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Dix Hills Performing Arts Center presents
Beginnings, New York's homage to Iconic Band
Chicago Transit Authority

Few tribute bands have established their popularity as quickly as these eight all-stars who precisely recreate Chicago's jazz-rock classics

March 4, 2010, Dix Hills, New York – The Dix Hills Center for the Performing Arts will present a tribute to the music of Chicago, March 26th at 7:30 p.m. when the popular tribute band Beginnings takes the stage. Tickets are \$25. Beginnings recreates both the music and excitement of Chicago right down to the legendary group's haunting vocals and searing brass.

Among the toughest critics they've won over were original members of that band, who caught Beginnings' show in Atlantic City following their own sold-out concert nearby. Since their humble beginnings in 2003, the band Beginnings has been thrilling audiences of devoted Chicago fans and general music fans alike at summer festivals, large concert halls and clubs in the New York Metro area. They drew record crowds at The Patchogue Theater, BB King's, and Hoyt Farm, and will continue to play the tribute circuit for years to come. Now, they're returning to Dix Hills for what promises to be another sell-out performance.

"With roots in favorite Long Island club bands, careers long dedicated to the Chicago sound, and serious musical credentials, the eight members of Beginnings differentiate themselves nightly," said Sandy Hinden, co-director of the Center.

Mason Swearingen on bass and vocals has been a musician, singer and songwriter in the New York City area for 16 years, and performed on the same bill as Peter Frampton, John Entwistle, The Spin Doctors and The Blues Travelers.

Phil Antonucci on guitars and vocals is a seasoned guitarist, singer and songwriter, who has produced many well known stars such as Russell Javors, Liberty DeVito, Little Stevie Cochrane and Full House.

Adam Colombo on drums and vocals has been playing drums since the age of 4 and has been associated with such successful groups as The Royal Scam, Cosmic Debris, Morse Code, and Inner Vision.

Marty Safran on keyboards and vocals has been on the Long Island music scene since the early 70's. He cut his teeth as an eight-year member of beloved Long Island '70's rock cover band Kivetsky, then graduated from dental school. His versatility from his long cover band experience lends a bite of authenticity to Beginnings' Chicago sound.

Jason Chapman on trumpet is a much sought after performer, arranger, composer and educator. A graduate of SUNY Purchase and the prestigious Manhattan School of Music, Jason has composed and recorded for Warner Brothers, and recorded or performed with Richie Blackmore, Jive Records, Wheatus, Gary Setzer's King Cadillac, The Long Island Brass Guild, and Spyro Gyra.

Adam Seely on alto and soprano saxophones has been playing saxophone since the third grade. He grew up with influences including Charlie Parker, Lenny Pickett of Tower of Power and Billy Joel. After falling in love with arranging in college, he played in two bands - From the Hip and In the Pocket and now Funky in the Middle. Adam's recent rekindled love for the signature sound of the horn arrangements of Chicago has furthered his love of section playing.

Rob Cutts on tenor saxophone started playing sax in the fourth grade and hasn't put it down since. As a featured soloist in the Berner High school jazz band he continued his musical career to Oswego State. The Funky in the Middle horn section has worked on several side projects with Gary Setzer and King Cadillac and played with Stealin' Dan. Rob also plays with Daybreaks Night.

Ed Leone on trombone was born and raised on Long Island, and been performing professionally for the past 19 years. Ed's solo career has brought him into performances with the likes of Clark Terry, Eddie Palmieri, Randy Brecker, Steve Turre, Carl Fischer, Dave LaLama, John Mosca, Branford Marsalis, and Dave Valentin. Ed is the Director of Bands at Lynbrook South Middle School in Lynbrook, New York.

The Dix Hills Performing Arts Center

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