

# CITY OF PALMDALE

## ***MEDIA ALERT***

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### *PHOTO/INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITY*

**WHAT:** Jam session with Las Vegas performer Jimmy Hopper and Gabriel's House guitar class students. Hopper will be performing a benefit concert at the Palmdale Playhouse later that evening.

**WHEN:** **TODAY, Friday, September 25, 4:45 pm**

**WHERE:** Gabriel's House, 38533 4<sup>th</sup> St. East, Palmdale

**WHO:** Las Vegas Entertainer of the Year Jimmy Hopper, Gabriel's House guitar students; City of Palmdale staff and Gabriel's House teachers.

**VISUALS:** Gabriel's House guitar class students jamming with professional entertainer Jimmy Hopper.

**GABRIEL'S HOUSE:** The Palmdale City Council voted unanimously to approve the dedication of a new Neighborhood House, and name it "Gabriel's House" in memory of eight-year-old Gabriel Fernandez who was tragically killed. Working with local partners, "Gabriel's House" will serve as a music and performing arts center to provide children in the area with the opportunity to develop their creative talents.

Guitar, dance and drum classes were offered in 2014. For 2015 the classes on pencil drawing, photography and filmmaking workshops will be introduced to engage youth in the creative arts.

Residents are able to stop by Gabriel's House and each of the City's Neighborhood Houses and learn more about local and regional transportation, obtain library card info, get answers to City code questions, City job openings and more. There are also ongoing activities such as classes, job training, games for youth and much more.

**JIMMY HOPPER:** Jimmy Hopper will be at the Palmdale Playhouse on Friday for a benefit concert to raise money for new dressing rooms. Hopper has built a reputation of thrilling audiences with a wide-ranging musical repertoire and remarkable vocals that moved one music critic to write, "Hopper is Freddie Mercury meets Andréa Bocelli." Named "Las Vegas Entertainer of the Year" by Gaming Today and "Performer of the Year" by the Las Vegas Review-Journal, Jimmy Hopper will, as he has done countless times before, bring the house down, and all for a good cause. [www.jimmyhopper.com](http://www.jimmyhopper.com)

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