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PARTY-BAND BIGWIGS B-52S LAND IN THE CELEBRITY SHOWROOM AT JOHN ASCUAGA'S NUGGET

Sparks/Reno, Nev. – The gleefully eccentric B- 52s offer a top- shelf serving of merrymaking party music. From “Rock Lobster” to “Love Shack,” grab your dancing shoes and hairspray, and head to the Celebrity Showroom on October 9 at John Ascuaga’s Nugget.

The B- 52s debuted at a Valentine’s Day party in 1977 in the college town of Athens, Georgia. Relying on stripped- down, off- kilter pop- funk, topped by chirpy vocals and lyrics crammed with '50s and '60s trivia, the B- 52s garnered such a large following at dance clubs and colleges that the band's debut album sold 500,000 copies despite minimal airplay.

Named for the tall bouffant hairdos worn onstage by the two female members, the group claims that it originated in a jam session under the influence of tropical drinks. The cult following turned to mainstream success, partly in thanks to their stage image: miniskirts, go- go boots, toy instruments, and demonstrations of such dance steps as the Camel Walk and the Shy Tuna. They pressed 2,000 copies of the single “Rock Lobster,” which sold out rapidly, before signing in early 1979 to Warner Bros. Many hits followed, including favorites “Love Shack,” “Roam,” “Private Idaho,” and “Deadbeat Club.” The band is currently supporting 2008’s *Funplex*, its first collection of new work in 16 years.

The B- 52s play one night only, October 9, in the Celebrity Showroom at John Ascuaga's Nugget. Show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are just \$79 and are available by calling (800) 648- 1177 or (775) 356- 3300 or by visiting janugget.com. Dinner and show packages are available. “Do the Nugget Tonight!”