



### **CONCERTS FOR A CAUSE**

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Alternative rock/metal titans, Godsmack and Seether, will headline the Lou’s LaGrotto “Concerts For A Cause” Rockstar Energy Drink UPROAR Festival at the Illinois Valley Regional Airport in Peru on Saturday, August 16.

“Everybody was always asking us to bring in some rock,” said Merry Noonan, co-owner of Lou’s LaGrotto restaurant in Peru. “The 10 bands in this rock festival should satisfy that request.”

The Rockstar Energy Drink UPROAR Festival - an annual rock/metal multi-band national tour – was inaugurated in 2010 by John Reese and sponsored by Rockstar Energy Drink. The 2014 national schedule consists of 26 tour dates beginning August 15<sup>th</sup> in Detroit, coming to Peru on August 16<sup>th</sup>, and ending in Tuscon, AZ, on Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>.

“We’re excited to welcome such UPROAR veterans as Godsmack, Seether, and Escape The Fate back for another year and also can’t wait to hit the road with all the other amazing rock bands joining us for the first time,” said festival producers John Reese and John Oakes.

The Lou’s La Grotto “Concerts For A Cause” Rockstar Energy Drink UPROAR Festival will benefit technology upgrades at the Centennial Elementary School in Streator. The all day/evening festival on two stages will begin with the opening performance by the Battle of the Bands winner (from Princeton), followed by Sons of Revelry, Tattered, 3 Years Hollow, Escape the Fate, Buckcherry, The Raven Skies, Pop Evil, and concluding with headliners Seether and Godsmack.

“UPROAR Festival has been a long part of Godsmack’s history,” says frontman and founder, Sully Erna, “We can’t wait to get out with some of our longtime friends and play our new music for our fans.”

Seether adds, “We’re looking forward to heading back out and rocking some faces off on this year’s Rockstar Energy UPROAR Festival!”

Tickets are available at the door, \$55, or in advance, \$48, at Lou’s LaGrotto Restaurant, 815-223-3083, and Wyanet Carpet in Princeton, IL. Gates open at 2:30pm with a \$5/car City of Peru parking fee. Seating is limited to blankets only; no chairs, no coolers, no tailgating.

“Special Meet & Greets for Godsmack, Seether, Pop Evil, & Buckcherry are available to purchase by calling Lou La Grotto’s, 815-223-3083,” said Noonan.

**[www.LousLaGrotto.com](http://www.LousLaGrotto.com)**

## Godsmack

[www.Godsmack.com](http://www.Godsmack.com)

Since forming in 1995, the Massachusetts alternative metal quartet – Sully Erna (vocals, guitar), Tony Rombola (guitar), Robbie Merrill (bass), and Shannon Larkin (drums) – have sold more than 20 million records worldwide and notched a staggering six number one singles at mainstream rock radio, "Awake," "I Stand Alone," "Straight Out of Line," "Speak," "Whiskey Hangover," and "Cryin' Like A Bitch." They released their sixth full length album on 8-5-14, "1000hp" and its title track single recently debuted at #1 on the iTunes Rock chart.



## Seether

[www.Seether.com](http://www.Seether.com)

Originally formed in Pretoria, South Africa, multi-platinum alternative rock trio Seether – Shaun Morgan (vocals, guitar), Dale Stewart (bass, backing vocals), and John Humphrey (drums) – have released eight albums and the #1 singles "Remedy," "Fake It," "Rise Above This," "Country Song," "Tonight," and "Words As Weapons."



## Pop Evil

[www.PopEvil.com](http://www.PopEvil.com)

The post-grunge Michigan band, Pop Evil – Leigh Kakaty (lead vocals), Nick Fuelling (lead guitar), Dave Grahs (rhythm guitar), Matt DiRito (bass), Chachi Riot (drums) – used muscle and sweat to put their musical vision into the hits “100 in a 55,” “Last Man Standing,” “Man You Made,” “Boss’s Daughter,” “Trenches,” “Deal With The Devil,” and “Torn To Pieces.”



## These Raven Skies

[www.TheseRavenSkies.com](http://www.TheseRavenSkies.com)

These Raven Skies – Chris Perkins (vocals), Alex Whitcome (guitar), Shand Munro (drums), and Trevor Landmark (bass) – is a Canadian rock band formerly known as Dreams of Reason. After signing an international distribution deal and getting signed to Blackstream Records, These Raven Skies created their own record label which resulted in the 8-1-14 release of their debut self-titled album and its first single, “No Need To Worry.”



## **Buckcherry**

[www.Buckcherry.com](http://www.Buckcherry.com)

The Los Angeles quintet — Josh Todd (vocals), Keith Nelson (guitar), Stevie D. (guitar), Xavier Muriel (drums) and Kelly Lemieux (bass) — merge punk grit, gutter attitude, honest storytelling, and razor sharp hooks in their six studio albums and such hits singles as “Lit Up,” “Crazy Bitch,” “Everything,” “Sorry,” “Too Drunk,” “Nothing Left But Tears,” and “Wrath.”



## **Escape The Fate**

[www.EscapeTheFate.com](http://www.EscapeTheFate.com)

The Las Vegas million-selling band — Robert Ortiz (drummer), Craig Mabbitt (lead vocalist), TJ Bell (rhythm guitar), Kevin “Thrasher” Gruft (lead guitar) — combines post-hardcore with emo on their four studio albums and resulting singles “Issues,” “You’re Insane,” “One For The Money,” and “Picture Perfect.”



### **Three Years Hollow**

[www.ThreeYearsHollow.com](http://www.ThreeYearsHollow.com)

Formed in 2006, the Quad Cities quintet—Jose Urquiza (vocals), Tony Reeves (guitar), Neil Kuhlman (guitar), Dex Digga (bass), and Chris Cushman (drums)—dispenses honest hard rock that's equally hypnotic and heavy. They released 3 projects, *Ascension* (2008), *Remember* (2012), and *The Cracks* (2014).



### **Tattered**

[www.TatteredMusic.com](http://www.TatteredMusic.com)

Canadian progressive metal band, Tattered – Brad Rempel (lead vocals), Clayton Braun (Drums), Jeremy Balogh (Bass), Ben Braun (Guitar/Vocals), and Tim Daigle (Lead guitar) – are five musicians with musical influences ranging from blues to metal to radio rock. Their self-titled debut EP landed them on the radio in 13 countries, while their full length 2014 sophomore album has released its first single, “Waging War.”



## **Sons of Revelry**

[www.SonsOfRevelry.com](http://www.SonsOfRevelry.com)

Formed in June, 2013, the Brantford, Ontario rock quartet – Toby Black (vocals), Corey Brouwer (backup vocals, guitar), Sean Boyle (Drums), Arron Rayner (backup vocals, bass) – have released a debut album, “Born With A Bigga’ Goal” and its hit single, “Time.”



WHO: Rockstar Energy Drink UPROAR Festival

OPENING ACT: Battle of the Bands winner (from Princeton)

ROCK ACTS: Sons of Revelry, Tattered, 3 Years Hollow, Escape the Fate, Buckcherry, These Raven Skies, Pop Evil, Seether, Godsmack.

WHAT: Lou’s LaGrotto "Concerts For A Cause" - Proceeds from the concert will be used to benefit the Cetennial Elementary School of Streator.

WHERE: Illinois Valley Regional Airport, 4241 Ed Urban Drive (I-80 and Plank Road Exit 73), Peru.

WHEN: Saturday, August 16. Gates open at 2:30 p.m. Blanket seating only. No tailgating, chairs, or coolers allowed.

TICKETS: Phone 815-223-3083 or at Wyanet Carpet in Princeton, IL.

On the Web: [www.LousLaGrotto.com](http://www.LousLaGrotto.com)

On the Web: [www.RockstarUproar.com](http://www.RockstarUproar.com)

### **Directions from Ottawa**

I-80 West to Exit 73 toward Plank Road.  
Turn left on East 103rd Road.  
Take the second right onto Ed Urban Drive.  
Illinois Valley Regional Airport will be on the right.

(These directions are for planning purposes only. You may find that construction projects, traffic, weather, or other events may cause conditions to differ from the directions provided, and you should plan your route accordingly).