

The Buckinghams

One of the most beloved and respected Chicago bands ever to explode onto the national scene, **The Buckinghams'** live concerts pack power into 60s pop rock. Bringing back great memories with their chart-topping 60s hits, The Buckinghams include 70s favorites in concert, electrifying audiences with dynamic vocals and solid harmonies. Since 1982, original Buckinghams **Carl Giammarese** and **Nick Fortuna** and their band deliver fast-paced shows and standing ovations.

Their No. #1 Billboard hit, **"Kind of a Drag"** first made them famous. Next came **7 national chart hits, 15 singles, and 8 acclaimed albums**. *Billboard Magazine* named them "The Most Listened to Band in America"; The Buckinghams became favorites on national TV: American Bandstand, Jerry Lewis' Show, Mike Douglas' Show, & The Smothers Brothers' Comedy Hour.

Thousands of loyal fans remain devoted today, featured on oldies radio, classic rock stations, Sirius/XM and streaming services. With good-natured, fun-loving delivery of beloved songs, The Buckinghams deliver nonstop, high-energy performances that draw three generations of fans.

Carl and Nick deliver a show powered with nostalgia and contemporary good humor, giving their large, loyal fanbase a return to songs where they know all the words. With 3 songs on *Billboard's* national Top 10 simultaneously, The Buckinghams set records with hit singles including **"Don't You Care," "Mercy, Mercy, Mercy,"** and the national anthem of teenage love, **"Hey Baby (They're Playing Our Song)."** In 1968, the Buckinghams debuted **"Susan"** and **"Where is Love"** on The Ed Sullivan Show. **In concerts today,** crowds are always **"Back in Love Again."**

In **2001**, The Buckinghams were on the **"Solid Gold 60s"** tour, featuring Tommy James & The Shondells, The Turtles, Gary Puckett & the Union Gap, & Grass Roots. PBS featured The Buckinghams on "The 60s Pop Rock Reunion" in **2004**. They headline festivals, fill arenas in package shows such as "American Pop," and are popular for their annual Christmas shows. They continue to bring crowds to venues in PACs, theatres, and casinos.

Staying contemporary, and answering fan requests, in **2008–2009**, The Buckinghams released 3 new CDs, **"Reaching Back," "Standing Room Only,"** and **"The Joy of Christmas,"** favorite standards & new tunes from their **annual Christmas shows**. In **2009**, The Buckinghams were inducted into the prestigious **Hit Parade Hall of Fame**. The **2010 DVD/CD, "Up Close,"** featured The Buckinghams live at the Star Plaza Theatre. **"FlashBack!"** the band's studio CD, was released in 2014. Carl's solo CD, **"Living in the Moment,"** debuted in 2016. In **2021**, they were inducted into the **inaugural** class of the **Illinois Rock & Roll Hall of Fame**. They are to be formally inducted into the **RockGodz Hall of Fame** for musical excellence in February 2025.

The Buckinghams debuted **"Groovin' the 60s,"** an **Orchestral Events** show, with **symphonic arrangements** of 1960s hits, and continue to perform it in 2023. Carl Giammarese and Nick Fortuna were on the **Happy Together Silver Anniversary Tours (2010-2012, 2015, 2019)**, joining The Turtles, Chuck Negron, Gary Puckett, The Classics IV, and The Cowsills on selected concerts from the **2021–24** tours. **The Buckinghams' acoustic show** teamed up with **America** for sold-out unplugged shows and in solo dates in intimate venues. International cruises on **Concerts at Sea (2006-2025) & Flower Power Concert Cruises (2008–2024)** sell out regularly.

As featured performers on WTTW's, **Cornerstones of Rock: American Garage**, national broadcast for 7 years, the spinoff **Cornerstones Concert Tour** is always in demand. Their **American Pops** concert series with the **Box Tops** and **Grass Roots** performs year-round across the country. **The Buckinghams** continue to deliver high-energy performances, and their concerts are guaranteed **"Solid Gold."**

CHART HITS FROM THE BUCKINGHAMS

<u>Hit Song</u>	<u>Debut Date</u>	<u>Peak Position</u>
KIND OF A DRAG	DECEMBER 31, 1966	#1
DON'T YOU CARE	MARCH 11, 1967	#6
LAWDY MISS CLAUDY	MAY 5, 1967	#12
MERCY, MERCY, MERCY	JUNE 17, 1967	#5
HEY BABY, THEY'RE		
PLAYING OUR SONG	SEPTEMBER 9, 1967	#10
SUSAN	DECEMBER 9, 1967	#8
BACK IN LOVE AGAIN	JULY 10, 1968	#46

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<http://www.paradiseartists.com/the-buckingham/>



Left: Carl Giammarese's solo CD, "Living in the Moment" (Chiway Publishing, 2016)

Right: The Buckingham (ID: L to R: Dave Zane (guitar, vocals; Bruce Soboroff (keyboards, vocals); Founding Member Carl Giammarese (L) (lead vocals, guitars); Founding Member Nick Fortuna (bass, vocals); and Tom Scheckel (drums).

The Buckingham's EPK at: <https://youtu.be/IMV2BE8DCVg>

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