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(Quad Cities) - River Roots Live organizers have added 90's rockers Tonic to the headlining lineup for Saturday, August 18. Tonic will be replacing Los Lobos in the Saturday lineup due to an announcement from Los Lobos that they are now unable to play the date due to personal reasons.

With six top 10 singles, over 4 million records sold, Grammy nominations, and the #1 most-played rock song of 1998, Tonic is a musical powerhouse. Tonic merged the raw honesty of rock to unabashed melody...and ushered rock n roll into the new millennium. Tonic is still touring and releasing albums more than a decade after initially hitting the radio charts. Many bands would be content with that sort of history. Not Tonic. The band is back in the studio after a two-year break, working on a follow up to their last album, Grammy-nominated Head On Straight.

Emerson Hart founded Tonic with guitarist Jeff Russo – a childhood friend – adding bassist Dan Lavery shortly after inception. After storming the charts with debut album Lemon Parade and its monster hit “If You Could Only See,” the band released two additional studio albums (Sugar and Head On Straight) as well as a live EP, Live & Enhanced. They’ve been featured on a number of soundtracks, including the lead single from “American Pie” (“You Wanted More”). This summer the band will release a Greatest Hits CD/DVD package. Tonic’s other radio hits include Open up Your Eyes, Casual Affair, You Wanted More, Knock Down Walls, and more.

River Roots Live is the Quad-Cities’ premiere music festival featuring top national bands and

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barbeque and it returns for its eighth year in downtown Davenport's LeClaire Park August 17 & 18! Admission to the park each day is only \$5 after 5 p.m. and FREE from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Better Than Ezra, Tonic, and Keller Williams with the Travelin' McCourys will headline River Roots Live's 17 bands with support from a strong lineup of outstanding national artists including Julia Nunes, The Nighthawks, Eric Sardinas, Joe Robinson, The Steepwater Band, The Congress, Maps & Atlases, Quiet Corral, and Family Groove Company. The Quad Cities' own talent will also be on display when American Dust, Jason Carl & The Whole Damn Band, The Low Down, Oranagadang, and the Jordan Danielsen & The Great Space Coasters take the stage.

With an estimated 30,000 attendees in 2012, River Roots Live has continued to grow every year since its inception in 2005. With that in mind, additional vendors and beverage tents will be added to the fest this year. For complete details regarding band bios and festival activities, please visit www.RiverRootsLive.com.

Produced by the Downtown Davenport Partnership, a division of Quad Cities Chamber, River Roots Live is supported by partners Living Lands & Waters and the River Music Experience – all nonprofit organizations. River Roots Live is proud to help promote music education programs at the River Music Experience, environmental clean-up efforts on the Mississippi River by Living Lands & Waters, and the growth of historic downtown Davenport.

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