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SINGER-SONGWRITER MICHAEL McDONALD DEBUTS AUG. 31 AT NORTHERN QUEST CASINO

SPOKANE, Wa, (Aug. 13) – Singer and songwriter Michael McDonald, whose blue-eyed soulful voice and music has entertained audiences during four decades, makes his Northern Quest Casino debut August 31 with a single performance.

Show time in the Pend Oreille Pavilion is 7 p.m. Tickets are \$55 and \$65 and are available at the Northern Quest box office at 509-481-6700 or through TicketsWest at (800) 325-7328 or ticketswest.com.

McDonald made his name in the mid-1970s when his distinctive voice carried the lead vocals on many of the Doobie Brothers' biggest hits. Before joining the band, he was an adjunct member of the group Steely Dan singing backup vocals in the studio and touring with the band as a keyboard and piano player and singing backup.

McDonald hooked up with the Doobies in 1975, when lead singer Tom Johnston became ill while the band was on tour. Some of the biggest recordings of his career came with the group, including "Takin' It To The Streets," "It Keeps You Running," "Minute By

Minute” and “What A Fool Believes,” which won him a Grammy Award for song of the year.

Following the Doobie Brothers’ farewell tour in 1982, McDonald launched a solo career which produced hits recorded by McDonald alone or in tandem with other artists, like “Yah Mo B There,” a Grammy Award-winning duet with James Ingram and “On My Own” with Patti LaBelle, which hit the top of the charts in 1986.

McDonald has continued to collaborate with a variety of contemporary artists on different musical projects. In 2003, he released a platinum-selling album of Motown covers and the produced a follow-up Motown album in 2004.

Earlier this year, McDonald released “Soul Tracks,” an album of classic songs that completed his Motown trilogy.

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