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BODEANS OFFER “CLOSER TO FREE,” OTHER HITS AT JOHN ASCUAGA'S NUGGET

Sparks/Reno, Nev. – Armed with two-plus decades of material, including the catchy, “Closer to Free,” the BoDeans deliver a solid upper-Midwest blend of roots and rock. See the BoDeans one night only in the Celebrity Showroom at John Ascuaga's Nugget on July 23.

The BoDeans are a rock & roll band formed in Waukesha, WI, by singer/songwriters and guitarists Sammy Llanas and Kurt Neumann, who had played together since high school, along with a rhythm section of bassist Bob Griffin and drummer Guy Hoffman. The quartet signed to Slash Records (manufactured and distributed by Warner Bros.) and released its first album, the critically well-accepted *Love & Hope & Sex & Dreams* (the title comes from a line in the Rolling Stones song “Shattered”) in 1986. *Outside Looking In* (1987), produced by Talking Heads and Wisconsin native Jerry Harrison, saw the band reduced to a trio with the departure of Hoffman. It broke into the Top 100 best-sellers, as the BoDeans toured with U2, appeared on Robbie Robertson's self-titled debut solo album, and were named Best New Band in Rolling Stone magazine. By the time of the release of the third album, *Home* (1989), Michael Ramos (keyboards) and Danny Gayol (drums) had joined. This lineup stayed intact for the release of *Black and White* (1991), but was drummerless again as of the release of *Go Slow Down* (1993). Following the release of the 1995 live double album *Joe Dirt Car*, the BoDeans returned in 1996 with *Blend*. Around the time of that release, “Closer to Free,” a song taken from *Go Slow Down*, became a hit, thanks to its exposure as the theme song for the popular television show Party of Five. Eight years later, the band made its Zoe debut with *Resolution*. In 2005, the band released *Homebrewed: Live from the Pabst* on Back Porch Records. Griffin left the group in 2006 and was replaced by Eric Holden. *Still* arrived in 2008, with *Sad Mr. Clown* in 2010.

The BoDeans play one night only, Friday, July 23 at 8 p.m. in the Celebrity Showroom. Tickets are just \$32, 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!”