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West Coast Classical Jazz Combo to Pay Homage to Jazz Greats at The Palmdale Playhouse
Saxophone Legend Tom Scott Featured as Guest Solo Artist

PALMDALE – The Palmdale Playhouse will host the West Coast Classical Jazz Combo’s presentation of “An Evening of Jazz” on Saturday, May 23 and at 7:30 pm at the Playhouse, located at 38260 10th St. East in Palmdale.

“An Evening of Jazz” will pay homage to jazz giants, featuring compositions by John Coltrane, Stanley Turrentine, George Gershwin, Herbie Hancock, Sonny Rollins and many more. The concert will also feature saxophone legend Tom Scott as guest solo artist. Scott is a veteran composer, arranger, producer, musical director and saxophonist, having earned 3 Grammy Awards and 14 Grammy nominations over four decades.

Tickets are \$12/adults, \$10/seniors, students, military, and 12 and under. Tickets are available online at www.cityofpalmdale.org/playhouse, at the recreation and culture office, 38260 10th St. East, Monday through Thursday from 7:30 am to 6 pm, or at the box office two hours before show time.

For more information, please visit www.cityofpalmdale.org/playhouse or call [661/267-5684](tel:6612675684).

About Tom Scott

Tom Scott is a veteran composer, arranger, producer, musical director and saxophonist, having earned 3 Grammy Awards and 14 Grammy nominations over four decades. He made his first record as a leader in 1968--at age twenty. The number of solo recordings in his

catalogue now stands at 35. In addition, his music has been sampled by dozens of recording artists including 2Pac, Madonna, Bruno Mars, Snoop Dog, Massive Attack, Wu-Tang Clan, N.W.A. and The Chemical Brothers.

Tom's career as a guest artist spans more than 500 recordings—by such diverse artists as Barbra Streisand, Quincy Jones, Thelonius Monk, the Blues Brothers, Frank Sinatra, Aretha Franklin and Aerosmith. His numerous contributions as a player and arranger include Joni Mitchell's Court And Spark, Steely Dan's Aja; hit singles like Carole King's Jazzman, Paul McCartney's Listen To What The Man Said, Rod Stewart's Do You Think I'm Sexy & Soulbook, Blondie's Rapture, Captain & Tenille's Do That To Me One More Time, Whitney Houston's Saving All My Love For You; and on movie soundtracks such as Taxi Driver, Bladerunner, Heaven Can Wait, Sea Of Love, Who Framed Roger Rabbit?, Toy Story 2 and Monsters, Inc.

About West Coast Classical

West Coast Classical is a non-profit organization that provides access to the musical arts for community members of all backgrounds and skill levels who seek to achieve excellence in orchestral, ensemble and classroom experiences. Comprised of musicians aged 10 to 70 years, all have a common love for music and a willingness to dedicate every Wednesday evening to rehearsing; some groups also meet on Saturdays. Students make important friendships and discover a passion for music that continues whether or not they pursue a career in music.

Program Directors

Patricia Graham has been an active professional musician for 25 years. She has conducted West Coast Classical, formerly Palmdale Concert & Symphonic Orchestras, for 17 years. She

has a private studio with 71 students; has played with AV Symphony Orchestra, Bakersfield Symphony Orchestra and Santa Maria Philharmonic Orchestra; played in pit orchestras for 20+ shows; has her own quartet; and has been music director for 50+ musical stage productions.

Jeff Kaser is director of West Coast Classical Wind Ensemble and Flute Choirs, and coaches woodwinds and brass for West Coast Classical Concert and Symphonic orchestras. He teaches music theory and jazz improvisation through West Coast Classical. An active musician in the Los Angeles area, he specializes in saxophone, flute, clarinet and oboe performing in studio sessions, clubs, theatre orchestras, symphony orchestras, private events, and concert venues. He also gives private music instruction for all levels and ages.

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