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“Banda Machos” Wrap Up Summer Concert Series at Palmdale Amphitheater This Saturday

PALMDALE – Mexican regional sensations “Banda Machos” will bring their unique blend of Banda, Quebradita and Ranchera sounds to the Palmdale Amphitheater stage this Saturday, Aug. 2.

Gates open at 6 pm and the concerts begin at 8 pm rain or shine. Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets. Carry-in food, beverages, coolers, alcohol and pets are not permitted. Food, beer and wine will be available for purchase.

Tickets are on sale at www.cityofpalmdale.org/TheAmp. General admission tickets are \$10 and may also be purchased the day of the show at the gate.

Since their formation in 1990, **Banda Machos** (or “La Reina de las Bandas” as they’re commonly known) have been blazing a trail in the Mexican Regional market. They have amassed several number one hit singles, platinum albums and countless awards from their musical peers. Now 24 years into their career, this 13-piece ensemble is going strong and kicking off the most exciting phase of their career as the creators of Quebadrita with their techno banda style.

On the social networks, **Banda Machos** are a dominant force as well. Their smash single “No Hay Problema” has earned nearly two million YouTube views and

videos for “Sangre De Indio” and “Al Gato y El Raton” (their all-time biggest hit) are well into the millions.

Originally from Villa Corona in the state of Jalisco, current band members include Agustín Mariscal, Alejandro Diaz, Arturo Avila, Eduardo Noriega, Efrain López, Eleuterio Velazquez, Francisco Bueno, Javier Vidal, Jose Juan Guardado, Julio Cesar Guerrero, Leocadio Bueno, Rosalío Palafox and Ruben de Landa.

The City’s summer concerts are generously sponsored by American Medical Response, AV Furniture & Mattress, Antelope Valley Mall, BJ’s Restaurant & Brewhouse, Double D Cupcakes, Hilton Garden Inn, Lancaster JetHawks, Lockheed Martin, Southern California Edison, Time Warner Cable News, Valleywide Dental, and Ventura Graphix.

Previous performers at Palmdale Amphitheater include Blake Shelton, The Beach Boys, Air Supply, En Vogue, Lonestar, The Spinners, The Four Tops, Loverboy, The Temptations, The Guess Who, Fifth Harmony, America, SheDaisy, The Rascals, Styx, REO Speedwagon, The Whispers, Phil Vassar, Chaka Khan, Mercy Me, War, Euge Groove, The Rippingtons, Jeff Golub, The Village People, Starship featuring Mickey Thomas, Pam Tillis, Bill Medley, Blind Boys of Alabama, Sugarland, Peter Noone and Herman’s Hermits, Tracy Lawrence, Josh Kelly, Blue Oyster Cult, Clay Walker, and Morris Day and the Time.

For more information on the concert series, please visit www.cityofpalmdale.org/amp or call 661/267-5611.

About Palmdale Amphitheater ('The Amp')

The Amp at Marie Kerr Park is the Antelope Valley's premier outdoor entertainment venue, providing audiences with a blend of high energy concert performances and community-based programming. Its convenient location, great sight lines and comfortable, grassy seating areas are complemented by Saturday evening concerts and Friday evening Family Movie Nights presented during summer months.

For many years, the City of Palmdale hosted the Starlight Concert Series on a baseball field at Marie Kerr Park, and guests would come as early as 3 am to set out their blankets and stake their spots to watch entertainers perform on a portable stage. There were often smaller events held prior to the concerts, like Family Western Days, Taste of the Valley and the Fourth Saturday Cruise. Soon, however, the concerts were bursting at the seams with guests, and it became clear that a larger venue was needed.

In 2005, after Palmdale residents voted for a bond measure to provide funds for the construction, the Palmdale Amphitheater was opened at the newly expanded Marie Kerr Park site, ushering in a new era. The new amphitheater featured amenities that were not available at the old site, such as permanent restrooms, areas for food vendors, and even a "real" green room for the entertainers.

This year, The Amp will host several events in addition to the concerts and movies including:

GraceFest AV

Dating back to August 2007, GraceFest AV has become the Antelope Valley's Premier Music and Message festival. GraceFest returns to the Palmdale Amphitheater in Sept. for two amazing nights of music and fellowship. Tickets and info will be available at www.gracefestav.com. For more info, please call 661/722-6112.

G-Com Benefit Concert

The second annual G-Com Concert benefitting will be held on Oct. 4 to benefit the Wounded Warrior. It is a family friendly event that will include food and great live music. Info: gcomservices@outlook.com.

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 5K Walk

Saturday, Oct. 18. Registration begins at 7 am. Walk starts at 8 am. Hundreds of walkers are expected to gather for the national crusade to raise awareness and funds to fight against breast cancer. To learn more about the American Cancer Society or how to form a team for the event, call 1/800-227-2345 or contact Marissa Toth at AntelopeValleyCAStrides@cancer.org or 951/300-1208.

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall for the AV

Point Man Antelope Valley and the City of Palmdale will present the Mobile Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall for the Antelope Valley (AV Wall) on display in Nov. around the Veterans Day holiday. The public will have 24 hour a day access

to the AV Wall while it is on display, and a series of events surrounding the display. For more information, please call 661/524-6408 or visit www.avwall.org.

To learn more about The Amp, please visit www.cityofpalmdale.org/TheAmp, or call 661/267-5611.

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