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**RIVER ROCK CASINO RESORT
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BLONDIE

**LIVE AT THE RIVER ROCK SHOW THEATRE
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

Inducted into the prestigious Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2006, Blondie emerged as the great pop icons of New York's celebrated late '70s new wave punk scene by defying easy categorization. The original Blondie was formed in 1974 by art student/guitarist Chris Stein and ex-folkie and ex-Max's Kansas City waitress, vocalist/songwriter Deborah Harry. Both drummer Clem Burke and keyboard player Jimmy Destri joined a year later. The band played the fabled New York downtown circuit of CBGB's, Max's Kansas City and Mothers, amassing a major following before their first album, *Blondie* was released in 1976 followed by their second album, *Plastic Letters* in 1977.

In 1978 Blondie's third album, *Parallel Lines* was released featuring the single, "Heart of Glass" which became their first #1 record in the US. Their fourth album, *Eat to the Beat* was released in 1979 along with the first-ever album-length video. The band continued their chart presence in the UK with the #2 hit, "Dreaming." By 1980, they landed another #1 UK single with "Atomic" and charted a second time with "Call Me" from the Paul Schrader film, *American Gigolo*. The fifth Blondie album, *Autoamerican* produced the #1 UK smash, "The Tide Is High" which also reached #1 in the US.

This year EMI celebrated the 30-year anniversary of Blondie's *Parallel Lines* with a re-release of the iconic album which went on to sell over 20 million copies – an extraordinary feat achieved only by an elite club of artists. The timeless band that broke records and crossed boundaries with their unique style and music just completed a tour that took them across the US and Europe. And in 2009, Blondie will again be performing to sold-out audiences including one show at the River Rock Casino Resort in February.

TICKETS ON SALE THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13 @ 10:00 AM

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

Tickets: Reg. \$74.50 & Golden Circle \$89.50 (+ 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

All shows: 19 years and over unless noted

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