

The Musical Legacy of Chicago

Presented by **HOMESTEAD**

 **APRIL 27, 2019**

 **7:30 P.M.**

 **GRAND THEATRE**

BRASS TRANSIT

IAN JUTSUN *Lead Vocals*

TONY CARLUCCI *Trumpet*

DON BREITHAUPT *Keyboards & Backing Vocals*

PAUL DELONG *Drums*

DOUG GIBSON *Trombone*

BOB McALPINE *Guitar & Backing Vocals*

PHIL POPPA *Woodwinds & Backing Vocals*

JAY SPEZIALE *Bass, Lead Vocals & Backing Vocals*

EVAN MITCHELL *Conductor*

Program

Does Anybody Know What Time It Is?

Saturday In The Park

Just You 'n' Me

Call On Me

If You Leave Me Now

I'm A Man

Free

Searchin' So Long

You're The Inspiration

Beginnings

Intermission

Questions 67 & 68

Hard To Say I'm Sorry

Last Time This Time

Old Days

Hard Habit To Break

Feelin' Stronger Every Day

Make Me Smile

Color My World

25 Or 6 To 4

Today's Music

WITH EVAN MITCHELL

I am often asked about my musical beginnings. What instrument do you play? How did you come to be a conductor? Every conductor's answer to that second question is unique, but I do think mine is a little funkier than most: I began as a drumset player, heavily into the stylings of Canadian rock music of the 1990s.

This might not be a surprise to our Masterworks audience considering the very emotional tribute we paid to Gord Downie last season (we still miss you, Gord). But while the trip from 90s Canadian rock to Brahms and Beethoven is a bit of a winding road, I've never lost the sensibility of a drummer. I actually have a snare drum tuning key on my keychain that I never use for its intended purpose. It's there to remind me where I came from. (It's also apparently a consistent threat to airline security.)

Chicago is one of history's greatest rock success stories. They've sold more than 40 million albums, which is more than the current population of Canada. Their distinctive sound and live presence continues to thrill audiences after decades of performing.

We present that signature Chicago sound to Kingston today with the magnificent members of Brass Transit, the world's foremost Chicago tribute band. Believe me, these guys are going to bring it. I happened upon one of their videos as I was scrolling through my Facebook feed. It was a post by our own Mike Verner that grabbed my attention, I must have watched their sizzle reel about five or six times back to back. They hit the magic sweet spot of paying tribute to the Chicago sound and showing their own fabulous musicianship at the same time. These guys can PLAY!

So sit back, relax and enjoy what will be a killer season-ender for us. We're thrilled to be joined by Brass Transit and to be bringing this classic, unstoppable rock to the Grand Theatre!