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Palmdale Announces *Kaleidoscope*: New Free Art & Music Festival Coming to The Palmdale Amphitheater October 8

PALMDALE – The City of Palmdale has announced it will host a new art and music festival called *Kaleidoscope*, coming to the Palmdale Amphitheater on Saturday, Oct. 8 from 10 am to 6 pm. Admission is free.

This unique art and music event will feature stages of live music and visual and performing arts, artisan vendors and wares, food, educational displays and craft beers with *The Art of The Brew*.

“Kaleidoscope is going to be a day for the arts expressed in music, exhibits, works of art, food and craft brews,” said Palmdale Director of Recreation and Culture Keri Smith. “We envision an experience that is equally as fun as it will be educational and inspiring.”

Live music will be performed by Phat Cat Swinger, The High D Boys and the L.A. Cast of Beatlemania.

“At the heart of Kaleidoscope will be the talented artisans who will present their original works of art in various mediums for the public to learn, enjoy and appreciate art and culture,” Smith said. “It will also be an opportunity for the public to purchase one-of-a-kind pieces.”

The City is putting out a call for artisans to be part of *Kaleidoscope* in the mediums of blown glass, jewelry, printmaking, ceramics, leather, sculpture, clothing and textiles, mixed media, woodwork, fused glass, painting, illustration, photography and other forms of art. For more information and to apply, interested artisans should visit the website www.palmdaleamphitheater.com. Applications must be submitted before Sept. 22.

Kaleidoscope is generously sponsored by American Medical Response, AVTA, Waste Management, Coca-Cola, Antelope Valley Mall, Valleywide Dental, Opportunities for Learning, Sierra Medical Group, AV Furniture & Mattress, Hilton Garden Inn, Lancaster JetHawks, Ventura Graphix and Vince's Pizza & Pasta – Palmdale.

About Phat Cat Swinger (from <http://www.phatcatswinger.com/home>)

It was a warm California night in August of 2002 when founding members, Marco Palos & Will Pattinson teamed up to create and refine a sound that had gone missing from the airwaves. Booming toms, jumpin' rhythms and a powerful horn section blended with the sweet vocals of Canadian Crooner, Curtis Parry, were all the perfect ingredients for this creation. It became known as, "Phat Cat Swinger," a West Coast "little-big" band that specializes in high-energy music with a vintage touch!

Phat Cat Swinger has toured the U.S., headlined festivals, and crossed overseas to Europe, Serbia and beyond. They have performed at the world-famous Playboy Mansion in Beverly Hills and billed with acts: Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, Cherry Poppin' Daddies, Royal Crown Revue, Poncho Sanchez, and Doo-wop legends, The Coasters.

Hollywood loves Phat Cat Swinger and has even featured them in videos with Christina Aguilera (Candyman), The Jonas Brothers (Love Bug) and Irish rock band, Snow Patrol (In The End). They were even selected among California's BEST Big Bands by JJ Abrams to perform for his company, Bad Robot Productions, over the holidays. The band's ingenious selection of songs range from Sinatra to The Black Keys while even visiting songs by Elton John and more.

About the High D Boys (from <http://highdboys.weebly.com/>)

A banjo, a guitar, and a wash-tub! Add in four part harmony and it's a recipe for the best musical comedy group this side of the Mississippi River. The High-D Boys originally started as a jazz duo, with Patrick Summers and Javier Alcontrar-Rojas on Ukulele. After one practice they decided to throw in comedy and then the ball started rolling to include two very capable musicians; Daniel Reyes on guitar and Phil Clevinger on the washtub bass. Though they were happy with the sound they had discovered, a wandering harmonizer named Robert Keil Blomker II found the High-D boys and convinced them through his majestic voice that they required yet another member. As time went by, founders Javier and Patrick ventured to distant lands seeking education and fortune, but all was well with the boys as they found a banjo playing paint store manager named Mike Kelly. This is the version of the High-D Boys you are going to see on the street corners, theaters, coffee houses and lunar landers. Should you find the boys performing, be prepared for a comedic show which at any time can include the moon walk, funny jokes, sarcastic remarks, flashy skills (Including Bo-Staff and rope), and of course, tasteful music to fill the longing heart. Their style ranges from the warm

climates of Latin music to honky tonk and soothing ballads to hippity hop swing! If you have ever yearned for a song but were too scared to tell people for fear of being ridiculed, the High-D boys do that song.

About LA Cast of Beatlemania (from

http://www.markwoodentertainment.com/BEATLEMANIA_BIO_PAGE.htm)

The LA Cast of Beatlemania in concert features some of the best members who have performed on Broadway and that made *Beatlemania* a huger international success. These talented performers were selected from several thousands of musicians all over the country to fill the best spot of each role they perform.

The production is a faithful and true recreation of the excitements, sounds, sights, and lights of a true live Beatle concert. Meticulous attention has been put forward from the exact hairstyles, to the exact copies of musical gear that they performed on.

The Beatles even today are currently still the hottest act in the world in terms of sales. Capitol records has spent over 5 million dollars to promote the Beatles music; now also including iTunes.

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