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America Announce 50th Anniversary Tour Seventies soft rock group will celebrate 50 years of coasting down the Ventura Highway



Seventies soft rock group America will embark on an extensive tour this month, honoring their 50th anniversary. Ron Howard/Redferns/Getty Images

America has announced a 50th anniversary world tour. The soft rock group will celebrate the anniversary of their 1971 self-titled debut, when Gerry Beckley, Dewey Bunnell and the late Dan Peek went to Number One with "A Horse With No Name." The band's trek starts this week, kicking off in Brookville, New York, on February 21st. They'll make stops in major cities — including New Jersey's Bergen PAC on February

23rd and the Broward Center for Performing Arts in Fort Lauderdale on March 24th — before heading to Europe in July. The tour will conclude in Germany later that month. In a Q&A, the duo discussed their favorite TV and movie scenes where their songs were used. "I loved hearing 'Horse With No Name' being used in an episode of *Breaking Bad* as Walter White was literally driving through the desert," Bunnell said. Beckley added: "My personal favorite is an episode of *the Sopranos* where one of the characters was taken out while driving and as the car came crashing to a stop, 'Sister Golden Hair' was playing on the car radio. Excellent."

A biography of the group, titled *America, the Band: An Authorized Biography*, by Judy Warne will be published on May 15th.

Tickets are on sale via the band's website.

America Tour Dates

February 21 — Brookville, NY @ Tilles Center for Performing Arts February 22 — Glenside, PA @ Keswick Theatre February 23 — Englewood, NJ @ Bergen PAC February 28 — Milwaukee, WI @ Riverside Theatre February 29 — Wisconsin Dells, WI @ Crystal Grand Theatre March 5 — Windsor, ON @ Caesars Colosseum March 6 — Waukegan, IL @ Genessee Theatre March 7 — Nashville, IN @ Maple Leaf PAC March 12 — Huntington, WV @ Keith Albee PAC March 14 — Knoxville, TN @ Tennessee Theatre March 15 — Memphis, TN @ Orpheum Theatre March 17 — Greenville, SC @ Peace Center for Performing Arts March 19 — Sarasota, FL @ Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall March 20 — Clearwater, FL @ Ruth Eckerd Hall March 22 — Orlando, FL @ Hard Rock Live March 24 — Ft. Lauderdale, FL @ Broward Center For Performing Arts March 25 — Jacksonville, FL @ Florida Theatre March 28 — Queen Creek, AZ @ Good Life Fest Schnepf Farms April 2 — Lawton, OK @ Apache Casino Hotel April 3 — Eureka Springs, AR @ The Auditorium April 15 — San Antonio, TX @ Tobin Center April 16 — Waco, TX @ Waco Hall Baylor w/Symphony April 17 — Hidalgo, TX @ State Farm Arena April 23 — Sioux Falls, SD @ Washington Pavilion April 24 — Mahnomen, MN @ Shooting Star Casino May 1 — Enoch, AB Canada @ River Cree Ent Complex May 2 — Calgary, AB Canada @ Grey Eagle Event Center June 27 — North Bethesda, MD @ The Music Center at Strathmore July 7 — L'Olympia @ Paris, France July 10 — O2 Empire Shepherds Bush @ London, UK

July 12 — Cornbury Music Festival @ Oxfordshire, UK

- July 15 Musical Dome @ Köln, Germany July 16 Capitol Offenbach @ Offenbach, Germany July 17 Metropol Theater Bremen @ Bremen, Germany