ABBEY ROAD ON THE RIVER WELCOMES THE CRYERS!

Friday, August 30 at 6:00 pm • Saturday, August 31 at 11:00 pm Holiday Inn, Independence

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Abbey Road on the River is an annual "Beatle event" where bands and fans gather to pay homage to one of the greatest rock and roll bands in the world. The event first began in Cleveland, and then moved to Louisville, Kentucky where it usually takes place during Memorial Day weekend. 2013 will mark



the first time the event is taking place twice a year. The event is coming to Cleveland for Labor Day weekend. Joe Orlando (bass, vocals) is no stranger to Cleveland as The Cryers have played in the area before but this will be the first time to participate in Cleveland's Abbey Road on the River.

"Several years ago I had been looking around at different events on the internet," said Joe. "I came across Abbey Road on the River and I said to Belle (keyboardist) that we needed to check out this event and see if maybe we could be a part of it. At the time, it was still taking place in Cleveland. I believe we attended when it was held at Nautica Pavilion. There were several stages set up with many different bands paying tribute to The Beatles. We saw many "suit bands" which portray The Beatles during the early years of their career. We thought this event would be a good fit for our band because our fan base is music from that era and generation."

"I approached Gary Jacob about having Denny Laine (Moody Blues, Wings) to play at Abbey Road on the River and that's how we got started. In the past, we have brought Terry Sylvester (The Hollies) with us and that went over very well. We have been participating every year since 2007. This is the first year that a second event is taking place in Cleveland and we are very excited," said Joe.

Gary Jacob who is from Cleveland is the creator of Abbey Road on the River. Gary's resume of events includes the National Rib Cook-off and Easter at the White House during the Clinton Administration for eight years.

"The event in Louisville grows every year. The attendance has been 25,000 over Memorial Day weekend. The event in Cleveland over the Labor Day weekend will be a more intimate setting. We play at 6:00 pm on Friday, August 30 and at 11:00 pm on Saturday, August 31. The crowds will be crazy by then," laughs Joe. "This event is really taking off, there will be another Abbey Road on the River taking place in Belleville, Canada in the future and we will be participating."

Joe gives us a sneak preview of what to expect from The Cryers. "We will be playing the entire Sergeant Pepper album from beginning to end. It will be our four-piece band without any special effects or looping. It will just be straight rock and roll. We do an eclectic mix of Beatle music and we include material from their early days as well. We put our own spin on the music. The Cryers have a harder edge sound. I would say our sound is a combination of Creedence Clearwater Revival, the Rolling Stones, The Mamas & The Papas and The Beatles. I don't mean that in an egocentric way at all, it is because our band is so diverse." In addition to Joe, band members are Belle Liao (keyboard/vocals), Jeff Brown (guitar/vocals) and Roger Wilford (drums).

If you love The Beatles and classic rock, you will have a good time at Abbey Road on the River at Holiday Inn, Independence. Some of the other talented bands playing this event are: Revolution Pie, Hard Days Night, Traveling Beatleburys "By George", UnionJack British Invasion Band and many more talented artists.

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