

Hootie & The Blowfish, Collective Soul & Edwin McCain Bring their 'Summer Camp With Trucks' tour to Jones Beach on Thur, Sept 5, 2024 ! tix: <u>http://HOOTIE.jonesbeach.com</u>

Darius Rucker rejoins Hootie & The Blowfish along with special guests Collective Soul and Edwin McCain. The tour, the first for Hootie & The Blowfish since 2019, promises to be a mostly outdoor summer extravaganza custom made for Gen X and beyond, with some of the top bands of the '90s bringing their greatest hits to the Amphitheaters and Sheds.

Hootie & The Blowfish, comprised of Mark Bryan, Dean Felber, Darius Rucker and Jim "Soni" Sonefeld, formed the band during their time as students together at the University of South Carolina. Starting with their double-Diamond certified debut album, Cracked Rear View, the band has sold more than 25 million albums. Represented by CAA's Darin Murphy and managed by Maverick's Clarence Spaulding, the band has reported more than 1.2 million tickets sold as reported to Pollstar, and grossed more than \$56 million dating back to 1999.

Collective Soul is an American rock band originally from Stockbridge, Georgia. Now based in Atlanta, the group consists of the brothers Ed (lead vocalist) and Dean Roland (rhythm

guitarist), Will Turpin (bassist), Johnny Rabb (drummer), and Jesse Triplett (lead guitarist). Formed in 1992, the original lineup consisted of the Roland brothers, Turpin, guitarist Ross Childress, and drummer Shane Evans. Collective Soul released their Hints, Allegations, and Things Left Unsaid album on the independent label Rising Storm Records in 1993. The band went from obscurity to popularity that year after the album's lead single "Shine" received regional radio play. The album was then re-released in 1994 by the major label Atlantic Records; thus, "Shine" became a national hit as it peaked at No. 1 on the Mainstream Rock and No. 4 on the Mainstream Top 40 charts.

"Basically overnight, our lives changed when Cracked Rear View did what it did – and yet as we quickly moved from vans and college bars to tour busses and arenas, not much else changed with how we approached making music and sharing it with our fans," Mark Bryan says. "Edwin McCain told someone at the time that touring with us felt like summer camp with trucks... and that's exactly how we want next year to feel, too. We can't wait for you to join us!"