



# POWER OF THREE – COREA, CLARKE & WHITE

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Following their celebrated reunion during last year's triumphant Return to Forever tour, Chick Corea will join once again with his RTF bandmates Stanley Clarke and Lenny White for a worldwide trio tour, commencing with an all-star extravaganza at the Hollywood Bowl on September 2. For that special engagement, Corea, Clarke & White will be joined by original Return to Forever guitarist Bill Connors, appearing with his former RTF bandmates for the first time since 1974. Together they will reprise their dynamic chemistry from *Hymn of the Seventh Galaxy*, performing such early RTF material as "Space Circus," "Captain Señor Mouse" and "Spain."

Corea, Clarke & White actually harkens back to a week-long engagement in 1973, when they performed as a trio at the Keystone Korner in San Francisco. (Little known fact: Connors sat in with the trio during that gig and was subsequently invited to join RTF when the band went electric).

Says Corea of the new trio, "Now that we're playing together again, there's a flood of creativity and inspiration that could only come from making music with this group. Stanley, Lenny and I are looking forward to taking it back to the trio setting we had when we were putting the first electric version of RTF together. That week we did at the old Keystone Korner in '73 remains memorable for us and has become a starting point for the new musical explorations we're planning."

Other special guests to appear at the Hollywood Bowl extravaganza are violinist Jean-Luc Ponty (a key collaborator on Corea's 1976 classic *My Spanish Heart*, and with Clarke on 1995's *Rite of Strings*) and vocalist extraordinaire Chaka Khan (featured with Corea, Clarke, White, tenor saxophonist Joe Henderson and trumpeter Freddie Hubbard on 1982's Lenny White-produced *Echoes of an Era*). The soul singing icon is expected to perform some of her own hits along with such early RTF staples as "500 Miles High."

Also appearing at the Hollywood Bowl show is master guitarist John Scofield and the Piety Street Band.

For the Fall tour, Corea will alternately perform on 9-foot grand piano, Fender Rhodes electric piano and various synths while Clarke will switch off between upright and electric bass. Performances are expected to be recorded for download sales on the band's website. A CD may also be released at the end of the tour.



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