



Mike Love

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Mike Love, a member of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, is lead singer and a founding member of The Beach Boys.

Mike wrote the lyrics to The Beach Boys' first song, "Surfin'," released in 1961. He then co-authored eleven Top 10 singles in five years with cousin Brian Wilson, a string of hits including "Fun, Fun, Fun," "I Get Around," "Help Me Rhonda," "California Girls" and "Good Vibrations." In 2006, Mike has recently completed work on his long awaited solo album.

The period between "Good Vibrations" (1966) and The Beach Boys' biggest selling hit "Kokomo" (1988) is one of the longest spans of time between number one records in history. This feat demonstrates the ageless, timeless appeal of The Beach Boys. Mike Love is the co-author of both of these smash hits.

The Beach Boys annual tours have reached all of the Americas, Europe, Africa, Asia and Australia and popular demand has not allowed Mike a summer off in forty years in his role as lead singer. The Beach Boys concert performance features an energetic hour and forty minutes of over thirty hit songs. The Beach Boys perform over 150 shows annually.

In 2006, for the Holiday Season Beach Boy Mike Love announced the release of "Santa's Goin' To Kokomo." "Santa's Goin' To Kokomo" is a fresh and fun take on The Beach Boys biggest career hit "Kokomo." The radio single offered fans a new holiday song to celebrate the season. The Beach Boys, despite their undisputed claim as the top icons of the endless summer, have a history of giving the world holiday classics such as "Little Saint Nick" and "Merry Christmas, Baby," (both co-authored by Mike Love). With "Santa's Goin' To Kokomo" Mike Love continued the tradition that every season should be celebrated in a spirit of fun, fun, fun.

It was Mike Love's idea to perform free Independence Day concerts on the grounds of the Washington Monument in the nation's capital beginning in 1980. After a national uproar following Secretary of Interior James Watt's ban of The Beach Boys for this event, they returned on July 4, 1984, by a personal invitation from First Lady Nancy Reagan. On July 4, 1985, The Beach Boys played to an afternoon crowd of one million in Philadelphia and the same evening they performed for over 750,000 people on the Mall in Washington. The day's historical achievement was recorded in the *Guinness Book of World Records*.

Mike Love has been a longtime supporter of environmental causes and was among speakers at the Earth Summit in Rio De Janiero in 1992 and Earth Day 2000 on the Mall in Washington, D.C.. In 2007, Love spoke on environmental issues at the National Press Club Luncheon in Washington D.C.. He created the Love Foundation, which supports national environmental and educational initiatives. He personally donated \$100,000 to the American Red Cross to benefit the victims of Hurricane Katrina. He has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Lake Tahoe School in Incline Village, Nevada, and has been responsible for raising over \$1 million to benefit the school.

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