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# The Proclaimers

## Imperial Theatre — Sunday, April 13, 2008 – 8 p.m.

The Proclaimers return to Canada to promote their seventh studio album *Life With You* (W14/Universal), with a stop at Imperial Theatre, Sunday, April 13 at 8 p.m.

The 1988 album *Sunshine On Leith*, produced by Pete Wingfield, saw The Proclaimers form their first full live band and go on a nine-month world tour. The album featured the single, *I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles)* which was in one of the pivotal scenes in the blockbuster movie *Shrek* (2001) and in 1993 soared to No. 3 on the US Billboard Singles Chart after appearing on the soundtrack of the Johnny Depp film *Benny And Joon*. Since then, the band has barely stood still. Following the 2002 release of their *Best Of* studio album, they have been extremely active on the live front, touring constantly, wowing festival crowds and opening the 2005 Live 8 concert at Murrayfield Stadium. The year 2006 also saw a notable appearance in an episode of *Family Guy*.

Early in 2007 they topped the UK singles chart in March with a rousing new rendition of their classic anthem *I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles)*, a collaboration with comedians Peter Kay and Matt Lucas for this year's UK Comic Relief, raising over a million pounds in the process. EMI relaunched their 2002 *Best Of* collection, re-entering the charts at Number 5 and now turned platinum. Then Craig, Charlie and band headed to the legendary Rockfield Studios in Wales with producer Steve Evans to record the new album.

Born in Leith in 1962, Craig and Charlie Reid grew up in Edinburgh, Cornwall and Auchtermuchty in Fife. At home, they listened to early rock 'n' roll and country legends such as Jerry Lee Lewis, Merle Haggard and Hank Williams. At school they played in punk bands and formed The Proclaimers in 1983. With a fervent live following growing in Scotland, their first big break came late in 1986 when they were invited to tour with *The Housemartins*.

The Proclaimers have Gold and Platinum singles and albums in the UK, Australia, New Zealand, USA and Canada. Tickets to see The Proclaimers at Imperial Theatre, Sunday, April 13 at 8 p.m. go on sale to the General Public Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Imperial Theatre Subscribers can purchase tickets on Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased at Imperial Theatre Box Office, or by calling 674-4100 (or 1-800-323-SHOW for out-of-town callers).

Artist Web site: [www.proclaimers.co.uk](http://www.proclaimers.co.uk)