

## **20<sup>th</sup> Annual Rock 'n Roll Bash – All Star Band Lineup**

**Carmine Appice** – Rock Drummer. Best known for his associations with Vanilla Fudge, Rod Stewart, and many others. He is credited with influencing Aerosmith's Joey Kramer, Phil Collins of Genesis, Motley Crue's Tommy Lee, Rush's Neil Peart, Led Zeppelin's John Bonham, Ian Pace of Deep Purple, and many other legends! Inducted into the Classic Drummer Hall of Fame in 2013 and Modern Drummer Hall of Fame in 2014.

**Ricky Byrd** – Guitarist, Vocalist and Songwriter and Producer. He spent over a decade as a member of Joan Jett and the Blackhearts, where he contributed to music and background vocals to two platinum albums, I Love Rock 'n Roll and Up Your Alley. Ricky has performed, recorded, or toured with Roger Daltrey, Paul McCartney, Ringo Starr, Alice Cooper, Bruce Springsteen, and numerous other artists, and is Musical Director for this year's Rock 'n Roll Bash. He was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2015 with Joan Jett and the Blackhearts.

**Steve Conte** – Guitarist, Vocalist, Songwriter and Music Producer. Formerly lead guitarist of the New York Dolls. Performed and sang on numerous films, television soundtracks, commercials, and has been recorded with J. Geils Band's Peter Wolf, James Brown's Maceo Parker, and rock legend Suzi Quatro.

**Liberty DeVitto** – Rock Drummer. Liberty is best known for his work as a drummer for New York singer-songwriter Billy Joel's recording and touring band for 30 years. In addition to his work with Joel, Liberty has also been an active session musician with acts such as Paul McCartney, Carly Simon, Phoebe Snow, Karen Carpenter, Stevie Nicks, Rick Wakeman, Bob James, and Meat Loaf. In 2014 he was inducted into the Long Island Music Hall of Fame.

**Loren Gold** – Keyboardist, Vocalist, Musical Director, and Songwriter. Loren is the keyboardist and backup vocalist for legendary bands The Who, and Chicago. Loren also performs with Rita Wilson and has toured regularly with Don Felder since 2009. He has also toured with Kenny Loggins, and has been Musical Director for pop stars Selena Gomez, Demi Lovato, and Hilary Duff. He has won numerous Gold, Platinum, and Multi-Platinum Awards during his career.

**Chuck Leavell** – Keyboardist, Musical Director. Chuck was a member of the Allman Brothers Band throughout their commercial zenith in the 1970s. He has served as the principal touring keyboardist and Musical Director of the Rolling Stones since 1982. He has performed on every Rolling Stones studio album released since 1983 and has also toured and recorded with Eric Clapton, George Harrison, David Gilmour, Gov't Mule and John Mayer.

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**Christine “Beehive Queen” Ohlman** – Vocalist, songwriter, recording artist. Long-running vocalist for the Saturday Night Live Band for over 30 years. The Beehive Queen of blue-eyed rock 'n soul, who grew up loving the sweetness of a Memphis horn line and the raunch of an electric guitar riff. She has performed with Elvis Costello, The B-52's, Bruce Springsteen, Brian Wilson, Graham Nash, Big Brother and the Holding Company, and many more legendary artists. She also rocked the 2012 Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame induction concert, the Carnegie Hall tribute to the Rolling Stones, and has been Master of Ceremonies for numerous Casey Cares Rock 'n Roll Bash events. She was inducted onto the New England Music Hall of Fame in 2022.

**Kasim Sulton** – Bass Guitarist, keyboardist, and Vocalist. As a member of Utopia, he helped the band forge success both on records and in concert. He has been a frequent collaborator on many Todd Rundgren's projects and solo tours. He has also played integral parts on both touring and recording with artists ranging from Blue Oyster Cult, Meat Loaf, Hall & Oates, Cheap Trick, Patty Smyth, Akiko Yano, and Richie Sambora, Joan Jett, and the Eagle's Don Felder. He was also bassist and sang background vocals on the breakout Meat Loaf album Bat Out of Hell and Music Director for subsequent Meat Loaf albums and projects.

**Ron “Bumblefoot” Thal** – Guitarist, Songwriter, and producer. He is currently the guitarist for the progressive metal supergroup Sons of Apollo, including Billy Sheehan, Derek Sherinian, Jeff Scott Soto, and Mike Portnoy. In April 2019, it was announced that Ron had joined Asia as lead vocalist and guitarist for the bands touring lineup and would lead the band until 2022. He also toured the U.S. and Europe for Lita Ford. He was one of two lead guitarists in Guns N' Roses from 2006 until 2014. He performed on their sixth studio album Chinese Democracy, and world tour, and the Appetite for Democracy tour.

**Uptown Horns** – their work is legendary – having performed, toured, and recorded with some of the most highly regarded Rock 'n Roll, Pop, and R&B artists in music industry history. The band features Crispin Cioe and Arno Hecht on Saxophones, Bob Funk on Trombone, and Larry Etkin on Trumpet. They have toured/recorded with the Rolling Stones, James Brown, Joe Cocker, Tom Waits, Iggy Pop, Joan Jett, Robert Plant, Robert Palmer, J. Geils Band, Elvis Costello and many more.