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THE LEVITT PAVILION FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS
presents
An Evening with
THE DOOBIE BROTHERS
THURSDAY, JULY 28

*Three-time Grammy Award Winning Legends Headline the Summer Gala
Sponsored by Poland Spring & Honda of Westport*



International superstars The Doobie Brothers will be presented by The Levitt Pavilion for the Performing Arts in Westport on Thursday, July 28th at 9 p.m in a benefit concert sponsored by Poland Spring and Honda of Westport; the concert proceeds help underwrite the open-air Levitt Pavilion's 38th Summer Season featuring more than 50 nights of free music and performance under the stars.

The Doobie Brothers tour features the both the unparalleled classics – such as “Listen to the Music”, “Black Water”, and “What a Fool Believes” – to new hits and instant classics from their HOR Records release *World Gone Crazy*, an exhibition of aggressive and emotional performances, evocative storytelling, unapologetic attitude and world class musicianship. In a sense, *World Gone Crazy* is an analogy for the Doobie Brothers as a whole and represents another chapter in what is one of the great American music stories. With founding members **Tom Johnston** and **Pat Simmons**, and 30 year-plus veterans **John McFee** and **Michael Hossack**, the Doobies have perfectly honored the band's legacy with an offering that grows in unexpected new directions. The songs on *World Gone Crazy* all feature Johnston and Simmons as writers and lead vocalists.

The Doobie Brothers have continued to perform, create and record for over 21 years. “The Doobies have

always been about playing live,” Johnston says. The Doobie Brothers’ 2011 *World Gone Crazy* tour is taking them coast to coast and their highly anticipated appearance at the Levitt Pavilion for the Performing Arts offers local fans the opportunity to enjoy their legendary talents and entertaining stage show up close and personal in the intimate outdoor Pavilion setting on the banks of the Saugatuck River.

World Gone Crazy singles from “Nobody”, “Chateau”, “Don’t Say Goodbye” and “Young Man’s Game” offer classic Doobie style harmonies and rock edge and ring Doobie true. “The rest of the tunes go to places the band hasn’t necessarily visited before,” Johnston says. “‘*World Gone Crazy*,’ ‘A Brighter Day,’ and other songs were written on keyboards, not guitar. The style of songs like ‘Old Juarez’ – which has a Doobie-ish feel even though it’s Latin-style – and ‘New York Dream’ are a departure from anything we’ve ever done and break new ground.” If fans have any understanding of what to expect from the Doobie Brothers, it’s probably the unexpected. McFee says “The one thing that has always been true of the Doobie Brothers is an avoidance of limiting the music stylistically – it’s always been about making the best music the band can do, no boundaries involved.”

“This band represents a lot of American music styles,” Johnston says. “From the finger-picking stuff that Pat does – and John can do as well – to blues, jazz, rock and roll. By the time you get done you’ve got, to lift a song title from another group, an American band.” Like the nation that spawned the many musical styles they’ve adopted, the Doobie Brothers’ deepest traditions are change, growth, striving and an abiding faith in the future. And so *World Gone Crazy* pays tribute to the Doobie Brothers legacy the most appropriate way possible ... by moving resolutely forward.

Tickets for An Evening with The Doobie Brothers are General Admission (chairs will be provided) and priced at \$70 for the Patron Section and \$95 for the Preferred Section; also available are \$250 Benefactor tickets which include seating in the Premium Section, the Honda of Westport Gala Cocktail Party – a lavish pre-concert affair with open bar and endless hors d’oeuvres, priority entry at the Concert, and an After-Party with delicious desserts. All concertgoers can purchase a variety of beverages and treats on site from Phil & Tom’s concession.

To charge tickets, visit the Pavilion’s website: www.levittpavilion.com or call 866-973-9612 (ext. 3). Tickets are also available at the Pavilion Office, Parks & Recreation (260 South Compo Road, Westport) weekdays from 8:30AM-4:30PM. A limited number of tickets may be available at the Pavilion (Riverwalk entrance) the night of the performance. **The Levitt Pavilion for the Performing Arts is located at 40 Jesup Road in downtown Westport, Connecticut. For more information, please call 203-226-7600.**

The Levitt Pavilion for the Performing Arts is dedicated to providing FREE and abundant access to the performing arts, presenting a dynamic constellation of established and emerging artists, and preserving a beautiful outdoor space where people of all ages and backgrounds are always welcome to enjoy the arts, enjoy nature, and enjoy each other. The Friends of the Levitt Pavilion, Inc., d/b/a The Levitt Pavilion for the Performing Arts, is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization.

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