

Michael Stanley likely to perform songs from new CD at two upcoming concerts



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Michael Stanley described his latest CD, "The Ride," as an "unplanned turn down a different road." He also believes it is upbeat and fun.

"It's a departure," Stanley told Record Publishing Co. "After the last album ("The Hang"), which was kind of dark, I wanted to do something that was a little more smiley ... a little more frivolous, for lack of a better word. I wanted to do something that would be fun, where everybody would be having a good time."

Stanley likely will perform songs from "The Ride" at two upcoming concerts.

Michael Stanley and the Resonators are set to perform Aug. 2 at 8:30 p.m. at the Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival at the Stark County Fairgrounds, 305 Wertz Ave NW, Canton. The concert allows for free standing room at the stage front, while reserved seats in the grandstands are \$10 each. Tickets are on sale at profootballhofef.com.

Stanley and the Resonators are also scheduled to perform Aug. 10 at 8 p.m. at Cain Park's Evans Amphitheater, 14591 Superior Road, Cleveland Heights. Reserve seats are \$47.50 and \$35, while lawn tickets are \$22.50. Tickets are on sale at livenation.com and Ticketmaster.

For the Cain Park show, there will be a free shuttle parking service at Cleveland Heights City Hall, 40 Severance Circle, Cleveland Heights. The shuttle runs one hour before showtime -- it will not run once the concert begins -- and runs up to one hour after the concert ends.

Stanley said almost all of the songs on The Ride could end up in his live performances.

"Some of them might be a bit harder because there are a lot of horns on some of the songs, but they'll be fun tunes to do," he said.

Stanley, a weekday afternoon and Saturday morning host on WNCX radio (98.5-FM), said there is not a theme to "The Ride."

"Absolutely not," he said. "It started with 3-4 songs that I had written and recorded for The Hang, but they didn't fit stylistically or lyrically. I set them aside and looked at them as a group. I said to myself, 'These fit together on their own. Let's expand this.'"

And so he did.

On the liner notes on the CD, Stanley wrote: "Sometimes, just to try and clear your head, it helps to take a

little ride. Sometimes, you just have to take that unplanned turn down a different road; and that's what this album has been for me. And as it turned out, it was a road where the light far outweighed the darkness, and that was what was needed."

Memorable songs on the CD written by Stanley include "Shiny Things," "Take That Ride," "Uptown," "Justine," "Shining Thru," "Anything Goes" and "When The Smoke It Finally Clears," along with "To Love Somebody," by the BeeGees.

"Now that the CD is done," Stanley said to Record Publishing Co., "I've spent a lot time with it. Now, it's up to you guys to listen to it."

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