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The Stray Cat Lee Rocker performs in Long Beach, May 19: Grammy-nominated musician and Bass Player Hall of Fame

A founding member of The Stray Cats draws on 35 years of music and his work with some of rock's biggest names—all while throwing his double bass in the air.

LONG BEACH, California — From the cover of *Rolling Stone* magazine, to headlining the U.S. Festival and touring with the Rolling Stones, Lee Rocker has done it all. Having made his mark singing, playing, standing on, spinning and rocking his giant upright bass in the legendary music group The Stray Cats, Lee Rocker is coming to the **Carpenter Performing Arts Center**, located on the campus of Cal State Long Beach, on **Saturday, May 19th at 8pm.**

Lee Rocker and the Stray Cats sold more than 10 million records, earned an astonishing 23 gold and platinum records worldwide, and were music video pioneers of the MTV generation. The Stray Cat's worldwide mega hits "Stray Cat Strut," "Sexy and Seventeen" and "Rock this Town" have become a part of the soul of rock and roll. The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame has included "Rock this Town" as one of the 500 most important songs in rock. But, Lee Rocker's storied career—and the show he'll bring to the Carpenter Center—also includes music from some of the biggest names in rock history with whom he's performed.

In addition to the Stray Cats and the Stones, Rocker has toured and performed with George Harrison, Ringo Starr, Willie Nelson, Keith Richards, Wanda Jackson, and John Fogerty. In 2012, Rocker released "Night Train to Memphis," a classic rockabilly album that Rocker calls, "the soundtrack of my life."

Rocker has been touring, recording and performing around the globe since 1980, and has a fanatically loyal following of rockers, rebels and all types of music lovers – leaving every audience on their feet and cheering.

The Laguna Beach resident has received numerous honors for his contributions to music and the arts, including induction into the Rockabilly Hall of Fame, the Long Island Music Hall of Fame and being a

recipient of the “Visionary Artist Award” by the City of Laguna Beach, California. In 2012, Rocker appeared on Broadway in the hit musical “Million Dollar Quartet and was inducted in the Bass Player Hall of Fame in 2014.

Single tickets for The Stray Cat Lee Rocker start at \$35. For tickets and more information, visit CarpenterArts.org or call the Carpenter Center Ticket Office at (562) 985-7000. This series is made possible in part by Season Media Partner KPCC 89.3-FM.

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What: **The Stray Cat Lee Rocker**

When: **Saturday, May 19, 2018 at 8 PM**

Where: **Richard and Karen Carpenter Performing Arts Center**
6200 Atherton St.
Long Beach, CA 90815

Tickets: **Starting at \$35**
Parking is available for \$8

Ticket Office: **(562) 985-7000, www.CarpenterArts.org**
Box Office Hours are Monday-Friday 10 am – 5 pm and one hour before all performances.

Additional Information and tickets available at the Carpenter Center’s website: www.CarpenterArts.org