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The Dix Hills Performing Arts Center Presents
Evolution in a rockingly realistic recreation of
The Music of Journey

***Veteran musicians to take center stage, Aug. 7 at 7:30 p.m.
to entertain fans with the sounds of the rock giants of the '70s and '80s***

July 12, 2010, Dix Hills, New York – The Dix Hills Performing Arts Center presents *Evolution's* realistic recreation of the classic band Journey's music here at the Center Aug. 7 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25.

Journey is a band that has gone through numerous incarnations and several musicians, but notably featured singer Steve Perry, guitarist Neil Schon and even American Idol judge Randy "Dawg" Jackson on bass. This line-up had a string of multi-platinum albums in the late 1970s and early 1980s that dominated MTV's musical heyday with hits such as "Don't Stop Believing," "Open Arms," "Any Way You Want It," "Faithfully," "Who's Crying Now," and countless others. This led to the sale of 47 million albums in the United States and a whopping 80 million worldwide.

"*Evolution* is one of the most in-demand Journey re-creation bands working today," said Sandy Hinden, director of the Center. "They have been performing at clubs and casinos all over the East Coast, at major corporate events, and famous Manhattan venues. Their 'journey' to Dix Hills and our venue was imminent."

Evolution is comprised of lead singer John Robert Murphy, Adam Holland on guitar and vocals, Les Jansson on bass and vocals, Lance Millard on keyboards and backing vocals, and Mike Morales on drums and backing vocals.

With years in the music business, John Robert Murphy has been signed to three major label deals, and had his published works used in the soundtrack of the popular film *Don't Tell Mom the Babysitter's Dead*. Prior to joining *Evolution* he was a founding member of melodic rock bands, *Valentine* and *Open Skyz*. He has also released three solo albums.

Also a founding member of *Valentine* and *Open Skyz*, Adam Holland was signed to recording contracts with Columbia Records, Giant Records, RCA Records and Warner Chappell Music. Along with the MTV video for "No Way" featuring actress Ally Sheedy, he also wrote and performed songs for the movie *Don't Tell Mom the Babysitter's Dead*.

Long Island native and bass player Les Jansson was a member of *Tumbling Dice* along with his father, and later played base for *Vertical Man* (including former members of *Foreigner*), Brunnet/EMI artists *Bigmouth* and Elton John tribute band *Rocketman* before joining *Evolution*.

Keyboard player and backing vocalist Lance Millard is best known as the front man for *Rocketman*, and has toured with both *Fiona* and *Angel*. Originally a drummer, he learned to play piano over the last few years at an amazing rate until he could convincingly play the role of Elton John in that band. Also an accomplished vocalist, he takes the lead on several *Evolution* songs.

Drummer Mike Morales is also no stranger to tribute work, as a member of *Rush* tribute band *2112*. Band members say he plays with an intensity to rival the original *Journey* drummer Deen Castronovo.

The Dix Hills Performing Arts Center

The Dix Hills Performing Arts Center is located at Five Towns College, 305 North Service Road, Dix Hills, New York, 11746-5857. For more information and ticket sales, please contact the Dix Hills Performing Arts Center box office at (631) 656-2148 or visit online at www.DHPAC.org. Become a fan on Facebook! (Dix Hills Performing Arts Center).

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