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Singing Legend Jack Scott Performs a Free Concert at Warren's Birthday Bash Friday, August 28 at 7 p.m.

Warren, MI – Jack Scott, a singing legend from Hazel Park, will be the featured performer at Warren's Annual Birthday Bash Friday, August 28 at 7 p.m. at Warren City Hall.

Scott spent his early childhood in Windsor, Ontario (Canada), across the river from Detroit. When he was 10, Scott's family moved to Hazel Park, where he grew up listening to hillbilly music and was taught to play the guitar by his mother, Laura.

As a teenager, he pursued a singing career and recorded as 'Jack Scott.' At the age of 18, he formed the Southern Drifters. After leading the band for three years, he signed to ABC-Paramount Records as a solo artist in 1957.

Scott had a double-sided national hit in 1958 with “Leroy” (#11) / “My True Love” (#3). The record sold over one million copies, earning Scott his first gold disc. Later in 1958, “With Your Love” (#28) reached the Top 40. In all, six of 12 songs on his first album became hit singles. On most of these tracks, he was backed up by the vocal group, the Chantones.

He served in the United States Army during most of 1959, just after “Goodbye Baby” (#8) made the Top Ten. 1959 also saw him chart with “The Way I Walk” (#35).

In 1960, Scott recorded four Billboard Hot 100 hits – “What in the World’s Come Over You” (#5), “Burning Bridges” (#3) b/w “Oh Little One” (#34), and “It Only Happened Yesterday” (#38). “What in the World’s Come Over You” was Scott’s second gold disc winner. Scott continued to record and perform during the 1960s and 1970s. His song “Your Just Getting Better” reached the country charts in 1974.

Scott had more US singles (19), in a shorter period of time (41 months), than any other recording artist – with the exception of The Beatles, Elvis Presley, Fats Domino and Connie Francis. Scott wrote all of his own hits, except one: “Burning Bridges.”

His legacy ranks him with the top legend of rock and roll. It has been said that “with the exception of Roy Orbison and Elvis Presley, no white rock and roller of the time ever developed a finer voice with a

better range than Jack Scott, or cut a more convincing body of work in Rockabilly, Rock and Roll, Country-Soul, Gospel or Blues.

Scott was nominated for the Hit Parade Hall of Fame.

Warren Mayor Jim Fouts, who also grew up in Hazel Park, said Scott is “a legend in music and a performer who puts entertainment first.”