

Beatles imitators will be in Schreiber in July

The Beatles never did make it to Schreiber but the next best thing, "1964", will.

It has been 20 years since Sergeant Pepper taught the band to play. Also, it has been almost that long since the Beatles ceased to exist as a unit.

But people don't seem to want to forget the Beatles' legacy or the recreation of it by imitation bands such as "1964".

"1964" will recreate the golden age of the 'headshakers' right here in Schreiber at the Community Arena.

The show, presented by the Northshore Selects Hockey Club, will take place at the Community Arena on July 11 with all proceeds going to the Disability Action Group.

Appropriate name

"1964" is an appropriate name for the group because it was in this year that the Beatles' strange hold on the charts began—they held the No. 1 spot for 14 straight weeks, beginning the first week in February).

The group is comprised of Mark Benson as John Lennon, Gary Grimes as Paul McCartney, Greg George as Ringo Starr and Bob Miller as George Harrison.

The four members of the group (three hail from Akron, Ohio, and one from New York) decided from the beginning to try something different with the show. The reason was because so many other Beatles groups had done the 'history-type' shows complete with multi-costume changes and narration.

Instead of trying to recreate as much of their history as possible in one show, 1964 decided to

"put a show together that was more like what you would have seen if you went to see the Beatles perform," said Benson (Lennon). "We try to pull off as much as we can with two guitars, bass and drums. We don't use any extra musicians or synthesizers."

Devoted to accuracy

The band's devotion to accuracy is complete. When they began the group, they sat down and watched hours of film—old Ed Sullivan shows, concerts from around the world, films and outtakes from films. They studied the group's sound, movements and gestures—every nuance.

"We accumulated all the guitars and amplifiers that were the exact same years and models that the Beatles played," explained Benson.

The equipment includes the black oyster Pearl Ludwig drums that Ringo played, Vox 30 amplifiers, an AC 100 bass amp, Gretsch Tennessee and Country Gentlemen guitars, a 12-string Rickenbacker and left-handed Hofner basses.

The group has two sets of outfits it wears on stage—both duplicating outfits that the Beatles wore: the black tuxedo suits and the collarless grey chesterfield suits.

1964's show is split into two 50-minute sets, with the second set featuring the more uptempo

songs including *She Loves You* and *Twist and Shout*.

The first set is more mellow with songs like *Michelle* and *And I Love Her*.

So don't miss this rare chance to see the Fab Four re-fabricated right here in Schreiber on July 11 at the Schreiber Community Arena at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 advance and \$13 at the door.

Entrance is with an age of majority card only as this event will be licensed by the L.L.C.B.O. If you missed the Beatles, don't miss "1964".



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The demands from the people of Thunder Bay and the outlying areas have been overwhelming; not only from the Francophone population but also from the professionals in the field of health, social services, courts, Worker's Compensation, etc.

The two-employee operation provides support, orientation and translation services to the Francophone population.

The bulk of immediate need services for the Francophones of Northwestern Ontario is taking

place in Thunder Bay; services such as government involvement and specialized health services.

A great deal of volunteer work is involved in making this project a success.

The ongoing training for the staff and the administration of the program is all done by volunteers who have expertise in the field of health, social services, education, accounting, etc.

The staff of the centre is also monitoring other French services provided to the Francophones of Northwestern Ontario to ensure that the population is getting high quality services.

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