

Legendary Singer Pat Boone Kicks Off Stockton Performing Arts Center Season on Sept. 17

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Galloway, N.J. - The Stockton Performing Arts Center kicks off its fall season with "Music & Memories: An Evening with Pat Boone," on **Saturday, Sept. 17**. With nearly 50 million records sold, 38 Top 10 hits, gold, and platinum records, Pat Boone rates #6 among artists with the most consecutive Top 10 hits, #10 with the most Top 40 hits and #16 with the most No. 1 hits.

In this funny and often touching autobiographical one-man show, the entertainment icon sings the hits and tells the stories of his 50-plus years in show business. From the early days of competing with Elvis for the number one spot on the pop music charts, to his film and television career to an inside glimpse of his family life ...Boone shows why he's still one of the all-time greats.

Show time is 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$32 and may be ordered online stockton.edu/pac or by calling the Box Office at (609) 652-9000. The Box Office is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 90 minutes before the performance. For group sales, call (609) 652-4786.

Google Pat Boone - be warned, more than 1.9 million results will show up, and a word picture of an astonishing, long-lasting, still-thriving career in music and entertainment emerges. Boone is a singer, actor, TV host, producer, songwriter, author, motivational speaker, TV pitchman, radio personality, record company head, TV station owner, sports team owner, family man, humanitarian, a man unafraid to air his views.

Boone runs his own record company, The Gold Label, designed for legendary artists of a certain age and certifiable talent (all with million-selling gold records to their credit). "It's a senior tour for singers," he jokes. "But there is a qualification: they have to be able to sell records." So far Glen Campbell, Jack Jones, Roger Williams, Patti Page, Cleo Laine, Sha Na Na and others (as well as Boone himself) have lived up to the founder's maxim. More than 30 Gold Record albums have been released to date.

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He has involved himself in a couple of personal projects, such as: "For My Country," a musical acknowledgment to the National Guard that Boone wrote himself. Boone regards it as a follow-up to his Pledge of Allegiance pitch, "Under God," recorded a couple of years ago, which became his 61st hit record. Tuned to current events, close to Boone's heart and views, both created debate, as well as sales. "It's not just liberals who can stir things up through recordings," he says.

An updated pictorial autobiography, "Pat Boone's America 50 Years" has joined the line of more than a dozen autobiographical and motivational books. He became a book author for the first time, writing the still-in-print "Twixt Twelve and Twenty," in 1958 as a teen idol who was barely out of his own teens. His newest book venture, co-written with Cord Cooper, is "Questions about God and the Answers That Could Change Your life." This book addresses one of today's hottest topics, and is packed with facts that will challenge readers' thinking.

For patrons with special needs, the **Stockton Performing Arts Center** offers wheelchair accessible seating, large type programs, and listening assistive devices. Please identify any needs you may have when making a reservation.

The **Stockton Performing Arts Center**, the Jersey Shore's Center for the Arts, is located on the campus of Stockton University, on Jimmie Leeds Road in Pomona (Galloway Township). Just 12 miles west of Atlantic City, the Center is easily accessible from the Garden State Parkway and the Atlantic City Expressway.

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