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### Palmdale Playhouse Announces Winter Spring Schedule *Wizard of Oz, Classic Movies, Art Exhibits Music & Dance Featured*

PALMDALE – The Palmdale Playhouse, located at 38334 10<sup>th</sup> St. East in Palmdale, has announced its 2016 winter/spring lineup which will feature, followed by a full plate of music, dance, comedy and holiday fun.

The fun starts with the Winter Classic Music Series, featuring films that are beloved by fans and critics alike, shown on the big screen the way they were intended to be viewed. Leading off the series will be the Alfred Hitchcock classic psychological thriller “Psycho,” on Sunday, Feb. 14, starring Anthony Perkins and Vera Miles

Doors open at 1 pm and the movies begin at 2 pm. Arrive early and enjoy a complimentary dessert and beverage with paid admission. Tickets are \$5 for general admission, \$4 for students with current ID. A four pack of tickets with one general admission ticket per movie is available for \$15

Other movies in the series include the 1944 American film noir “Double Indemnity,” starring Fred MacMurray and Barbara Stanwyck on Sunday, Feb. 21; the 1954 crime drama “On the Waterfront,” starring Marlon Brando, Karl Malden and Eva Marie Saint on Sunday, March 13; and the 1950 black comedy/drama “Sunset Boulevard,” starring William Holden and Gloria Swanson on Sunday, March 20.

The first of two art exhibits on display in the Playhouse gallery opens on Thursday, Feb. 18 with a reception for “Fractured Landscapes & Joshua Trees,” featuring the works of artists Rose Gonella and Kris Holladay-Fregoso.

The reception will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 pm and is free. The exhibit will run until Sunday, April 17.

Rose Gonella began making collages in her early 20s, inspired by her aunt's collage work. She creates her pieces using pictures clipped from calendars and magazines. Some are inspired by a story or song lyrics, others are color studies or simply constructed with a particular theme in mind.

After receiving her Master's in Art for Assemblage at California State University Northridge, Kris Holladay-Fregoso decided it was time to start working on a series of Joshua trees that had been on her mind for quite some time. Largely influenced by Expressionist Franz Marc, Kris appreciates his fantastic use of color. Joshua trees are amazing and a challenge to paint, but having fun with color is what brings her joy.

Coming in March, Dorothy, The Scarecrow, The Tin Man, The Cowardly Lion and Toto will take the stage as the City of Palmdale and Palmdale Repertory Theatre present "The Wizard of Oz" on Friday and Saturday March 4 and 5 at 8 pm and Sunday, March 6 at 2 pm.

Presented by special arrangement with Tams Witmark Music Library, this stage production based on the classic 1939 film will be a delight for the whole family. Musical favorites will include "Over The Rainbow," "Munchkinland-Ding Dong! The Witch Is Dead," "We're Off To See the Wizard," and "The Merry Old Land Of Oz."

"Come join us and travel the universe of Dorothy's imagination on their journey to the land of Oz," said Palmdale's Recreation Supervisor Annie M. Pagliaro.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, and \$15 for students, seniors, military and children 12 and under.

After the Wizard of Oz shows, West Coast Classical comes to the Playhouse for two very special shows. On Saturday, March 12 at 6:30 pm, they will present "An Evening of Musical Inspiration," featuring musical solos, duets and ensemble pieces presented by the West Coast Classical Orchestras. Tickets are \$12. Then on Friday and Saturday April 1 and 2

at 7:30 pm, West Coast Classical will present “A Tribute to Disney,” featuring performances of some of the most beloved songs from Disney movies including Frozen, Aladdin, Snow White, The Lion King and Monsters Inc. Tickets are \$15.

Then on Saturday, April 9 at 7 pm, the Palmdale Junior Ballet and Theatre Dance Company students will present “Danceworks: In Progress,” a showcase of dance by guest choreographers and dance artists, plus student works in progress developed during ballet/modern dance improve classes. Tickets are \$5.

Switching back to art, the Playhouse will host “My Favorite Things in the Spring,” featuring the art of the Juanita McWilliams Art Team, from Thursday, April 21 through Sunday, June 12.

A free opening reception will be held on Thursday, April 21 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

Juanita McWilliams has worked as a fine artist and teacher for more than 15 years, and has sold her art at Santa Monica’s Bergamot Station with Art LA Academy/James Gray Gallery, and at Palmdale Playhouse. “Juanita’s students created the collections on display,” said Pagliaro. “They range in age from five years to adult, with the students take painting and drawing classes at Palmdale City Library. This is the first art showing for some of these students, who are excited to showcase their work and what they want to express.”

The Palmdale School District takes over the Playhouse stage on the weekend of April 28 and 29 with two outstanding programs. On Thursday, April 28 at 6 pm, the Palmdale School District's Honor Band, Orchestra, Mariachi & Jazz Band will perform “The Jim Rosenquist Honor Spring Concert,” featuring classical, pop, jazz and mariachi music of well-known composers such as Beethoven, John Williams and the Beatles. Tickets are \$8.

The following day, Friday, April 29 at 6 pm, Palmdale School District students will present “A Folklorico Music & Dance Celebration,” a celebratory concert of mariachi music paired with traditional folklorico dance. Tickets are \$8.

Live theatre returns in May, with the Palmdale Repertory Theatre's presentation of "Cheaper by the Dozen, on Friday and Saturday, May 20 and 21 at 8 pm, and Sunday, May 22 at 2 pm.

Produced by special arrangement with the Dramatic Publishing Company, "Cheaper By the Dozen" is based on the real-life story of the Gilbreth family. Frank Gilbreth, Sr., was a pioneer in the field of motion study, and often used his family as guinea pigs, with amusing and sometimes embarrassing results.

"Suppose you're an attractive high school girl and you're not only a member of a large and unique family, but your father is, in fact, one of the great pioneers of industrial efficiency," muses Pagliaro. "Then suppose he decides, for no apparent reason, to apply his unorthodox methods to you and to the rest of your big family. The results are terribly embarrassing, funny and — it must be admitted — extremely effective!"

Tickets are \$18 for adults, and \$15 for students, seniors, military and children 12 and under.

Wrapping up the winter/spring schedule is the West Coast Classical Jazz Combo's "An Evening of Jazz" on Saturday, May 28 at 7:30 pm. Featuring the West Coast Classical Jazz Combo, this musical celebration will pay homage to jazz giants, featuring compositions by John Coltrane, Miles Davis, George Gershwin, Herbie Hancock, Sonny Rollins, Charlie Parker and many more. Tickets are \$15.

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.