



The Symphony Orchestra's going to rock this town
in a concert starring....

THE HIT MEN

**Legendary Performers with Frankie Valli, Tommy James, Cat Stevens
& more!**

Imagine timeless hit songs like “**Oh What a Night**”, “**Who Loves You**”, “**Dawn**”, “**Sherry**” and “**Walk Like a Man**” played by a full symphony orchestra together with the legendary musicians and vocalists who toured the world with **Frankie Valli** and other rock royalty. That's **THE HIT MEN**.

Members of this incomparable quintet of hitmakers, unlike any tribute band, were there when these songs were first recorded. Their licks, their solos, their grooves and their harmonies are embedded into the music and essential to the sound of these records that millions would come to love.

THE HIT MEN's credentials, showmanship and sheer hard-rockin' talent are unmatched by any other group in modern music. Their sizzling “**Hits & Symphony**” show combines hit after hit after hit - including everyone's favorite **Four Seasons** songs, **Jim Croce**'s “**Bad Bad Leroy Brown**”, **Carly Simon**'s “**You're So Vain**”, **Cat Stevens**' “**Peace Train**”, and **Elton John**'s “**Crocodile Rock**” with eye-popping videos and reminiscences born from their witnessing and making musical history as it happened.

Members of this illustrious group of musicians and singers include:

Lee Shapiro - a producer, arranger, singer and musician who not only arranged some of the **Four Seasons** biggest hits, but also collaborated with artists ranging from **Barry Manilow**, **Tony Orlando**, and **Tommy James**.

Jimmy Ryan - who began his career in the 1960s as lead guitarist, singer and a songwriter for **The Critters**. He was Carly Simon's musical director for twenty one

years, and his guitar playing is included in the work of **Cat Stevens, Jim Croce, Rod Stewart, Paul McCartney** and **Elton John**.

Jeff Ganz - a singer, and bass player who has worked with an eclectic array of artists including **Johnny Winter, John Lee Hooker, Laurie Anderson, Lou Reed, Tito Puente, Chuck Berry, Melvin Van Peebles, Southside Johnny and the Asbury Jukes, Dr. John, Eddie Money, Cheap Trick, Vanilla Fudge,** and **Blood, Sweat & Tears**.

Russ Velazquez -- a singer, keyboardist, composer and arranger whose credits read like a musical Who's Who. He has collaborated with everyone from **Sting, The Ramones, and LL Cool J to Luther Vandross, Korn and Paula Abdul**. He's been nominated for four **Emmy Awards** for his work on **Sesame Street** and his song "**2BA Master**" hit the top of the children's music charts on **Radio Disney**.

Steve Murphy -- a drummer, singer, producer and engineer who has toured with **The Alan Parsons Project, Jack Bruce (Cream), Eric Burdon and the Animals, Chuck Negron (formerly of Three Dog Night), Felix Cavaliere (The Rascals), Dave Mason, Todd Rundgren, Christopher Cross, Mark Farner (Grand Funk Railroad), The Turtles, Mickey Dolenz, Gary Puckett, Mitch Ryder** and over a dozen more major artists from the 60's, 70's and 80's.

THE HIT MEN connect with audiences on a level rarely seen by today's music acts. From the classic songs we all know and love (such as "**Oh What a Night**" & "**You're So Vain**") to the backstage stories never told until today, a **HIT MEN** show is like no other as they combine the music & the memories alongside exciting multimedia footage & visuals, evoking an unforgettable and nostalgic experience. "We can say whatever we want about our legacy with complete legitimacy," **Lee Shapiro** said. "We have an emotional connection with the audience that tribute bands and sound-alike bands can't have. When we share our experiences and tell stories, we aren't reciting a script. We were there. When we tell you how Warren Beatty got thrown out of Carly Simon's dressing room at the Troubadour in LA in 1971, we know it's true because **Jimmy Ryan** was the one who did it!"

Reliving the magic they created on stages around the world & in recording studios with some of our most cherished musical artists, when **THE HIT MEN** take the stage today, it's easy to see why their music has transcended generations. **Now touring across the country**, they have performed with many prestigious symphony orchestras, including the **Naples Philharmonic, the Des Moines Symphony, The Whitefish Symphony, The Allentown Symphony, The Buffalo Symphony,** and **The Grand Rapids Symphony, The Alabama Symphony** among others.