

ROB HYMAN C'72 was born and raised in Meriden, CT, where he played keyboards in his first band "The Trolls" at 13. He moved to Philadelphia in Fall 1968 to attend Penn and has lived in the area ever since. A number of bands were formed with Rob in college and beyond, most notably establishing musical collaborations with drummer/producer Rick Chertoff C'72 and guitarist Eric Bazilian C'75, friendships that have continued ever since their West Philly jams.

In 1980 Rob and Eric formed The Hooters whose performance highlights include Live Aid at JFK Stadium (1985), Amnesty International Concert for Hope at Giants Stadium (1986), Harry Chapin's World Hunger Benefit at Carnegie Hall (1987), and Roger Water's "The Wall" in Berlin (1990). Rob has also written and recorded with a number of other artists including co-writing Cyndi Lauper's #1 hit "Time After Time" which earned them a Grammy nomination for "Song of the Year" (1984).

Now celebrating over 40 years together, The Hooters continue to tour internationally behind a series of Gold and Platinum albums and were honored by the Philadelphia Music Alliance in 2019 with a sidewalk plaque on Philly's Avenue of the Arts.

JONATHAN TAKIFF C'68 has long heralded Rob Hyman and band partner Eric Bazilian's talents via Jon's gig as an entertainment reporter/critic for the *Philadelphia Daily News* and *Philadelphia Inquirer* (1971–2018), as liner notes writer for their retrospective collection "Hooterization" and in a relatively recent (2020) profile for the *Pennsylvania Gazette*. He also spun their early platters as a weekend DJ on WMMR (1971–80). Daughter Hilary Takiff Weiss GFA'03 is the blurred playground figure seen swinging like a metronome behind musicians at the open and close of the "And We Danced" video.