



The Beach Boys

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As if performing to nearly two million fans in one day alone [July 4, 1985 in Philadelphia, PA and Washington, D.C.] isn't enough, America's band continues to play well over one hundred shows annually, setting attendance records and selling out fairs, festivals, performing arts centers and casinos along the way. The Beach Boys captured the all-time attendance record at Pine Knob (now DTE Center) in Michigan.

- The Beach Boys' first song was the 1961 Mike Love title "Surfin'."
- Mike Love co-authored an amazing eleven Top-10 singles in the five years between 1963 and 1968, including "Good Vibrations."
- On July 4, 1985, The Beach Boys played to almost two million concertgoers in Philadelphia, PA, and Washington, D.C. on the same day.
- The biggest hit of The Beach Boys' career, "Kokomo," (co-written by Mike Love) came in 1988.
- The Beach Boys have not taken a summer off in 40 years. The Beach Boys have performed more shows than any other major rock act.
- The Beach Boys are widely considered America's finest and most important Rock and Roll band.
- Mike Love's idea to compile the Capitol Records *Endless Summer* double-LP in 1974 sparked the infamous comeback that led *Rolling Stone* to name The Beach Boys "Band of The Year."
- The Beach Boys were honored at the 2001 Grammy Awards, receiving The Lifetime Achievement Award from the Recording Academy.
- The Beach Boys *Pet Sounds* hits number two in *Rolling Stone's* 2003 "500 Greatest Albums of All Time."
- *Rolling Stone* voted "Good Vibrations" the "Number One Song of the Century."
- The Beatles followed Mike Love to India when he traveled to further pursue his love of transcendental meditation. A passion that would soon overtake the Western world.

- Mike Love created the *Love Foundation*, which supports national environmental and educational initiatives. 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.
- The Beach Boys were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1988.
- Mike Love personally donates \$100,000 to the American Red Cross efforts in the wake of the devastation suffered at the hands of Hurricane Katrina. The Beach Boys continue to raise additional funds and awareness to support the cause.
- 2006 *Sounds of Summer: the very best of The Beach Boys* is certified Double Platinum marking their biggest resurgence since 1976.