



Sherman Oaks HS Band



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**Award-Winning 'The Wrecking Crew' @ El Portal Theater  
Fund Raiser**

**Monday, January 30th @ 7:30**

*Film with non-profit status about legendary group of West Coast Studio Musicians  
Q&A with Producer/Director Denny Tedesco, son of Wrecking Crew guitarist, Tommy Tedesco and  
special guests.*

***Fund Raiser to help fund the Sherman Oaks Notre Dame Marching Band trip to Ireland.***

***"It's a wonderful, touching and... hilarious film about the unsung stars of so many records that you carry in your heart." Elvis Costello***

Los Angeles CA, January 12 2012 -- They were the studio musicians behind some of the biggest hits in the 1960s and '70s. From "Be My Baby" to "California Girls;" "Strangers in the Night" to "Mrs. Robinson;" "You've Lost that Lovin' Feelin'" to "Up, Up and Away;" and from "Viva Las Vegas" to "Mr. Tambourine Man," the group dubbed **The Wrecking Crew** played on them all. Six years in a row in the late 1960s and early 1970s, the Grammy for "Record of the Year" went to Wrecking Crew member recordings.

"The Wrecking Crew," a documentary film produced and directed by **Denny Tedesco**, son of legendary late Wrecking Crew guitarist **Tommy Tedesco**, has played around the world in the festival circuit with over a dozen awards and rave reviews and other accolades. The film was released into the Festival Circuit in 2008 and garnished a dozen awards in over 50 festivals around the world but never found a distributor. The January 30th screening event at the El Portal Theatre will be its Valley Premiere with Denny Tedesco on hand to introduce his film and host a post-screening Q&A.

The film includes wonderful interviews with Brian Wilson, Cher, Nancy Sinatra, Herb Alpert, Glen Campbell, Gary Lewis, as well as Crew members themselves.

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Why the film hasn't reached a wider audience, even though it is championed by all who see it, is becoming a bit of lore itself. A labor of love by director Tedesco, the film is also ultimately a love letter to the legacy of his late father and musician friends in the Crew. Documenting the work of musicians on such iconic songs, however, can be cost -- and distribution -- prohibitive. According to the American Federation of Musicians, the film may one of the largest soundtracks of any film in history, with 131 music cues. With songs by Frank Sinatra, Nancy Sinatra, The Monkees, The Byrds, Mamas and Papas, Sonny and Cher, The Beach Boys and dozens of others, the cost of licensing the music for the film is estimated at more than \$300,000.

Tedesco came up with a unique solution. Work through a fiscal sponsor to help accept donations. The film is now eligible for funding through the [International Documentary Foundation](#), a California non-profit, tax-exempt corporation.

***This screening will also benefit Tedesco's Alma Mater where his brother Damon and himself graduated in the 70s and 80s. Both participated in the Notre Dame Band. When they heard the band needed to raise money, they felt it was the perfect fit.***

For more information about "The Wrecking Crew" film and The Wrecking Crew musicians, please visit <http://www.wreckingcrewfilm.com/> or the The Wrecking Crew [Facebook](#) Page.

### **Screening Info:**

**January 30, 2012 7:30PM**

Reception: 6:30 PM

El Portal Theater

5269 Lankershim Blvd.-- N. Hollywood, CA 91601

Notre Dame High School - Summer Trip Fundraiser –

Tickets: \$30 @ [www.wreckingcrewfilm.com](http://www.wreckingcrewfilm.com)

Q&A with Director-Denny Tedesco & Don Randi

The Federal Bar across the street is participating helping out by donating 20% folks that come from the theater before or after the film.

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