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**MotorCity Casino Hotel Presents**

**'70s Soul Jam**

**The Stylistics, The Manhattans and The Main Ingredient featuring Cuba Gooding Sr.**

**Sound Board**

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**(Detroit – August 29, 2014)** MotorCity Casino Hotel presents, '70s Soul Jam: The Stylistics, The Manhattans, and The Main Ingredient featuring Cuba Gooding, Sr., to Sound Board on Friday, September 19, 2014 at 8 p.m.

Take a musical ride back to the '70s in a night replete with classic soul jams from an era of intricate two-steps, heavenly harmonies, and songs with heartfelt meaning.

Airrion Love, Herbert Murrell, Eban Brown, and Jason Sharp, collectively known as The Stylistics, formed in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1966 from two groups, "The Percussions" and "The Monarchs." The group has had a string of US hits and U.S. R&B top ten hits, including "Stop, Look, Listen", "You Are Everything", "Betcha by Golly, Wow", "People Make the World Go Round", "I'm Stone in Love with You", "Break Up to Make Up", and "You Make Me Feel Brand New". To read more about The Stylistics, please visit <http://www.thestylistics.org>.

Legend has it that George "Smitty" Smith, Edward "Sonny" Bivins, Winfred "Blue" Lovett, Kenneth Kelly and Richard Taylor came to call themselves the Manhattans because, as teenage singers in Jersey City, New Jersey, they dreamed about the big time while gazing across the Hudson River at the Manhattan skyline. It's a nice story, but unfortunately it is not true. In fact, the quintet took its name from a cocktail known as the Manhattan that's made from whiskey, vermouth, and bitters. Still, the name suggested class, something the Manhattans have epitomized throughout their long career. Although they began making records in 1963, the Manhattans didn't strike it big until the mid-1970s, when they successfully bucked the disco trend with a series of romantic ballads for Columbia Records. They had eight songs in the R&B Top 10 between 1973 and 1978, with "Kiss and Say Good Bye" going to No.1 on both the R&B and Pop Charts in 1976 and placing in the top five in England and Australia. "Shining Star" made it to number five on the Pop Charts, staying on the charts for 14 straight weeks.

The Manhattans continue to bring their smooth, classy live sound to their fans, with over 100 shows worldwide last year. With Edward "Sonny" Bivins at baritone, Al Pazant at bass, Lee "The Reverend" Williams at lead vocal, and Charles "Charming Charlie" Hardy and Harsey "The Candyman" Hemphill sharing 1st and 2nd tenor, The Manhattans continue to be one of the most sought after live R&B units of the day. For more info on The Manhattans, please visit: <http://www.themanhattans.net>



Cuba M. Gooding, Sr. is the lead singer of the soul group The Main Ingredient, most notable for its two biggest hits, "Everybody Plays the Fool" (1972) and "Just Don't Want to Be Lonely" (1974). Gooding also had a brief solo career on Motown Records during the late-1970s and early-1980s. His biggest international success was Brian Auger's "Happiness Is Just Around the Bend" in 1983, which has in recent times been sampled by several R&B artists, as well as hitting the charts again as a remix by UK Hardcore Rave group Altern-8 in 1991. In the same year, samples from the song also featured prominently in Bizarre Inc's single "Playing with Knives". For more info on The Main Ingredient featuring Cuba Gooding, Sr., please visit: <http://www.cuba-gooding.com>

Tickets (\$50, \$42 and \$40) are on-sale now via Ticketmaster. To purchase tickets, please call Ticketmaster at (800) 745-3000 or visit on line at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). Tickets are also available through the Sound Board Box Office Saturday and Sunday and on show days\*\*. Guests must be at least 21 years old to attend this performance.

SOUND BOARD, an intimate live performance venue is located at MotorCity Casino Hotel. The venue features four bars and several private suites that are available to create an unforgettable live entertainment event. Free and convenient valet and self-parking are available.

Visit <http://www.SoundBoardDetroit.com/> for more information about tickets, hotel packages, and Sound Board. Get in touch with us at 866-STAY-MCC or [info@SoundBoardDetroit.com](mailto:info@SoundBoardDetroit.com).

*\*\*Sound Board box office 2014 summer hours.*

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