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**High Point Theatre Presents The Drifters Featuring Charlie Thomas
and Gene “Duke of Earl” Chandler**

*Doo-wop maestros bring an evening of magic moments to the Triad on Saturday,
April 24*

High Point, North Carolina – The Drifters’ repertoire of hits reads like a history of rock ‘n roll’s golden age. Songs such as “Under the Boardwalk,” “Save the Last Dance for Me,” “Some Kind of Wonderful,” “Up on the Roof” and “This Magic Moment” have such a broad and lasting appeal that major musical stars of every subsequent generation have felt compelled to offer new interpretations. Featuring Charlie Thomas, who first joined the band in the late 1950s, today’s Drifters offer up purely perfect renditions of a catalog of tunes that changed pop music forever. Still extremely popular among people who remember tracking their hits as they climbed the Top 40 charts or as they learned to shag along the sands of the Grand Strand, the Drifters also have much to offer music lovers who never had much reason to tune in to the AM dial.

Gene Chandler, best known to doo-wop aficionados as the one and only Duke of Earl, put nineteen songs in the top forty during the 1960s. But it’s his solo hit “Duke of Earl” that dethroned “The Twist” from its number 1 position on the R&B charts in 1962, selling a million copies in a bit over one month and then holding onto the number one spot for three weeks. With monocle, cape, top hat and cane, the Duke of Earl’s romantic performance style along with his superbly rich voice still makes him a hot number and continues to send ripples of excitement through the ladies in his audience.

More than just a trip down memory lane and an evening of fine entertainment, the Drifters and “Duke of Earl” reconnect us to modern music’s deep R&B roots, pay tribute to the human feeling that forms the core of every great song, and stands as a monument to the artists who laid the foundations of rock ‘n roll.

This must-see double act will be appearing at the High Point Theatre for one night only, Saturday, April 24. Doors open at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$30 orchestra, \$25 balcony, available through www.highpointtheatre.com or at the box office by calling 336-887-3001.

About High Point Theatre

Owned and operated by the City of High Point, the High Point Theatre is conveniently located at the corner of Commerce and Hamilton Streets in High Point. The Theatre features an elegant 965-seat auditorium with continental style seating and three exhibition galleries for meetings, display, or receptions.

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