

Air Supply in concert, Festival Park, Sept. 8

Performing Friday, Sept. 8, will be Air Supply. The concert is at 9 p.m., with pre-sale tickets going for \$5, \$10 and \$15.

Graham Russell & Russell Hitchcock met on May 12, 1975, the first day of rehearsals for "Jesus Christ Superstar" in Sydney, Australia; they became instant friends with their common love for The Beatles and, of course, singing.

After the show's performances at 10:30, they would play pizza parlors, coffee bars and nightclubs with just one guitar and two voices. They quickly gained a reputation for great harmonies and for original songs that Graham was constantly writing. They made a demo on a cassette of two songs, "Love and Other Bruises" and "If You



Knew Me" and took it to every record company in Sydney. Everyone turned it down but one — CBS Re-

cords — who admired their unique style.

They made a single in one afternoon and it shot to

number one on the national charts. Air Supply was born. That same year, they opened for Rod Stewart across Australia and then throughout the U.S. and Canada, playing all of the famous huge venues before Stewart would take the stage. They found new fans, but did not break the U.S. market.

Seven top-five singles later, Air Supply at that time had equaled The Beatles' run of consecutive top five singles. The albums "Lost in Love," "The One That You Love," "Now & Forever" and "The Greatest Hits" sold in excess of 20 million copies. "Lost in Love" was named Song of the Year in 1980, and, with the other singles, sold more than 10 million copies.

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