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LEGENDARY ROCK BAND REO SPEEDWAGON TO PERFORM AT THE T.J. MARTELL FOUNDATION “TOP 40” NEW YORK HONORS GALA

*THE ORIGINAL MTV VJ’S NINA BLACKWOOD, MARK GOODMAN AND
ALAN HUNTER HOST*

CELEBRATING THE FOUNDATION’S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2015 – CIPRIANI WALL STREET



New York, New York – (September 22, 2015) – The T.J. Martell Foundation, “Music’s Promise for A Cure,” has announced the legendary rock band REO Speedwagon to perform at this year’s 40th Anniversary T.J. Martell Foundation New York Honors Gala to be held on Thursday, October 15, 2015 at Cipriani Wall

Street. The theme of the highly anticipated star-studded event is “Top 40” and will be hosted by original MTV VJ’s Nina Blackwood, Mark Goodman and Alan Hunter.

Formed in 1967, signed in 1971 and fronted by iconic vocalist Kevin Cronin since 1972, REO Speedwagon has rocked the top of the charts with a RIAA-certified 22 million albums sold in the U.S., 40 million around the globe, and a string of worldwide hit singles. The group’s landmark album, *Hi Infidelity*, spent 15 weeks in the #1 slot and went on to earn nine-times certified platinum sales.



Thirty plus years later Cronin and bandmates Bruce Hall (bass), Neal Doughty (keyboards), Dave Amato (lead guitar) and Bryan Hitt (drums) are still electrifying concert audiences with fan favorites such as “Keep On Loving You,” “In Your Letter,” “Can’t Fight This Feeling,” “Take it on the Run,” “Time For Me To Fly,” “Roll with the Changes” and more.

The 40th Anniversary Honors Gala will honor John Amato, Co-President of Guggenheim Media’s Entertainment Group, Bruce Bozzi Sr., Co-Founder and Co-Owner of the Palm Restaurants and Palm Restaurant Group, Wally Ganzi, Co-Founder and Co-Owner of the Palm Restaurants and Palm Restaurant Group, Janice Min, Co-President and Chief Creative Officer of Guggenheim Media’s Entertainment Group, Dinesh Paliwal, Chairman, President and CEO of HARMAN International and John Varvatos, Chairman of John Varvatos and President and CEO of John Varvatos Records. In recognition of further research and medical treatments the Foundation will also announce the newly created Clive Davis Research Fellow Award, an annual grant bestowed upon a young investigator whose dedication has made innovative strides and extensive research in cancer and AIDS.

ABOUT THE T.J. MARTELL FOUNDATION:

The T.J. Martell Foundation is the music industry’s largest foundation that funds innovative medical research focused on finding cures for leukemia, cancer and AIDS. The Foundation, headquartered in New York, is a national 501(c)3 non-profit organization that was founded in 1975 by music industry executive Tony Martell and his colleagues in loving memory of his son T.J., who died of leukemia. The Foundation has provided more than \$270 million dollars for research that supports top hospitals in the United States. For more information click on the T.J. Martell Foundation go to www.tjmartell.org. Visit www.facebook.com/tjmartellfoundation, www.twitter.com/tjmartell, www.pinterest.com/tjmartellfdn, <https://instagram.com/tjmartellfoundation/>

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