

2008 Entertainment

The Vees & Bobby Vee

The band, consisting of brothers Jeff, Tom and Robb, has been together in one form or another for nearly two decades touring from Colorado to New York and points in-between. More recently, as back up band to their father, Bobby Vee, they have traveled throughout the United States and Europe working with such legendary artists as Chuck Berry, Jerry Lee Lewis, Little Richard and Bo Diddley. Rounding out the lineup is the accomplished piano talent of George Maurer.

The Vees draw from a wide variety of well known material to put together a high energy rock 'n' roll show that is exciting and original while being an authentic tribute to the legends of rock 'n' roll and their music. Their years of experience as recording and performing artists have resulted in a tight and definitive sound that finds its roots in the early rockabilly music of people such as Elvis, Buddy Holly and Jerry Lee Lewis, but can be as powerful and dynamic as today's rock 'n' roll music.

The band has spent the last few years recording their music on national record labels in addition to maintaining their steady performance schedule.

The Vees will be opening for their father, Bobby at Back to the 50's on Saturday evening from 6:30 - 9:30.

The Memories

The Memories began their musical careers in Boyceville, Wisconsin in '72. Tim Stevens and Warren Petryk performed for local and high school events under the name of "the Pickle Dillies". The Memories have traveled across the country entertaining audiences at fairs, festivals, concerts and other special events. They perform a wide variety of popular music including novelty and gospel songs enjoyed by Back to the 50's participants for years now.

They will be singing and playing for your entertainment on Sunday morning before, during and after the church service.

The Rockin' Hollywoods

The Rockin' Hollywoods present "Solid Gold Rock 'n' Roll" from the '50s and '60s with an energy that captivates audiences of all ages.

Formed in '73, the band utilizes period costuming, very physical choreography and staging, with great vocals and musicianship, gaining them critical and popular praise.

The Rockin' Hollywoods were voted "Best Performing Artist" '87 at the Minnesota Music Awards. The Minnesota Ballroom Operators Association voted them "Band of the Year" '86

and '89. The band was nominated '86 and '88 by the prestigious Minnesota Music Awards Academy.

The Rockin' Hollywoods have opened for the Beach Boys in '90 and '85, and have worked with other greats such as Ricky Nelson, Bo Diddley, Del Shannon, Gary Puckett, Four Tops, Neil Sedaka and many others.

Most MSRA members are well acquainted with the Rockin' Hollywoods. They will perform at many events such as the Taste of Minnesota this 4th of July.

They are a fun band to watch and even more fun to dance to. Don't miss the Rockin' Hollywoods at this year's Back to the 50's. They will be playing on Friday, evening from 6:30 - 9:30.

Richie Lee

17-year-old Richie Lee was singing almost before he could talk. At the age of 8 he won a Buddy Holly look alike, lip sync contest. His interest in Buddy Holly began at the age of 6, and he began taking guitar lessons at age 11 and drums at age 12. Richie has performed on stage with Winter Dance Party Drummer Carl Bunch, Holly backup singers Larry Welborn, and friend, the Legendary Peggy Sue Gerron as well as Tommy Allsup.

When Richie first heard Buddy Holly's music, he was instantly inspired! For Lee, it is a dream comes true. He even has the same guitar, Buddy Holly, played: a '55 Fender Stratocaster.

Richie has played with many Iowa Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame bands. He played 14 ballrooms by the age 16 and been recognized nationally. He has also played with the Drifters and this summer for the Elvis Tribute in Memphis. He will be performing Friday evening from 6:30 - 9:30.