

## Valli, Four Seasons Hitting Hard Rock

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The Jersey boys are returning to the Garden State.

Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons are taking the stage for pair of shows at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Atlantic City. The legendary recording artists will be playing Etess Arena Friday, July 27 and Saturday, July 28. New Jersey natives, the band's original members were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1990.

They were enshrined in the Vocal Group Hall of Fame in 1999.

The group's story was the subject of the musical play, *Jersey Boys*, which won four Tony Awards in 2006 after moving to Broadway. It had premiered at the La Jolla Playhouse in November 2005.

The film version of the play, directed by Clint Eastwood, was released in June of 2014. John Lloyd Young played Valli in the movie.

The band released its first album, including the single, *Sherry*, in 1962. it was their first number-one song. After the success of *Sherry*, the Four Seasons had multiple million-selling records, among them *Big Girls Don't Cry*, *Walk Like a Man*, and *Ain't That a Shame*.

*Santa Claus is Coming to Town*, off the band's 1962 Christmas album, also made the charts.

Valli's single, *My Eyes Adored You*, topped the Billboard Hot 100 in 1975. *December 1963*, by Valli and the Four Seasons, also reached No. 1 on the charts.

Valli recorded the theme song for the movie, *Grease*, in 1978. The record, written by Barry Gibb of the Bee Gees, was a chart-topping hit.

To date, Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons have had 40 singles in the Top 40. As many as 200 performers have done covers of Valli's hit, *Can't Take My Eyes Off You*.

In 2012, Valli made his Broadway debut with a week of shows at the Broadway Theatre in New York.

He also has an impressive list of acting credits, including a role on the fifth and sixth seasons of *The Sopranos*, one of the most popular shows in TV history. Valli portrayed a mobster in the series. Additionally, he's appeared on *Miami Vice*, *Full House* and *Hawaii Five-0*.