

# METROjam



## NYC Legend Garland Jeffreys to Headline 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Metro Jam!

American, singer-songwriter **Garland Jeffreys** and his band will be headlining this year's Metro Jam festival on Saturday evening June 17, 2017, at Washington Park in Downtown Manitowoc.

Jeffreys, a 2016 Long Island Music Hall of Fame inductee, and a NY Blues Hall of Famer, has shared stages with Bruce Springsteen and performed in the Wim Wenders film 'The Soul of a Man'. His hit singles '**Wild In The Streets**,' used by Baz Luhrmann in his Netflix original 'The Get Down' and '**Hail Hail Rock N Roll**' have amassed over a million YouTube views and with a stream of International US and European hits spanning over 5 decades. In 1981, he reached No. 5 on the rock chart with a cover of "**96 Tears**," the classic by ? and the Mysterians.

Garland Jeffreys has worked with a litany of artists that represent a wide musical spectrum: Bruce Springsteen, Sonny Rollins, John Cale, Phoebe Snow, James Taylor, U2, Dr. John, The E-Street Band and Lou Reed comprise the short-list. He has been endorsed as a major contributor to reggae by Bob Marley himself. The native New Yorker's enthusiasm and willingness to continually stretch his musical boundaries speak volumes.

As a child of black, white and Puerto Rican heritage growing up in the '50s, Jeffreys was raised on everything from R&B to the first bursts of rock and roll to "God Bless America" crooner Kate Smith. This 73-year-old singer-songwriter is not ready to slow down anytime soon. "I've got a job to do," Jeffreys says. "I can't emphasize how grateful I am, because in my late years now, you might say, I'm fortunate to have my health. I'm at the gym, I take care of myself, I don't feel like I have any influences. So I'd like to stick around and make new recordings as much as I can and get out on the road. Just shows, shows, shows -- that's the theme right now. That's what I'm here to do."

Jeffreys is set to release his 15<sup>th</sup> album, the James Maddock-produced '**14 Steps to Harlem**' (April 28, 2017), his third album in six years, on which he has compiled primarily original songs that reflect, not surprisingly, a variegated blend of genres. The album also features the Lou Reed-penned Velvet Underground classic "I'm Waiting for the Man" and a mournful version of The Beatles' "Help", written by John Lennon, another of Jeffreys' friends. To support '14 Steps to Harlem', Jeffreys and his band just embarked on a much-anticipated European Tour that includes cultural capitals in the UK, Switzerland, Germany, Sweden, France and the Netherlands, whilst back in the US, he recently made an appearance at the popular Austin fest, SXSW. Here's what people are saying about his recent shows:

- His live performances and his joy for life are undiminished. He will still jump from the stage and strut through the audience. When one story ends there's always another about to begin... — No Depression
- Backed by a crack band, Jeffreys bring his great songs, powerful voice and buoyant personality — The New Yorker
- A seriously satisfying high-octane show — Huffington Post

Join us for a night that is guaranteed to go down in Metro Jam history, when Garland Jeffreys takes the stage on Saturday evening at 7:30.

Check out [www.garlandjeffreys.com](http://www.garlandjeffreys.com) for info on the man himself!

Metro Jam, now in its 39th year, will be held on the MetroStage in downtown **Manitowoc's Washington Park**, on **June 16 and 17, 2017**. As always, this **FREE** two day event features an array of national, regional and local acts covering a full spectrum of musical styles blues, folk, alt-country, Americana, classic rock and original rock. More national and local acts will be announced shortly. The festival is a partnership with The Manitowoc Jaycees. This **free concert** is made possible due to support from our presenting sponsors Baileigh Industrial, Cher-Make Sausage and media partners WOMT/WQTC Q-102/The Lake 98.1 and Weekend: The Herald Times Reporter.

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