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#### **Free “Freedom Symphony” Concert This Saturday at Palmdale Amphitheater**

PALMDALE – The City of Palmdale kicks off its Summer Concert Series with a free “Freedom Symphony” concert this Saturday, July 2.

West Coast Classical Orchestra will present a musical showcase featuring songs that celebrate America.

Admission is free, but donations are gladly accepted to support future Independence Day celebrations at The Amp. Donations may be made at: [www.cityofpalmdale.org/Your-City-Hall/Palmdale-Community-Foundation](http://www.cityofpalmdale.org/Your-City-Hall/Palmdale-Community-Foundation) under Palmdale Amphitheater Concerts.

Gates will open at 5 pm and the concert will be held from 6:30 to 8 pm. Attendees may bring outside food and non-alcoholic beverages with them, along with blankets, low back chairs and umbrellas. No fireworks, alcohol, pets or EZ-ups.

The Summer Concert Series continues with a performance by country star **LeAnn Rimes** on July 23, **Super Soul Saturday: A Party for the Decades** featuring **DJ Streak, Bump City and Stone Soul** on July 30; **Get Jazzed at the Amp with The Herbie Kae & Tony Capko Band, Gina Eckstine and The Bill Fulton Band** on August 6, and Motown legends **The Commodores** on Sept. 10.

Tickets are available at [www.palmdaleamphitheater.com](http://www.palmdaleamphitheater.com). A limited number of VIP tickets are also available.

The Summer Concert Series is graciously sponsored by American Medical Response, AV Furniture & Mattress, Antelope Valley Mall, AVTA, BJ's Restaurant Brewhouse, Coca-Cola, Hilton Garden Inn, Lancaster JetHawks, Sierra Medical Group, Valleywide Dental, Ventura Graphix and Waste Management.

### **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.

Previous performers at The Amp have included Blake Shelton, The Beach Boys, Lonestar, The Spinners, The Four Tops, Loverboy, The Temptations, The Guess Who, America, SheDaisy, The Rascals, Styx, REO Speedwagon, Chaka Khan, The Whispers, Mercy Me, Pablo Cruise, War, Euge Groove, The Rippingtons, Jeff Golub, The Village People, Starship featuring Mickey Thomas, Pam Tillis, The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Bill Medley, Blind Boys of Alabama, Sugarland, Air Supply, Newsboys, Peter Noone and Herman's Hermits, Tracy Lawrence, Josh Kelly, Blue Oyster Cult, Los Lobos, Montez de Durango, Blood Sweat and Tears, Clay Walker, Morris Day and the Time, Fifth Harmony, Banda Machos and Phil Vassar.

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