrait features a powerful live band, historical commentary, lovely arrangements and video, taking audiences on an incredible journey down memory lane into the world of the Carpenters – the world's ONLY authentic Carpenters tribute in sight and sound.

### **A Christmas to Remember: Featuring Young Original December 15, 2022 @3pm and 7pm (MANAGERS PICK)**

Come enjoy a spectacular evening of Christmas classics and old favorites with 5 multi-talented young musicians! Experience mind-blowing instrumentals and tight vocal harmonies that bring down the house - everything from treasured love songs and nostalgic classics to pop, country, and movie hits. Highlights include a fast-paced tribute to crooners such as Frank Sinatra and Nat King Cole, a heartwarming vocal medley from "The Sound of Music", and a rousing holiday mashup that ranges all the way from "O Come O Come Emmanuel" to "Feliz Navidad." Packed full of energy and creativity, this is a 100% LIVE Christmas show you won't want to miss.

Young Original is a group of 5 friends that joined forces in Branson, Missouri to create "fresh music, for old souls." Ben Morren is a firebrand pianist and composer who plays too many instruments to count, and his wife Lily holds her own with soaring soprano vocals and jazzy percussion chops. Silas Johnson started cello lessons at age 3 and has performed with The Johnson Strings to sold out crowds in Branson and abroad. Joe Xiques hails from Miami and has travelled the world playing bluegrass gospel music. Their lead vocalist, Carver Bowers, dazzles with Sinatra style vocals and has entertained audiences all across the USA with his musical family. Each extraordinary member of the group shares a deep appreciation for great music, the classic songs of yesteryear, and the songs of Christmas past and present.

### **Christmas with Barbra featuring Sharon Owens December 22, 2023 @7pm (MANAGERS PICK!)**

Gleaning from one of the best-selling Christmas albums of all-time, Christmas with Barbra will be a show filled with holiday favorites performed by Sharon Owens in the inimitable style of Barbra Streisand. Sharon has become a Gulf Theater sensation, performing sold out show after sold out show, to audiences who jump to their feet to greet her! Her charm and incredible talent will be sure to give you an unforgettable experience. Backed by a powerhouse trio of musicians, this show will be sure to usher in the true Spirit of Christmas in style – with only a few days to spare! It's a "must see" and a "can't miss..." if you want to stay on Santa's "good" list!

**Fire and Rain: Tribute to James Taylor**  
**January 12, 2024 @7pm**

Get ready for an amazing show with FIRE and RAIN the James Taylor Tribute Experience!

Greg brings years of experience playing in multiple acts and tribute bands with fantastic vocals and pro level guitar playing! This quality full band show will have you believing it's 1975 at a theater watching James Taylor himself!

There are great upbeat numbers to dance and sing along to like - Your Smiling Face, How Sweet It Is (To be loved by you). Plus, massive hits like You've Got a Friend, Up on the Roof, Carolina in My Mind, Her Town Too and more!

**Nuthin' Fancy: Tribute to Lynyrd Skynyrd**  
**January 19, 2024 @7pm**

Nuthin' Fancy is a band dedicated to recreating the classic 70s Lynyrd Skynyrd look, sound, lineup and show! This amazing band is led by magnetic front man Tommy Roxx, an incredible Ronnie Van Zant clone, and the Rockin' Nuthin' Fancy Guitar Army! You can't help but feel like it's 1977 all over again! You can expect a full on 10-piece band with beautiful ladies as backup singers, sweet piano playing, and all the timeless Southern Rockin' Skynyrd hits and classics.

**The Beach Buoys: Tribute to the Beach Boys**  
**January 26, 2024 @3pm and 7pm**

The Beach Buoys are seasoned, working musicians who have taken significant effort to recreate the look, sound, and feel of a live Beach Boys performance circa 1965! The approach is NOT to simply "cover" Beach Boys music. The approach is to offer a "True Tribute" to the Beach Boys.

- They pose a reasonable and realistic resemblance to the original Beach Boys.
    - They use the correct guitars, amps, and drum set.
  - They wear the identical striped shirts, straight-legged slacks, and boots....
- This show has sold out the past four seasons so get your tickets today!

**The Ultimate Garth Brooks Tribute**  
**February 2, 2024 @3pm and 7pm**

Get Ready for Garth Brooks - the Ultimate Tribute Show with special guest Simply Shania!

Kip is a world class performer and vocalist, and he channels Garth Brooks like no other! He has years of experience performing for prestigious organizations like Sea World and Universal studios. He will energize your night as he takes you over the top with his unique crowd interaction in this tribute to Garth Brooks!

**ALL OF THE BEST SONGS!**

Friends in Low Places

Shameless

More Than a Memory

Good Ride Cowboy

The Thunder Rolls

## **Eat A Peach: Tribute to the Allman Brothers**

**February 9, 2024 @7pm**

Eat A Peach is a group of musicians from Birmingham, Alabama that turned an idea from High School into one of the most rocking tribute bands in the southeast. EAP draws from classic discography of The Allman Brothers Band that featured the bands original lineup. This band takes pride in respecting the tradition and pays attention to the details that The Allman Brothers were so keen on. Whether it's a private event or a festival, Eat A Peach will surely bring a rocking party!

## **Fleetwood Max**

**February 16, 2024 @7pm**

This Florida based band has played for years all over the US in Casinos, large Events, and top Venues. Sharon's portrayal of Stevie Nicks is a site to behold, and her vocals will blow you away. The whole band really goes for the exact look of the real act, the playing and vocal harmonies are top notch as well. Fleetwood Max covers the entire career especially the hit songs like Rhiannon and Go Your Own Way and Stevie Nicks solo classics like Edge of Seventeen and Stop Draggin' My Heart Around

## **Turnstiles: Tribute to Billy Joel**

**February 23, 2024 @3pm and 7pm**

Tony Monaco is the leader and Billy Joel of "Turnstiles". As a young man, Tony became an inspired, lifelong fan of the Piano Man and he used that inspiration to grow as musician. As a result, Billy's style has been forever imprinted on his musical soul, much like that of Ray Charles and many others have been imprinted on that of Billy Joel.

This is an incredible all live 7 piece band that has experience playing many large outdoor events and top venues. Expect all of the hits from Piano man to Uptown Girl and everything in between.

## **Supernatural: Tribute to Santana**

**March 1, 2024 @7pm**

SUPERNATURAL is an amazing Santana Tribute show like no other! The sights and sounds of the career of Carlos Santana will blow you away with all the many hits from the 60s til Today. Everything from Black Magic Woman to Smooth is played with attention to note for note detail, all done with a look-alike Carlos, a fantastic band. Todd Plant fronts the band as lead vocalist and this band is also the Doobie Brothers tribute on this site "China Grove". He can cover all the styles from every era of Santana! This band has played massive festivals, Latin events, well known venues, and private affairs. SUPERNATURAL will have you dancing and singing all night.

## **Fire Lake: Tribute to Bob Seger**

**March 8, 2024 @3pm and 7pm**

Get Ready for some Old Time Rock & Roll with Fire Lake the Ultimate Tribute to Bob Seger! GA based band Fire Lake brings an exciting hit filled show! Gar's portrayal of Bob Seger is something that must be seen and heard. The raw vocal power and emotion of his voice and the stories he tells of Bob Seger and his life will captivate you like no other tribute can. Fire Lake is made up of pro touring musicians, and they cover the entire career of Bob Seger hits from Ramblin' Gamblin' Man all the way to Like a Rock and more!

## **Dwight Icenhower and the Rocket Band: Tribute to Elton John**

**March 15, 2024 @3pm and 7pm (MANAGERS PICK)**

FIVE TIME WORLD CHAMPION TRIBUTE ARTIST, Dwight Icenhower and The Rocket Band will be performing one day only at the Gulf Theater! Being a mega fan who has seen the legend in concert over 100 times, Dwight's powerhouse vocals and crazy stage costumes make his tribute To Captain Fantastic one of the best to watch on stage! This concert focuses on the years of 1970-1980's of Elton's career and he will take you down the "Yellow Brick Road" to "Remember When Rock was Young" with his tribute to the one and only Sir Elton John!

## **Alter Eagles: A Tribute to the Eagles**

**March 20, 2024 @3pm and 7pm**

TAKE IT TO THE LIMIT WITH THE ALTER EAGLES!

THE ALTER EAGLES is made up of some of Florida's finest and most respected musicians. Over 15 years of many shows at performing arts centers and massive events makes this the premier Eagles show in the south!

They capture the energy, guitar technique and vocal harmonies of the Eagles to an art; five voices blending that will please even the most critical of Eagles fans.

## **Meet Loaf**

**March 22, 2024 @3pm and 7pm**

MEET LOAF is a top-notch Meat Loaf Tribute Band that has the look, the sound and the SHOW. This group performs all your favorite Meat Loaf songs!

The band Meat Loaf struck gold and later platinum with the 1977 album Bat Out of Hell, which featured the hits "Paradise by the Dashboard Light" and "Two Out of Three Ain't Bad." The band went on to world tours, sold out shows, and even more hits through the 90s.

Meet Loaf the Ultimate Tribute will take you back to the band in its prime with soaring vocals and high energy pro stage show.

## **Memories: A Tribute to Barbra Streisand**

**March 27, 2024 @3pm and 7pm (MANAGERS PICK)**

Sharon Owens began her career as a Streisand Tribute for the multi-million-dollar production show Legends in Concert. She then continued to Berlin, Germany performing for "Stars in Concert." Her uncanny resemblance both voice and looks propelled her career to the status of headlining in her own show "Barbra and Frank,

The Concert That Never Was.” The 10-year running show remains on the Las Vegas strip to sell out audiences and standing ovations nightly. During her time impersonating Streisand, she won a national competition in 2005 on Fox TV called “Performing As...” as well as making it to the finals in 2007 of the ABC hit show “The Next Best Thing”. She has performed for Access Hollywood, Extra, been seen in People magazine and TV guide as one of the best “impersonators” in the world. In 2010, Sharon spent a 6-week engagement on the West End London selling out thirty-two shows to a pleased and impressed critical London theater audience. She also tours Australia, Canada, Holland, Belgium, and Asia as well as the Northwest US. In addition to regular corporate and private parties, Sharon’s credits include European tours, headlining aboard Royal Caribbean, Princess & Norwegian Cruise Line, the Queen Mary as well as performances with many symphony orchestras throughout North America and Canada. Voted Best of Las Vegas in 2008, her award-winning show ran for 6 years in succession on the Las Vegas Strip, ending only when the Riviera changed ownership of property and closed for renovations.

She has won numerous awards as well as being selected for the Vegas Entertainment Living Legends Award for Excellence in Entertainment. Sharon performs in Las Vegas, throughout the nation and around the globe. Sharon’s credentials, collectively and/or individually include starring in major production shows, headlining on the Las Vegas Strip and internationally; appearances on numerous television shows as special guests including the Today Show both in Australia and London; featured appearances in motion pictures; starring roles in equity theater; special appearances at professional sporting events, (National Anthem); performing/recording for major corporations as Disney, Ford, Macys and Busch Gardens. Her incredible voice does mimic the sound of the incomparable Streisand style yet her voice as a solo artist, has a style all her own. She masters the American Song book as well as sings her favorite standards of all time. She has her master’s degree from Chapman University and a BA from the University of South Florida. College-educated, world-traveler and a veteran of the entertainment business, Sharon Owens “Tribute to a Funny Girl” will bring back “Memories” and be an audience favorite for your series. This show has sold out the past 3 seasons, get your tickets today!

## **Fame: Tribute to David Bowie**

**April 3, 2024 @7pm**

Experience FAME’s sights and sounds of David Bowie!

Featuring Thomas Clay as “Bowie” - FAME takes their audiences on a musical journey through David Bowie’s most popular looks and sounds. Starting with the early 70’s, “Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders From Mars” era, performing a symphonic rendition of “Space Oddity”- moving into the “Thin White Duke”, with hits such as “Fame”, and eventually into the 80’s, with such hits as “Modern Love” and “Let’s Dance”, featuring saxophonist, David

G. Maki. The band also performs the mega hit, “Under Pressure”, showcasing backup singer, Celina Klineschmidt in a duet with Thomas. Rounding out FAME’s players are Dave Talkovich on bass, Zach Phillips on drums, Mark Key on guitar and Eric Smith on keyboards.

## **Welcome to Destruction: Tribute to Guns N Roses** **April 5, 2024 @7pm**

Welcome To Destruction, the most epic Guns N' Roses experience, Delivering the definitive GNR show, performing the Appetite for Destruction album from beginning to end, including some of GNR's greatest hits from the GNR catalog.

Welcome To Destruction sounds and looks like the legendary GNR band. WTD emulates the power and electricity of what an GNR show is all about and will show audiences that Rock n Roll will never die. WTD is the most recognized GNR tribute band, delivering the most accurate Sound, Show, and Energy of GUNS N' ROSES.

## **Absolute Def Leppard** **April 10, 2024 @7pm (MANAGERS PICK)**

ABSOLUTE DEF LEPPARD brings you a show like no other!

Ultimate Def Leppard is a part of the "Best of British" show which features multiple acts paying tribute to Legendary classic rock bands from the UK. But this is also a standalone show performing an entire Def Leppard concert!

The boys have spent literally over 1000 hours in the studio recreating the multi layered vocal harmonies, and with those plus amazing live vocals and the incredible stage production involved, you get the closest thing to the original album versions as possible! This is exactly what the real band does, so we are bringing you a fantastic facsimile of a real Def Leppard concert. As one of the world's best-selling music artists, Def Leppard has sold more than 100 million albums worldwide, and has two albums with RIAA diamond certification, Pyromania and Hysteria. They are one of only five rock bands with two original studio albums selling over 10 million copies in the U.S. The band were ranked #31 in VH1's "100 Greatest Artists of Hard Rock" and ranked #70 in "100 Greatest Artists of All Time".

## **Hometown Petty** **April 12, 2024 @7pm**

Homegrown from Tom Petty's hometown, Gainesville, FL, Hometown Petty consists of world class musicians who have performed with artists like Lynyrd Skynyrd, .38 Special, Molly Hatchet, Troy Gentry, and Joe Diffy. Having 12 years of Tom Petty tribute experience, Hometown Petty brings exhilarating shows to audiences! Hometown Petty focuses intensely on the sound, look, and energy of Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers. Playing hits like "Free Fallin'," "Runnin' Down A Dream," and "American Girl," Hometown Petty keeps you on your feet singing, dancing and reminiscing the days when you first heard the music of our beloved Tom Petty.

## **Jaded: Tribute to Aerosmith** **April 17, 2024 @7pm**

Jaded is a professional level Tribute show band covering the look, moves, and all the many hit songs and classics of Aerosmith.

They cover all the great songs from nearly a half-century of America's Greatest Rock and Roll Band with a concert-style, FAMILY friendly high-energy representation of a live Aerosmith concert event. Jaded has already played top theaters and casino venues to huge crowds throughout FL, massive stages like the Daytona Beach Band shell, and many top family friendly events.

## **The Foreigner Experience**

**April 19, 2024 @7pm**

FOREIGNER EXPERIENCE brings back the best lineup of the multi - platinum band Foreigner live in their prime! The band is led by a very dynamic front man with all the range and power and presence of a young Lou Gramm! The band is rounded out by seasoned players all used to being in a top tribute band.

## **SEASON 5 PROMO VIDEOS**







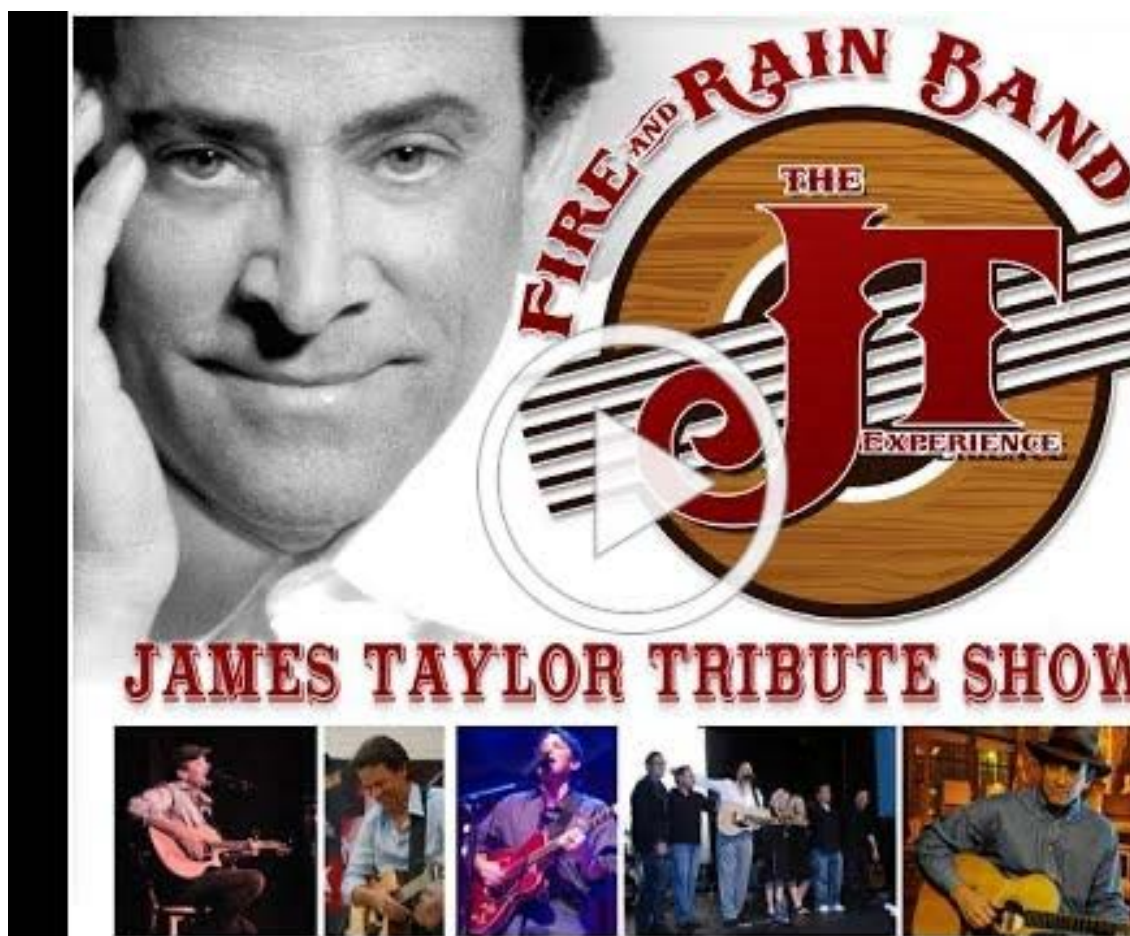
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