

Maroon 5 Playing Hard Rock

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Maroon 5 will be in Atlantic City Sunday, July 15. As part of the *Red Pill Blues Tour*, the band will perform at the new Hard Rock Hotel & Casino.

The group is playing Hershey Park Stadium, in Pennsylvania, July 14.

Adam Levine, known by TV viewers as a coach on NBC's hit program, *The Voice*, is Maroon 5's lead vocalist. A native of Los Angeles, Levine's also appeared on the FX show, *American Horror Story*.

Jesse Carmichael plays guitar and keyboards for Maroon 5. James Valentine is on lead guitar, while Matt Flynn plays drums. PJ Morton is a keyboardist.

Mickey Madden, like Levine and Carmichael a founder of the band, is the bassist. Sam Farrar plays guitar and keys for the LA-based ensemble.

Levine, Carmichael and Madden, along with drummer Ryan Dusick, formed Kara's Flowers in 1994. After signing with Reprise Records, the group released *The Fourth World* in 1997.

In June of 2002, Maroon 5, featuring the original lineup of Kara's Flowers - with the addition of Valentine on guitar - released its first album, *Songs About Jane*. The record went platinum in 2004. Maroon 5 won the Grammy for Best New Artist a year later.

The band's second album, *It Won't Be Soon Before Long*, was released in 2007. *Makes Me Wonder*, the first release off the record, was the bestselling single and video on iTunes. With more than 101,000 sales, the album broke iTunes' records the week it was released.

In support of the album, Maroon 5 went on a six-date club tour, playing smaller venues in Boston, San Francisco, Miami, Minneapolis, LA and New York.

The band re-released its third album, *Hands All Over*, in 2011, to include the single, *Moves like Jagger*, which featured Christina Aguilera. The song hit the top spot on the Billboard Hot 100 in September of that year.

Maroon 5's latest album, *Red Pill Blues*, recently went platinum. The supporting tour includes a pair of shows at Madison Square Garden in October. Among other stops are Chicago, Nashville, Toronto, Boston and Philadelphia.

For more information on tour dates and venues, go to <https://www.maroon5.com/tour>.