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### ***Palmdale Playhouse Announces Fall Lineup*** *Art, Comedy, Music, Dance, Stage Production and Santa Featured*

PALMDALE – The Palmdale Playhouse, located at 38334 10<sup>th</sup> St. East in Palmdale, has announced its fun-filled lineup of art, music, dance, stage productions and holiday fun for this coming fall.

Leading things off will be the **Generations Art Exhibit**, which will run from Friday, Sept. 23 through Monday, Nov. 7 in the Playhouse Gallery. The exhibit will open with a free reception on Sept. 23 from 6 to 9 pm at both the Playhouse and Legacy Commons for Active Seniors, featuring live musical entertainment, beverages and light snacks. The exhibit will feature the best of local artists, with the winners of the Generations juried art competition announced and prizes awarded at Playhouse at 7:30 pm.

“Stop by to view local art, get acquainted with the artists and see who wins the juried art competition,” said Palmdale Recreation Supervisor Annie Pagliaro.

Returning for an encore performance, the Ambassador of Americana **Charles Phoenix** will bring his **Retro Disneyland Slide Show** to the Playhouse on Sunday, Sept. 25 at 2 pm. Phoenix’s laugh-out-loud comedy takes you back in time when Disneyland, the granddaddy of all theme parks, was new.

With his keen expertise, eagle eye for oddball detail and joyous enthusiasm, Charles Phoenix lavishes fun and fact-filled commentary of the very best of his colorful collection of 'found' Kodachrome slides taken in Tomorrowland, Adventureland, Frontierland, Fantasyland and Main Street USA in the '50s and '60s. See long-gone attractions — phantom boats, flying saucers, Indian Village, Rainbow Mountain stage coaches, PeopleMover, Carousel of Progress — and more. Enjoy amazing vintage images of the original Tomorrowland when it was promoted as "The World of 1986." Charles shares the backstory of the Monorail, takes you inside the all-plastic Monsanto House of the Future and the legendary TWA Rocket to the Moon. In addition to the Disney delights, tour Freedomland USA, the ill-fated Disneyland-wannabe theme park in New York City, plus over-the-top Disneyland area themed-motels, and much more!

Tickets for Charles Phoenix are \$20 for adults, \$15 for students, seniors, military and children 12 and under. This show is expected to sell out; get tickets early to avoid disappointment.

Switching from comedy to the stage, the Palmdale Repertory Theatre will present **The Addams Family – A New Musical Comedy** on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 14, 15, 21 and 22 at 8 pm, and Sunday Oct. 16 and 23 at 2 pm.

The weird and wonderful Addams Family comes to devilishly delightful life in this magnificently macabre new musical comedy. The comedy features an original story, and it's every father's nightmare: Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family---a man her parents have never met. If that weren't upsetting enough, she confides in her father

and begs him not to tell her mother. Now, Gomez Addams must do something he's never done before — keep a secret from his beloved wife, Morticia. Everything will change for the family on the fateful night they host a dinner for Wednesday's "normal" boyfriend and his parents.

Tickets are \$22 for adults, \$18 for students, seniors, military and \$12 for children 12 and under.

The Palmdale Playhouse's 2016 Holiday Extravaganza begins with the annual visit from the Big Man from the North Pole with a **Holiday Open House with Santa**. St. Nick will meet and greet attendees on Tuesdays, November 22 and 29; December 6 and 13, from 3 to 8 pm, and Thursdays, December 1, 8 and 15, from 10 am to 2 pm.

Admission is free. Photos with Santa are \$5 and include a complimentary photo frame gift pack. "With the Playhouse decorated for the season, this is a perfect time to give yourself a break from the hustle and bustle of the holidays and experience the sights, sounds and scents of the season," Pagliaro said. "We'll also have complimentary refreshments for you to enjoy."

On Saturday, Dec. 3 at 6 pm, enjoy live carolers and tasty refreshments as part of the second annual **Singalong with Santa**. Santa's elves will help kids handcraft special keepsakes that are sure to become sentimental treasures. Then, join Santa and The Sunday Night Singers in the theatre for an interactive performance. Tickets are \$6 and includes a souvenir songbook to use during the show.

Dance comes to the forefront on Sunday, Dec. 4 at 2 and 7 pm as the Palmdale Junior Ballet and Theater Dance presents **The Nutcracker Story and Christmas Celebration**.

The toymaker Herr Drosselmeyer will tell the enchanting and magical tale of Clara and her Nutcracker in The Nutcracker Story Ballet. Palmdale Junior Ballet will present an abridged version featuring dancing toys, mischievous mice, waltzing flowers and sparkling snowflakes. Palmdale Theatre Dance will celebrate the season with music featuring “Hey Santa Claus,” “Silent Night,” “Christmas Party” and “No Christmas For Me.”

Tickets are \$12 for adults, and \$10 for students, seniors, military and children 12 and under.

Music finished up the 2016 Holiday Extravaganza, led by a rousing concert by **The Tony Capko Rockin’ Holiday Big Band** on Saturday, Dec. 10 at 7 pm. “Be warned---this ain’t your daddy’s big band!” notes Pagliaro. “This rockin’ holiday mini orchestra combines the excitement of a modern day big band with high energy sounds of the season.” Comprised of LA’s finest musicians and their spirited arrangements, this concert is sure to meet all of Santa’s requirements and kick start your holidays into high gear.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, and \$12 for students, seniors, military and children 12 and under.

Next on tap is a **Cozy Smooth Jazz Holiday**, on Sunday, Dec. 11 at 7 pm. This very special night of music is designed especially for listeners to enjoy the sounds of the season Smooth Jazz style. Tickets are \$15 for adults, and \$12 for students, seniors, military and children 12 and under. Purchase tickets for both the **Cozy Smooth Jazz Holiday** and **The Tony Capko Rockin’ Holiday Big Band** at a discounted price of \$25 for adults and \$19 for students, seniors, military and children 12 and under.

The West Coast Classical caps everything off with three holiday performances. First up the West Coast Classical Beginning Strings, Beginning Band and Jazz Combo present a

**Holiday Celebration** on Thursday, Dec. 15 at 7:30 pm. This joyous family friendly holiday program filled with holiday music favorites will feature the West Coast Classical Jazz closing the show with a jazzy Christmas sound that will have your toes-a-tapping. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$5 children 12 and under.

On Friday, Dec. 16 at 7:30 pm, the West Coast Classical Flute Choir, Saxophone Choir, Wind Ensemble and String Orchestra present **Making Spirits Bright**. Charlie Brown, America's beloved comic character, is remembered in this musical montage of treasured holiday favorites including "Christmas Time Is Here," "O Tannenbaum," "Skating," and "Linus and Lucy." Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$7 children 12 and under.

The Holiday Extravaganza concludes with the West Coast Classical Concert and Symphonic Orchestras presentation of **Sounds of the Holidays** on Saturday, Dec. 17 at 7:30 pm. Experience the magic of Tchaikovsky's classic holiday adventure, *The Nutcracker*, as a sparkling party, a dramatic battle and a whimsical journey to the Land of Sweets are brought to life with one of the greatest symphonic scores ever written. Mendelssohn's Italian "Symphony No 4 in A Minor" is included along with many favorite orchestral holiday classics.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$7 children 12 and under.

Tickets for all Palmdale Playhouse events may be purchased online at [www.cityofpalmdale.org/playhouse](http://www.cityofpalmdale.org/playhouse), or at the Box Office beginning two hours before each show, 38334 10th St. East. For more information, please call 661/267-5684.

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