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## News Release

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The Marshall Tucker Band will appear at Wildhorse Resort & Casino May 24.

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The Marshall Tucker Band, a country, blues and pop music standout for decades, will appear at Wildhorse Resort & Casino at 7 p.m., Thursday, May 24. For tickets--\$35/\$25--visit the Wildhorse Gift Shop, buy online at [wildhorseresort.com](http://wildhorseresort.com) or call 800-654-9453, Ext. 1128.

The award winning band's definitive blend of rock, rhythm and blues, jazz, and country, including such hits as, "Heard It in a Love Song," "Fire On The Mountain," "Can't You See," and "Take The Highway", has been compared to that of the Allman Brothers Band, another southern rock pioneer, who shared their record label.

However, the Marshall Tucker Band has a more country feel, with the flute taking a leading instrumental role in many of their hits.

Originally known as the Toy Factory when the band was formed in 1972 in Spartanburg, South Carolina, after lead guitarist Toy Caldwell, by the time they released their first album they were the Marshall Tucker Band. In 1973, in a New York interview, original

bassist Tommy Caldwell, brother of Toy, explained the name.

“There's an old blind dude [in Spartanburg] that tunes pianos, and his name is Marshall Tucker... We didn't name the band after him, but we just kind of liked that name and stuck with it,” Caldwell said. Tommy Caldwell died in a car accident in 1980 while Toy, a Vietnam veteran and also a band founder, died in 1993.

Doug Gray, lead vocalist and the only remaining original member of the band, was also a Vietnam vet and the story goes that the day he returned from Vietnam he was picked up at the airport and played a gig that night. Other current members include Chris Hicks, guitar; Stuart Swanlund, slide guitar; B.B. Borden, drums; David Muse, flute and sax; and Pat Elwood, bass guitar.

Wildhorse Resort & Casino is the Pacific Northwest's highest paying casino, with a record \$9.3 million slot jackpot. The Resort includes a 24-hour casino, hotel, RV Park, 18-hole golf course and Tribal museum. It is located just minutes off I-84 at Exit 216, four miles east of Pendleton. For more information: 1-800-654-9453 or [www.wildhorseresort.com](http://www.wildhorseresort.com) . Wildhorse is owned and operated by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

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