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## **Bradenton Gulf Island Concert Series kicks off Dec. 10**

*Classic rock acts visit the Center of Anna Maria on four dates from December thru March*

**BRADENTON, FLA.** (Nov. 1, 2022) – Four fan-favorite acts will bring a variety of styles, countless classic rock hits and tons of fun to The Center of Anna Maria Island when the Bradenton Gulf Islands Concert Series returns next month.

The concert series is sponsored by the Tourism Development Council, The Sandbar Restaurant and Cedar Cove Resort & Cottages. Proceeds will benefit the Center of Anna Maria Island, 407 Magnolia Ave., Anna Maria, where each show will take place. The concert series is as follows:

- Dec. 10 – **BEATLEMANIA Now!**, a live band tribute to the Beatles with a backdrop of images that evoke memories of the 1960s.
- Jan. 21 - **Tommy DeCarlo**, the singer of the legendary rock band Boston. He has performed on every Boston tour since 2007, playing to sold out audiences all over the world.
- Feb. 25 - **Grand Funk Railroad** will hits including *Some Kind of Wonderful*, *I'm Your Captain/Closer To Home*, *The Loco-Motion*, and the platinum single *We're An American Band*.
- March 21 - **The Orchestra** starring former members of the Electric Light Orchestra will perform *Evil Woman*, *Do Ya*, *Mr. Blue Sky* and more.

During each show, doors will open at 6 p.m., an opening act will start at 7 p.m. and the headliner will take the stage at around 8 p.m. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [centerami.org/events](https://centerami.org/events)

The Bradenton Gulf Island Concert Series is produced by **Rich Engler** whose 50-plus-year career promoted 6,000 concerts and counting, including some of the biggest acts in the world: the Rolling Stones, Paul McCartney, Bon Jovi, Fleetwood Mac, The Beach Boys, Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band, Madonna, Aerosmith and Genesis.



### **About the Bradenton Area Convention & Visitors Bureau**

The **Bradenton Area Convention & Visitors Bureau** promotes tourism to Bradenton, Anna Maria Island and Longboat Key through domestic and international advertising, public relations and marketing efforts. Located on Florida's West Coast, the destination is known for its unspoiled beaches, rich history, the easy pace of island life and a downtown energized with arts, culture, discoveries and more. Get ready to immerse yourself into all the sites, smells, flavors and surprises that make the Bradenton Area a one-of-a-kind destination. For more information visit [www.bradentongulfislands.com](http://www.bradentongulfislands.com).

### **About Rich Engler**

Originally from Western Pennsylvania, Rich Engler began booking shows at a young age. By the 1960s, he was booking concerts at theaters and colleges in Pennsylvania, New York and Ohio. He previously owned the Stanley Theatre which is now the Bnedum. He also owned the Amphitheatre at Station Square. To get to bigger venues, he joined forces with fellow promoter Pat DiCesare to form DiCesare-Engler Productions. They promoted some of the biggest acts in the world including The Rolling Stones, Paul McCartney, Bon Jovi, Fleetwood Mac, The Beach Boys, Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band, Madonna, Aerosmith and Genesis. In January of 2014, he was the first inductee into the Pittsburgh Rock 'N' Roll Hall of Fame. In 2020, Rich had a documentary made on his long career and also about his book, Behind The Stage Door, that he wrote in 2013.