

Dick Holliday and the Bamboo Gang

Northfield has always felt like home to founding members Brad Nye and Greg Marsh.

Both attended school at Middlefork and Sunset Ridge, and Brad's father, Rev. Richard E. Nye (known to many as "Dick"), served as Head Pastor at Northfield Community Church. Jim Clarkson was their favorite teacher and a true local hero to them, and they spent their early years skating and playing hockey at Clarkson Park.

The band officially formed in 1986, right after Brad's time on the road as an assistant tour manager, first with Van Halen in 1984, and then with Hall & Oates in 1985.

Soon after, they were joined by Klem Hayes of Deerfield, Lenny Pincus of Glenview, and Grant Tye of Evanston, but they still needed a name. Brad joked that he used to call his dad "Dick Holy Day," which evolved into "Dick Holliday." Klem quickly added "the Bamboo Gang," and the band's name was born.

They immediately began opening for The Way Moves (from Northfield) at Park West in 1986-87, and things took off quickly from there. They later signed a development deal with A&M Records, and became part of the Miller Genuine Draft national tour band network, playing nearly 200 shows a year, memories they still consider some of their favorites.

Now, they're thrilled to reunite for one final show in Northfield, the place where it all began, as part of the community's Centennial Celebration.