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Classic Rock Icons Join Forces with Head East for Charity Holiday Album 'Christmas with Head East and Friends'



KANSAS CITY, MO — Legendary rock band Head East has assembled an extraordinary lineup of 45 musical friends to create a brand-new holiday album, *Christmas with Head East and Friends.* Released digitally via Cleopatra Records, this 11-song collection blends classic holiday favorites with high-energy rock surprises, delivering the ultimate addition to this season's rock-and-roll holiday playlists.

In a powerful effort to give back, a physical version of the project is being utilized to support communities across the country. Limited-edition physical CDs are being distributed entirely at no cost to regional charities and non-profit organizations. These organizations will sell the CDs and retain 100% of the proceeds to fund their local programs and charitable missions.

As a massive bonus for physical music collectors, the CD format is expanded into a 24-track spectacular. It includes 13 bonus tracks from the acclaimed 2024 album, *Mark Murtha's Christmas Party in Kansas City*, making it a comprehensive celebration of classic rock and holiday spirit.

The star-studded roster features current Head East members Roger Boyd, Darren Walker, Greg Manahan, Eddy Jones, and Mark Murtha. They are joined by an elite gathering of rock royalty, including:

- **John Schlitt** (Head East, Petra, 4-time Grammy winner)
- **Buck Dharma** (Blue Öyster Cult)
- **Stanley Sheldon** (Peter Frampton, Tommy Bolin)
- **Chelsee Foster** (Starship feat. Mickey Thomas)
- **Terry Ilous** (XYZ, Great White)
- **Pat Tomek** (The Rainmakers)
- **Kent Burnham** (Banshee, Jeff Scheetz)
- **Ricky Lynn Gregg** (Head East, solo artist)
- **Dan Odom** (Head East)
- **Mike Mesey** (Head East, Chuck Berry)
- Special appearances by members of beloved classic rock bands **Shooting Star**, **Missouri**, and other premier regional groups.

Listeners can expect hard-hitting, beautifully arranged versions of festive staples, including "Merry Xmas Everybody," "Jingle Bell Rock," "I'll Be Home for Christmas," "Run, Rudolph, Run," "Christmas is Coming," "Sleigh Ride," "This Christmas," "Do You Hear What I Hear," and many more.

Christmas with Head East and Friends will be available on November 25, 2026 on all major digital streaming services globally via Cleopatra Records/The Orchard.

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