

PC Arts Council brings Abbey Road Band to HHS

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The Abbey Road Band, a premier Beatles tribute band, brings its authentic re-creation of the Beatles sound to Holyoke Monday, April 29 for the last concert of the Phillips County Arts Council concert series. The event begins at 7:30 p.m. in the HHS auditorium.

The band has been performing their Beatles tribute show since 2002. Headquartered in Rapid City, S.D., they are all well known throughout the Dakotas, having performed for many events, large and small, including the 4th of July celebration at the Mount Rushmore National Memorial for an estimated crowd of 30,000.

The Abbey Road Band is a group of veteran musicians who also happen to be passionate Beatles fans. They witnessed that first wave of "Beatlemania" in the early '60s. The band understands the audiences who were swept up in the wave of Beatles music from the first chord on the "Ed Sullivan Show" to the last song on "Let it Be" and far beyond.

One thing they have discussed at length is how to present a fitting tribute to the Beatles without fake wigs, costumes and some attempt to actually look like the Beatles.

Well, they're not 20 years old any more, so they decided that their emphasis would be on the music and the sound.

The challenge of performing Beatles music live, especially from the later albums, is met through the use of synthesizers and digital drums. Every part is live.

They also see it as very important to involve the audience as much as possible during their shows. It's fun music and they're having fun playing it and hope that the audience will enjoy it as much as they do. It's amazing that this music will thrill audiences ranging from teenagers to senior citizens. That's how timeless the Beatles music is.

Audience members can expect to hear many of the Beatles' biggest hits including "Hey Jude," "Yellow Submarine," "Imagine" and many more.

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