

## Todd Rundgren Visiting Golden Nugget

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Todd Rundgren is playing the Golden Nugget in Atlantic City Saturday, August 4. The show starts at 9 p.m.

Part of the *Todd Rundgren Unpredictable Tour*, the performance takes place in The Grand, the Golden Nugget's ballroom.

Rundgren has been on the scene since the 1960s, when he formed the psychedelic group, Nazz. The Philadelphia native later left the band to go solo. His first hit in the U.S. was *We Gotta Get You a Woman* in 1970. Among his other popular singles are *Hello, It's Me* and *I Saw the Light*, both off the 1972 release, *Something/Anything?*. A song from 1983, *Bang the Drum All Day*, is a often heard on commercials, in sports arenas and during movie trailers.

One of the first rock stars to have an impact as both an artist and producer, Rundgren has served as producer for Badfinger (1971), Grand Funk Railroad (1973), the New York Dolls and Meat Loaf (1977).

He was the engineer on the The Band's third album, *Stage Fright*, recorded during several sessions at the Woodstock Playhouse.

In 1994, he introduced the first interactive album, *No World Order*.

The Boston-based band The Cars, without bassist Benjamin Orr, who passed away in 2000, and former lead singer Ric Ocasek, re-formed with Rundgren as The New Cars in 2005. The group's first album was released the next year. It included classic Cars songs, two Rundgren hits and three new singles (*Not Tonight*, *Warm* and *More*).

Last year, Rundgren released *White Knight*, featuring collaborations with a number of artists, including Daryl Hall, Trent Reznor, Joe Walsh and Donald Fagen. In May 2017, he received honorary doctorates from Berklee College of Music and DePauw University.

Following the Golden Nugget, Rundgren will play The Flying Monkey Movie House and Performance Center in Plymouth, N.H., August 5. Other stops on the tour include Chattanooga, Biloxi, Nashville, Orlando, Madison, Wis., Columbus, Ohio, Louisville, Memphis and Kansas City.