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Fifth Harmony, Bea Miller to Perform at Palmdale Amphitheater This Saturday

PALMDALE – The highly popular all-girl group Fifth Harmony, fresh off their appearance on the Today Show and the release of their new single “Bo\$\$”, and X Factor star Bea Miller will bring music, energy and fun to Palmdale Amphitheater this Saturday, July 19 at 8 pm as part of the City of Palmdale’s summer concert series.

Tickets are on sale at www.cityofpalmdale.org/TheAmp. General admission tickets may be purchased online at www.cityofpalmdale.org/TheAmp for \$10. 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.

Fifth Harmony formed during the second season of *The X Factor*. With their show-stopping vocals, undeniable charisma, and genuine sisterly bond, the “fearsome fivesome” (as they became known), endeared themselves to viewers across the country.

“I can feel a wave beginning behind this group, said *The X Factor* creator and judge Simon Cowell. “The chemistry between the Fifth Harmony girls both on and offstage is fantastic. They’re fun to be around and most importantly, they are all incredibly talented.”

In the short time since, they have won numerous awards including Radio Disney Music Award for 2014 Breakout Artist of the Year, Shorty Awards for Best Band in Social Media, and *Billboard's* Girl Group Week Most Promising New Girl Group. They were handpicked to be part of Disney's "Next Big Thing" campaign, MTV and Pop Tarts "Crazy Good VMA Concert," and won the fan-voted Vevo's Lift Artist Award.

Fifth Harmony's debut EP *Better Together*, released October 22, 2013, skyrocketed to #2 on iTunes and now officially lands the group their first Top Ten Album, which debuted at #6 on the Billboard Top 200 Chart. Featuring five brand new songs and their smash hit "Miss Movin' On," it's a diverse, dynamic, and delightful introduction to America's only teen pop female vocal groups. The girls just announced that their first single off their EP is "Don't Want to Dance Alone," an upbeat party tune that will make everyone want to get onto the dance floor.

Fifth Harmony released four other EP editions in 2014: Their Spanish EP, *Junto* and *Juntos Acoustic* (November 11), *Better Together Acoustic* (November 19) and *Better Together Remixes* (November 25).

The group's members are Ally Brooke Hernandez, Normani Hamilton, Dinah Jane Hansen, Camila Cabello, and Lauren Jauregui. Cumulatively, they have 70 million YouTube views, 625,000-plus Facebook "likes," and over one million Twitter followers.

"Bea" Miller, who starred in the second season of the X Factor, is an American singer-songwriter and actress who is currently signed to Hollywood Records and Syco Music. Her debut EP "Young Blood" was released on April 22 this year and it single peaked at #2 on the iTunes pop albums chart.

Other headliners in Palmdale's summer concert series include R&B legends **The Whispers** on July 26, and **Banda Machos** on August 2.

The Whispers are one of only a few "old school" groups that can boast of having over 40 years in the industry with a worldwide fan base, maintaining their vocal dominance and original members. They have amassed four decades of pop and R&B hits including "Rock Steady," "It's a Love Thing," "And the Beat Goes On"; seven gold albums, two platinum albums, 12 top twenty singles, 40 chart hits, and nominations from the American Music Awards, Soul Train Awards and Grammy Awards. The Whispers were inducted into the Vocal Group Hall of Fame in 2003.

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. Their unique blend of Banda, Quebradita and Ranchera sounds have led to #1 singles, platinum albums and countless awards from their musical peers. Now 22 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 Quebradita 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.

The summer concerts are generously sponsored by American Medical Response, AV Furniture & Mattress, Antelope Valley Mall, BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse, Claim Jumper Restaurant, 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, America, SheDaisy, The Rascals, Styx, REO Speedwagon, 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.

Following the concert series will be the popular "Family Movie Nights," coming to The Amp on four consecutive Friday evenings beginning Aug. 1.

"We had a great response from our residents last year who were so glad that we brought back 'Family Movie Nights,'" said Palmdale's Recreation Supervisor Annie Pagliaro. "We chose four movies that give families and friends the opportunity for a great evening out together."

The movies are: **Despicable Me 2**, Friday, Aug. 1; **The Blind Side**, Friday, Aug. 8; **Harry Potter & The Sorcerer's Stone**, Friday Aug. 15; and **Finding Nemo**, Friday, Aug. 22.

Despicable Me 2 features Gru, his adorable girls, and the mischievous Minions with a cast of unforgettable new characters in the blockbuster sequel to the worldwide phenomenon. Just as Gru has given up being super-bad to be a super-dad, the Anti-Villain League recruits him to track down a new criminal mastermind and save the world. Partnered with secret agent Lucy Wilde, Gru, along with the wildly unpredictable Minions, must figure out how to keep his cover while also keeping up with his duties as

a father. Assemble the Minions for laugh-out-loud comedy in one of the funniest, most enjoyable movies ever.

The Blind Side, starring Academy Award® Winner for Best Actress Sandra Bullock, is based on an extraordinary true story that features Michael Oher (Quinton Aaron), who knows little about family, and even less about football. What the homeless teen does know are the streets and projects of Memphis. Well-to-do Leigh Anne Tuohy (Sandra Bullock) knows little about his world. Yet when she and Michael meet, he's found a home. And the Tuohys found something just as life-changing: a beloved new son and brother. This real-life story of family and of Michael's growth into a blue-chip football star will have you cheering with its mix of gridiron action and heartwarming emotion as it unveils the remarkable journey of a college All-American and first-round NFL draft pick who was a winner before he ever stepped onto the playing field.

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.

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.

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.

Family Movie Nights are sponsored by American Medical Response, Lockheed Martin, Time Warner Cable News, and Valleywide Dental.

For more information on the concert series and movies, 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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