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HORN-RICH BAND TOWER OF POWER BRINGS SOUL SOUND TO NORTHERN QUEST CASINO AUG. 2

SPOKANE, Wa. (July 17) – Tower of Power, the horn-based, 10-piece soul and funk band that’s currently celebrating its 40th anniversary, makes its Northern Quest Casino debut with a single performance Aug. 2 in the Pend Oreille Pavilion.

Show time is 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$50 and \$60 and are available at the Northern Quest box office at 509-481-6700 or through TicketsWest at (800) 325-7328 or ticketswest.com.

In the mid-1960s, tenor sax player Emilio Castillo, a transplant from Detroit to Fremont, Ca., formed a band that ultimately became known as Tower of Power when Francis “Rocco” Prestia (bass) and Stephen “The Funky Doctor” Kupka (baritone sax) joined the ensemble.

Influenced by a variety of soul acts, including the legendary James Brown, the band began making a name for itself in the San Francisco Bay area in 1970 when it switched from covers of soul songs to original material. It released a series of albums and singles including the chart hits “You’re Still a Young Man” and “What is Hip?” The band’s third self-titled album generated the group’s

biggest hit, "So Very Hard To Go" and a follow-up hit, "This Time It's Real."

In addition to recording its own music, Tower of Power has also served as a live and in-studio backing group for a Who's Who of contemporary music, including Little Feat, The Monkees, Elton John, Rod Stewart, Aerosmith and Huey Lewis & The News, with whom they traveled during the 1980s during Lewis' "Sports" tour.

Although more than 60 musicians have passed through the band during the past four decades, Tower of Power still includes original members Castillo, Prestia and Kupka and drummer Dave Garbaldi, who joined the band in 1970.

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