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**BOULEVARD CASINO & RIVER ROCK CASINO RESORT  
 PRESENT**

**JOE COCKER**

FRIDAY, MAY 29 – RED ROBINSON SHOW THEATRE  
 SATURDAY, MAY 30 – RIVER ROCK SHOW THEATRE

Joe Cocker – one of the truly great rock voices of all time – was born in Sheffield, England the youngest son of a civil servant. Cocker began his career in music in 1961 when by day, he worked as an apprentice gas fitter and by night, would be in dark suit and bow tie performing under the stage name, Vance Arnold singing rock and soul with The Avengers in local pubs. His next band, Big Blues was formed in 1963 followed by The Grease Band in 1966.

It was a big day for Cocker on April 27, 1969 when he was featured on CBS's "The Ed Sullivan Show." The press seized upon him and soon he found himself singing at all the major rock festivals that summer culminating in the filmed triumph of Woodstock before half a million people. He then went on to release three albums which all went platinum. He continued to make albums throughout the 70's ... albums that produced such classics as "Guilty," "The Moon Is A Harsh Mistress" and "You Are So Beautiful." As the 80's dawned, he was invited by The Crusaders to join them on a song that they had written exclusively for him, "I'm So Glad I'm Standing Here Today" for which he received a standing ovation after singing it at the Grammy Awards in 1982. His duet with Jennifer Warnes, "Up Where We Belong" – the theme from the 1982 film, *An Officer and a Gentleman* – became a worldwide hit reaching #1 on the Billboard Hot 100 and led to an appearance at the Oscars ceremony in 1983. As well, the two won a Grammy Award for "Best Pop Performance by a Duo" while the duet won an Academy Award for "Best Original Song."

Cocker's Capitol albums from *Civilized Man* (1984) onwards were tremendously successful. *Cocker* (1986), *Unchain My Heart* (1987) and *One Night of Sin* (1989) all went platinum with the latter delivering his most recent US Top Ten song, "When The Night Comes" which was written by Bryan Adams. He has also sung theme songs for several other films including *9 ½ Weeks* (1986), *Harry and The Hendersons* (1987), *Bull Durham* (1988) and *An Innocent Man* (1989). In 1991, he recorded "Sorry Seems To Be The Hardest Word" on the Elton John/Bernie Taupin tribute album, *Two Rooms* which went on to sell over three million copies worldwide. Today he still enjoys touring across Europe as well as in North America. Cocker will be performing at both the Boulevard Casino's Red Robinson Show Theatre and the River Rock Casino Resort in May.

**TICKETS ON SALE THURSDAY, JANUARY 22 @ 10:00 AM**

**DOORS: 7:00 PM SHOW: 8:00 PM**

**Tickets: Reg. \$99.50 & Golden Circle \$119.50 (+ Service Charge & Facility Fee)**

Tickets available at all Ticketmaster Outlets or charge-by-phone (604) 280-4444 or order on-line at [www.ticketmaster.ca](http://www.ticketmaster.ca)

Both shows: 19 years and over

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