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Palmdale Amphitheater, Marie Kerr Park to Host Full Slate of Events

PALMDALE – The Palmdale Amphitheater (The Amp) is celebrating its tenth season with a fall lineup of concerts and events for the entire community:

Gracefest AV - The 7th annual GraceFest AV returns to The Amp on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 12 and 13. Friday will highlight a “Prayer Rally” from 5 to 8 pm and will feature local pastors and The Outsiders band. Gates open at 4 pm and admission is free.

On Saturday, GraceFest AV will feature four national Christian artists including Francesca Battiselli, Mark Schultz, Audio Adrenaline and Plumb. In addition, several local artists will also perform throughout the day.

Gates open at 11 am. Advanced ticket prices for general admission seating is \$20 per person and \$25 at the gate. Youth tickets (ages 6 to 15) are \$10, with a student ID (ticket price does not change day of event for teens), and ages 6 and under are free. Group discount tickets are also available. Visit to purchase tickets at www.gracefestav.com or visit the Web site for list of local ticket purchasing locations.

Francesca Battistelli is a Grammy nominated artist who has performed at local and international venues and was recently featured on Good Morning America, singing

“Write Your Story.” Mark Schultz has been nominated for fourteen Dove Awards, winning his first at the 2006 Dove Awards when the CD/DVD Mark Schultz Live: A Night of Stories & Songs was named Long Form Music Video of the Year. Audio Adrenaline is a Christian rock band that formed in the mid-1980s at Kentucky Christian University, in Grayson, Kentucky. The band has received two Grammy Awards and multiple Dove Awards. Tiffany Arbuckle Lee, better-known by her stage name Plumb, is a songwriter, recording artist, performer and author. Plumb has sold more than 500,000 albums and over two million singles worldwide.

GraceFest AV is a fundraiser for the Kids Charities of the Antelope Valley. Funds raised from festival proceeds go to numerous local Christian school scholarship programs. Year to date Kids Charities of the Antelope Valley has raised over 4 million dollars for the kids from various local fundraising events. For more info or tickets visit the website or call (661) 942-4111.

G-Com Benefit Concert in support of the Wounded Warrior Project

G-Com Services is hosting the second annual G-Com Benefit Concert in support of the Wounded Warrior Project, on Saturday, Oct. 5. Gates open at 11 am, with opening ceremonies at noon. Musical acts include: Emote, featuring Billy Sherwood, former member of the band Yes, and Felix Pollard, former drummer with Jessica Simpson, Clay Aiken and Chaka Khan; Runaway; Boulevard Knights and The Joel Hatcher Band. Tickets are \$10 general admission, children under 12 with accompanying adult are free, vets and active military free with military ID. Bring a blanket or lawn chair. Carry-in food, beverages, coolers alcohol and pets are not

permitted. Food will be available on site. Tickets and info: www.gcomservices.org/donations. Vendor and sponsorships are available. Contact G-Com at 661/435-8248 or or gcomservices@outlook.com.

American Heart Association Antelope Valley Heart Walk

Join walkers from across Antelope Valley as they step out to have fun, get inspired, & support a meaningful cause on Sat. Oct. 11.

Registration and expo begin at 8 am at the recreation center off of **30th St. West**. Opening ceremony at 8:45. Walk begins at 9. There will be a 5K and 1 Mile Survivor route. After the walk, check out the fun activities for your kids at our Kids Zone. Learn about your heart health with free CPR demonstrations and blood pressure screenings. Info: The money raised through the Heart Walk funds research, and initiatives that promote the prevention, treatment and better patient care in the areas of cardiovascular disease, the leading killer in the United States. The American Heart Association is the nation's largest voluntary health organization dedicated to building healthier lives, free of heart disease and stroke.

To register, go to www.heartwalkla.org. For information contact the Antelope Valley Heart Walk Team at **213/291-7094** or la.heartwalk@heart.org.

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 5K Walk

In celebration of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the American Cancer Society invites the Antelope Valley community to its second annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 5K noncompetitive walk, scheduled for Saturday, October 18, at the Palmdale Amphitheatre/Marie Kerr Park, 2723 W. Rancho Vista Blvd. 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. Breast cancer remains the number one public health concern facing women today and the American Cancer Society's Making Strides against Breast Cancer walk has changed the face of breast cancer in communities nationwide by funding cutting edge research, advocating for all women to have access to mammograms and treatments, and providing free local educational programs and supportive services.

To learn more about the American Cancer Society or how to form a team for the event, call 1/800-227-2345 or visit www.MakingStridesWalk.org/AntelopeValley or by also contact Ima Moore, chair at emooreno4@msn.com.

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 from Thursday, Nov. 6 through Tuesday, Nov. 11 at 11 pm at the Palmdale Amphitheater.

The public will have 24 hour a day access to the AV Wall while it is on display. Taps will be played nightly at 10 pm. A special Candlelight Memorial Walk honoring the

“AV 76,” the 76 people from the Antelope Valley who died in the Vietnam War, will be held on Saturday, Nov. 9 at 9 pm.

A Veterans Day Closing Ceremony Celebration will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 11 at 11 am closing ceremonies, a special event to observe Veterans Day, and the Antelope Valley Service Organization Association’s (AVSOA) annual Veterans Day Ceremony on Nov. 11 which will be held in front of the AV Wall.

The AV Wall is one of only two mobile walls that are engraved, and the only one laid out in the same design as the original in Washington, D.C. Measuring approximately 250 feet long and 6 feet high at its apex, it contains the engraved names of all 58,299. Vietnam veterans killed in action and missing in action.

From 2005 through 2009, over \$100,000 was raised to build the wall. It was dedicated at a ceremony at Joe Davies Heritage Airpark at Palmdale Plant 42 on Nov. 13, 2009.

Point Man Antelope Valley are the guardians of the AV Wall, and have dedicated a committee to oversee all aspects of the AV Wall.

For more information on the AV Wall, please call 661/524-6408 or visit www.avwall.org.

About 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 concert series and movies including: