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# Variety Headliner is **Steely Dan!**

## **Grammy Award-winning & Rock & Roll Hall of Fame band to perform at Variety's Dinner with the Stars**

**St. Louis** (Feb 11) – Variety is pleased to announce that Grammy winners and Rock and Roll Hall of Famers **Steely Dan** will headline Dinner with the Stars, Variety's pinnacle event to top off Variety Week! The dinner and concert will be held at Stifel Theatre on April 25, and, for the eighth time, will be underwritten by The Steward Family Foundation, World Wide Technology and Centene Charitable Foundation, so that all funds raised will go directly to local Variety Kids. Variety Week is the pillar fundraising and awareness campaign for the charity.

Variety's Dinner with the Stars has been St. Louis' premier black-tie gala for more than 50 years. This event brings together some of St. Louis' most esteemed, philanthropic citizens to celebrate Variety, and experience a performance from iconic, critically acclaimed performers.

Steely Dan is an American rock band founded in 1972 by Walter Becker and Donald Fagen. Combining rock, jazz, Latin music, reggae, traditional pop, R&B and blues have ranked them at #82 on the VH1 list of the 100 greatest musical artists of all time. Steely Dan's extraordinary

catalog of music is packed with infectious tunes, bodacious harmonies, irresistible grooves, blazing solo work, rich ensembles and sleek and subversive lyrics.



Steely Dan enjoyed critical and commercial success starting from the early 1970s until breaking up in 1981. Throughout their career, the duo recorded with a revolving cast of session musicians including Michael McDonald and Boz Scaggs. The group reunited in 1993 and have toured steadily and released new albums, the first, *Two Against Nature*, earned a Grammy Award for Album of the Year. They have sold more than 40 million albums worldwide and were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2001. Founding member Walter Becker died in 2017, leaving Donald Fagen as the sole original member.

St. Louis native actor, comedian, and movie producer Joe Torry will host the evening's program alongside several Variety Teens. The program will feature a performance by the inclusive Variety Children's Chorus and celebration of Variety's 2020 Man and Woman of the Year Lawrence K. Otto and Suzanne Sitherwood.

For more information, and to reserve dinner tables for this year's event, visit [varietystl.org/dinner-with-the-stars](http://varietystl.org/dinner-with-the-stars). Tickets for the Variety Program and Steely Dan performance start at \$75. Tickets on-sale now at Ticketmaster.com

### **About Variety the Children's Charity of St. Louis**

Variety envisions a world where abilities are redefined and opportunities are reimagined for kids with special needs. To make this a reality, Variety empowers children with physical and developmental disabilities by giving access to critical medical equipment and therapies, along with innovative Camp and Performing Arts programs, which provide opportunities for recreation, socialization, and artistic expression. Children gain or maintain independence, boost socialization among their friends and family, demonstrate belief in themselves, and increase skills they need to engage their world as fully as possible. [www.varietystl.org](http://www.varietystl.org)

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