

Media Advisory

Blondie at MASS MoCA, August 3

Blondie with And The Kids

Friday, August 3, at 7pm

Joe's Field at MASS MoCA

Tickets on sale beginning Friday, March 30, at 10am



NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS — Pop-punk icon **Blondie** joins a packed summer concert lineup at MASS MoCA that includes Grizzly Bear (June 16), Ray LaMontagne with special guest Neko Case (June 29), Courtney Barnett (July 12), and The Decemberists (June 15). Be there mid-field mid-summer when Blondie rolls into town on **Friday, August 3, at 7pm**.

Four decades ago Blondie came howling out of New York City's downtown scene to storm mainstream radio and nascent MTV at the very moment that punk and new wave launched a hostile takeover of popular music. The band's major hits, *Call Me*, *One Way or Another*, *Heart of Glass*, and *Rapture*, have since become timeless. With more than 45 million albums sold worldwide to date, Blondie's indelible influence on music and culture was recognized with its induction into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 2006. The band's most recent album, *Pollinator*, was named one of *Rolling Stone's* 20 Best Pop Albums of 2017 and stands alongside any in its celebrated career, fielding inspiration from the band's action-packed, cross-pollinating past. **Debbie Harry** endures as a force to be reckoned with — prowling the stage and belting out fan favorites with the same ferocious energy that made Blondie's CBGB shows a thing of legend.

Northampton natives **And The Kids** open the evening, channeling existential crises into pop euphoria. With this sleight of hand, the quartet manages to conjure chunky indie rock, blissful new wave, chamber folk, jarring avant-garde, and brawny classic rock.

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Tickets for all events are available through the MASS MoCA box office located at the museum in North Adams. The box office is open 11am-5pm every day except Tuesdays. Tickets can also be charged by phone by calling 413.662.2111 x1 during box office hours or purchased online at massmoca.org. All events are held rain or shine.