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#### **Family Movie Night Features West Coast Classical Orchestra and “Harry Potter & The Sorcerer’s Stone” This Friday at Palmdale Amphitheater**

PALMDALE – The City of Palmdale’s popular “Family Movie Night” continues this Friday, Aug. 15 with a special concert performance by the West Coast Classical Orchestra before the feature film “**Harry Potter & The Sorcerer’s Stone.**”

Tickets for Family Movie Nights are \$2, with kids 12 and under admitted free. The gates will open at 6:30. The concert will begin at 7 pm and movie will start at dusk. Moviegoers are allowed to bring a picnic dinner and non-alcoholic beverages to Family Movie Nights.

In **Harry Potter & The Sorcerer’s Stone**, an enchanting, three-time Oscar nominated film adaptation of J.K. Rowling’s delightful bestseller, Harry Potter learns on his 11th birthday that he is the orphaned first son of two powerful wizards and possesses magical powers of his own. At Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, Harry embarks on the adventure of a lifetime. He learns the high-flying sport Quidditch and plays a thrilling game with living chess pieces on his way to face a Dark Wizard bent on destroying him.

The final movie in the series will be **Finding Nemo**, on Friday, Aug. 22.

**Finding Nemo** features Nemo, an adventurous young clownfish, who is unexpectedly taken from his Great Barrier Reef home to a dentist's office aquarium. It's up to his worrisome father Marlin and his friendly but forgetful regal blue tang fish Dory to bring Nemo home — meeting vegetarian sharks, surfer dude turtles, hypnotic jellyfish, hungry seagulls, and more along the way.

Family Movie Nights 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.

For more information on Family Movie Nights, please visit [www.cityofpalmdale.org/amp](http://www.cityofpalmdale.org/amp) or call 661/267-5611.

### **About West Coast Classical**

West Coast Classical (formerly The Palmdale Concert & Symphonic Orchestras) is a newly structured community platform designed to foster the advancement of musicians from all backgrounds through pre-professional & professional orchestral achievements, ensemble experiences, and educational programs. The mission of West Coast Classical is “to inspire a passion for the musical arts and foster the advancement of musicians from all backgrounds who seek to achieve excellence through pre-professional & professional orchestral achievements, ensemble experiences, and educational programs.” Leveraging our established legacy in the AV community, we are committed to growing in numbers of musicians and choices in orchestral, ensembles, and education programs for all ages & levels of musical

maturity while offering diverse performance opportunities. To learn more about this community platform and how you can support it, contact Patricia Graham at [grahamgracenotes@aol.com](mailto:grahamgracenotes@aol.com), or call 805/490-3635.

### **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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.avwall.org).

To learn more about The Amp, please visit [www.cityofpalmdale.org/TheAmp](http://www.cityofpalmdale.org/TheAmp), or call 661/267-5611.

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