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#### **“Jurassic Park” Featured Flick at Family Movie Night at The Amp This Friday**

PALMDALE – Stephen Spielberg’s classic “Jurassic Park” will be presented on the big screen at the City of Palmdale’s “Family Movie Night” this Friday, Aug. 7 to the Palmdale Amphitheater, 2723 Rancho Vista Blvd.

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

**Jurassic Park**, directed by Stephen Spielberg, was a 1993 science fiction blockbuster film. Paleontologists Alan Grant (Sam Neill) and Ellie Sattler (Laura Dern), and mathematician Ian Malcolm (Jeff Goldblum) are among a select group chosen to tour an island theme park populated by dinosaurs created from prehistoric DNA. While the park’s mastermind, billionaire John Hammond (Richard Attenborough), assures everyone that the facility is safe, they find out otherwise when various ferocious predators break free and go on the hunt.

Following **Jurassic Park** will be **Monster’s Inc.** on Friday, Aug. 14; and **Guardians of the Galaxy** on Friday, Aug. 21. Crafts for kids will be provided for both movies, while local Latin rockers Boulevard Knights will perform on Aug. 21 before the movie.

Starring the “voices” of Billy Crystal and John Goodman, **Monster’s Inc.** is a 2001 computer animated comedy film centering on two monsters employed at the titular Monsters, Inc. — top scarer James P. “Sulley” Sullivan and his one-eyed partner and best friend Mike Wazowski. Monsters, Inc. employees generate their city of Monstropolis’s power by targeting and scaring children, but they are themselves afraid that the children may contaminate them. When a child enters their city, Mike and Sulley have their world disrupted and must return her.

**Guardians of the Galaxy** is a 2014 Academy Award winning hit movie based on the Marvel Comics superhero group of the same name. Brash space adventurer Peter Quill (Chris Pratt) finds himself the quarry of relentless bounty hunters after he steals an orb coveted by Ronan, a powerful villain. To evade Ronan (Lee Pace), Quill is forced into an uneasy truce with four disparate misfits: gun-toting Rocket Raccoon (Bradley Cooper), treelike-humanoid Groot (Vin Diesel), enigmatic Gamora (Zoe Saldana), and vengeance-driven Drax the Destroyer (Dave Bautista). But when he discovers the orb's true power and the cosmic threat it poses, Quill must rally his ragtag group to save the universe.

Family Movie Nights are sponsored by American Medical Response, Logix Smarter Banking, Time Warner Cable News, and Valleywide Dental.

For more information on the concert series and movies, please visit [www.cityofpalmdale.org/amp](http://www.cityofpalmdale.org/amp) or call 661/267-5611.

### **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 a green room for the entertainers.

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