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Gerry Beckley and Dewey Bunnell

*W*elcome to the historic
Marion Palace Theatre
and to tonight's classic
rock concert with the legendary band
AMERICA!

AMERICA has been a prominent music group since the early 1970s. Gerry Beckley, Dewey Bunnell, and Dan Peek met as sons of US Air Force personnel stationed in London, where they began performing live gigs. Eventually the trio dubbed themselves AMERICA, a name chosen because they did not want anyone to think they were British musicians trying to sound American. The band immediately had hit success with their debut album America, and they won the Grammy Award for Best New Artist.

Each of the three original band members wrote songs and sang lead vocals. Bunnell wrote the hits "A Horse With No Name," "Ventura Highway," and "Tin Man," and co-wrote the Top 40 single "The Border" (with Russ Ballard). Beckley wrote the hits "Sister Golden Hair," "I Need You," and "Daisy Jane." And Peek wrote the hits "Lonely People," "Today's the Day," and "Don't Cross the River" (with Russ Ballard).

It was during the '70s and early '80s that the band enjoyed steady chart success. Two of America's albums have been certified platinum (America and Homecoming) and three more albums have gone gold (Holiday, Hearts and Hideaway) with their first greatest hits collection, History, hitting four million plus in sales.

AMERICA has gained 1.4 Million plus monthly listeners on Spotify, with eight songs receiving over two million streams. This includes: "A Horse with No Name" (42 Million+ streams), "Sister Golden Hair" (11 Million+ streams), and "Ventura Highway" (10 Million+ streams).

Bunnell and Beckley have remained very active with the band (sadly the third founding member Dan Peek, who left the band in 1977 died in 2011). The duo has continued to write and record, as well as tour worldwide; playing 90-100 shows per year.

Their touring band includes Rich Campbell (bass & vocals), Ryland Steen (drums), and Andy Barr (guitars, keyboards & banjo). In addition to their Grammy recognition, the group has been inducted into the Vocal Group Hall of Fame, and they received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

AMERICA has proven to be a band capable of transcending borders with their uplifting music and positive message. Embracing a rainbow of divergent cultures, AMERICA's audience continues to grow, comprising a loyal legion of first, second, and third generation fans, all bearing testament to the group's enduring appeal and timeless sound.



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