

Mike Love, a member of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, is lead singer and a founding member of The Beach Boys.

Born on March 15, 1941 in Los Angeles, California, Mike wrote the lyrics to The Beach Boys' first song, "Surfin'," released in 1961. He then co-authored eleven Top 10 singles in five years with cousin Brian Wilson, a string of hits including "Fun, Fun, Fun," "I Get Around," "Help Me Rhonda," "California Girls" and "Good Vibrations."

The period between "Good Vibrations" (1966) and The Beach Boys' biggest selling hit "Kokomo" (1988) is the longest span of time between number one records of any artist in history. This feat demonstrates the ageless, timeless appeal of The Beach Boys. Mike Love is the co-author of both of these smash hits.

The Beach Boys annual tours have reached all of the Americas, Europe, Africa, Asia and Australia and popular demand has not allowed Mike a summer off in forty years in his role as lead singer. The Beach Boys concert performance features an energetic hour and forty minutes of over thirty hit songs. The Beach Boys performed over 160 shows in 2001 and will exceed that number in 2002.

It was Mike Love's idea to perform free Independence Day concerts on the grounds of the Washington Monument in the nation's capital beginning in 1980. After a national uproar following Secretary of Interior James Watt's ban of The Beach Boys for this event, they returned on July 4, 1984, by a personal invitation from First Lady Nancy Reagan. On July 4, 1985, The Beach Boys played to an afternoon crowd of one million in Philadelphia and the same evening they performed for over 750,000 people on the Mall in Washington. The day's historical achievement was recorded in the *Guinness Book of World Records*.

Mike Love has been a longtime supporter of environmental causes and was among speakers at the Earth Summit in Rio DeJaniero in 1992 and Earth Day 2000 on the Mall in Washington, D.C.. He created the Love Foundation, which supports national environmental and educational initiatives. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Incline Academy in Incline Village, Nevada, and has been responsible for raising over \$1 million to benefit the school.

