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Niagara Falls Music Hall of Fame welcomes first class

Six to be inducted on Oct. 15 at the LaSalle Yacht Club

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The city's most legendary musicians will be honored by the newly created Niagara Falls Music Hall of Fame during a ceremony on Oct. 15.

The inaugural class induction will be held at the LaSalle Yacht Club, 73-68th St., Niagara Falls, at 2 p.m. The event is open to the public and will feature live entertainment and a special guest performance by Niagara Falls native and Grammy nominated recording artist Christina Custode.

Lew Custode, a local musician and a spokesperson for the event, noted the Music Hall of Fame was created to preserve and protect the diverse musical culture and heritage of the greater Niagara Falls geographical area, while recognizing those individuals who have made a significant contribution to performance, education and promotion of music in our community.

Custode is vice president of the board. The other board members are Peter Paonessa, president, JoAnn Simon, secretary, Dom Mitro, treasurer and Mark Dixon, sargeant at arms. The board selected a nominating committee from the community that chose the inaugural inductees including six musicians currently performing and 25 who will be honored posthumously.

Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door and available at the following outlets: D'Amico Music, 2307 Pine Ave., Niagara Falls; Jackson Music, 1875 Grand Island Blvd, Grand Island; Lewiston Music, 791 Center St., Lewiston.

The six honorees being inducted include:

- Willie Favero
- Tom Gariano
- Frank Grizanti
- · Jamie Holka

- · Bobby Jones
- · Bruce Wojick

Posthumous Inductees include: John Barbera, Joe Campese, Sam Cassano, Ray Corsaro, Jerry D'Amico, John Davies, Don Duffy, Rick Fiore, Ed Ghougasian, Emilio Giandomenico, Joe Leo, Joe Mangione, George "Big Man" McCray, John Morell, Chuck "Chu" Nero, Hal Palumbo, Sal Paonessa, Angelo Pilato, Eli Saks, Tony Scibilia, Harold Schatz, Tony Surace, Tommy Tedesco, Chuck Toarmino and Clarence Way.

For additional information, please contact Pete Paonessa, president of the Niagara Falls Music Hall of Fame, at 731-5584.

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