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“The times are tough now, just getting tougher”
Bruce Springsteen, “Cover Me”

**“Me and you are subject to the blues now and then,
But when you take the blues and make a song, you sing them out again”**
Neil Diamond, “Song Sung Blue”

***IN TOUGH ECONOMIC TIMES, SUFFOLK DOWNS OFFERS MUSIC AND RACING
FANS AFFORDABLE ALTERNATIVES***

Super Diamond and B-Street Band to Play East Boston Oval

EAST BOSTON, MA – With real estate values down and gas prices up, now more than ever, there is a need for someone to step up and give people a reason to celebrate that’s easy on the pocket book. Suffolk Downs is doing just that with a pair of shows next month at the historic Boston racetrack.

As an affordable alternative to three-digit concert tickets, Suffolk Downs is offering music fans a pair of fun, intimate and inexpensive concert experiences by two of the country’s premier tribute bands. For a fraction of the price of the big shows, fans of Neil Diamond and Bruce Springsteen can sing along to their favorite tunes with the racetrack as a backdrop. These shows are the culmination of the track’s summer-long Friday twilight racing and entertainment series which features live thoroughbred racing beginning at 3 p.m.

Super Diamond, “The Alternative Neil Diamond Experience,” will play at Suffolk Downs on Friday, August 22, the eve of Diamond’s much-anticipated concert at Fenway Park. Super Diamond, featuring lead singer Surreal Neil, made its first performance 15 years ago in San Francisco and is regarded as the world’s premier Neil Diamond tribute band. The show will take place after the conclusion of live racing, at approximately 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 when purchased in advance, \$25 at the door. Advance tickets are on sale now at suffolkdowns.com. All tickets are general admission.

The B-Street Band will take the stage at the track on Friday, August 8. The New Jersey-based group, which has been together for over 20 years and is considered one of the longest-running tribute bands of any kind, will be appearing six days after Springsteen’s local performance at Gillette Stadium. The band will warm up during the latter part of the live racing card before playing an extended set once the racing program is complete at 7 p.m. This show is free with regular track admission.

“We wanted to have some fun, celebrate the summer and give people a chance to enjoy some great music without worrying about missing a car payment to do it,” said Suffolk Downs’ Chief Operating Officer Chip Tuttle.

Suffolk Downs boasts a rich musical history, which includes the final Boston-area appearance by the Beatles in 1966, a performance by Aerosmith in the 1970s, and a variety of shows and festivals in the last decade featuring acts such as Elvis Costello, Hootie and the Blowfish, the Goo Goo Dolls, and the Dropkick Murphys.