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City of Palmdale's Concert Series is Musical Bargain of the Summer
Air Supply, Los Lobos, En Vogue, Montéz de Durango --- Each Concert Only \$10
Just an Hour's Drive from LA, San Bernardino, Bakersfield

PALMDALE – The City of Palmdale's Summer Concert Series at the Palmdale Amphitheater (The Amp) just may be the best music bargain of 2015 in Southern California.

Now in its 11th year, the Summer Concert Series will feature Air Supply on July 11, Los Lobos on July 18, En Vogue on July 25 and Montéz de Durango on Aug. 1, with general admission tickets for each show starting at only \$10.

“Our summer concerts at The Amp are one of the best deals in live music you will find anywhere in Southern California this summer,” said Palmdale Communications Manager John Mlynar. “\$10 seats and free parking for each show---that’s \$40 for all four concerts! Whether you go to one show or all four, you’ll be getting a lot of bang for your entertainment dollars.”

A limited number of VIP tickets are available for \$20, which includes express entry and seating at the front of the stage, ensuring that VIP ticket holders can arrive just before the concert and still get one of the best seats in the house. VIP seating is theater style (first-come, first-served).

Tickets are available at www.cityofpalmdale.org/amp, or at the recreation and culture office, located at 38260 10th St. East, open Monday through Thursday, 7:30 am

to 6 pm. Cash, Discover®, MasterCard® and Visa® are accepted. Tickets will also be available the day of each concert beginning at 4 pm on a cash-only basis.

Gates open at 6 pm and the concerts begin at 8 pm rain or shine. Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets. Carry-in food, beverages, coolers, alcohol and pets are not permitted. Food, beer and wine will be available for purchase.

“With our convenient location, great sight lines and comfortable, grassy seating areas a live concert on a summer evening in the High Desert under the stars is an amazing experience,” Mlynar said. “We’re just about an hour’s drive from LA, San Bernardino and Bakersfield.”

Celebrating their 40th anniversary in 2015, **Air Supply** members Graham Russell and Russell Hitchcock met on May 12, 1975, at rehearsals for “Jesus Christ Superstar” in Sydney, Australia. They became instant friends with their common love for The Beatles and, of course, singing. In 1980, “Lost in Love” became the fastest selling single in the world, leaping to the top of all of the charts and was named Song of the Year. Seven top-five singles later, Air Supply at that time had equaled The Beatles’ run of consecutive top five singles. The albums *Lost in Love*, *The One That You Love*, *Now & Forever*, and *The Greatest Hits* sold in excess of 20 million copies. The trademark sound of Russell Hitchcock’s soaring tenor voice and Graham Russell’s simple yet majestic songs created a unique sound that would forever be known as Air Supply.

Los Lobos were already East L.A. neighborhood legends, Sunset Strip regulars and a Grammy Award winning band (Best Mexican-American/Tejano Music Performance) by the time they recorded their major label debut *How Will The Wolf Survive?* in 1984. Although the album’s name and title song were inspired by a National

Geographic article about real life wolves in the wild, the band — David Hidalgo, Louie Perez, Cesar Rosas, Conrad Lozano and Steve Berlin — saw parallels with their struggle to gain mainstream rock success while maintaining their Mexican roots. Perez, the band's drummer, once called their powerhouse mix of rock, Tex-Mex, country, folk, R&B, blues and traditional Spanish and Mexican music “the soundtrack of the barrio.” Three decades, two more Grammys, a worldwide smash single (“La Bamba”) and thousands of rollicking performances across the globe later, Los Lobos is surviving quite well — and still jamming with the same raw intensity they had when they began in that garage in 1973.

The all-female group **En Vogue** fuses style, sophistication, sass, and sex appeal, which have resulted in over eight million albums sold and a string of red-hot R&B and pop hits including “Hold On,” “My Lovin’ (You’re Never Gonna Get It),” “Giving Him Something He Can Feel,” “Free Your Mind” and “Whatta Man,” featuring Salt-N-Pepa. Since En Vogue’s 1990 debut, the ladies, who were the brain child of production team Denzil Foster and Thomas McElroy, set a standard for female R&B and pop acts like Destiny’s Child and the Pussy Cat Dolls.

Formed in 1996, **Montéz de Durango**, led by its founder and musical director, José Luis Terrazas, comprises a group of talented musicians who, like him, had a strong desire to succeed and make a difference in the Mexican regional music genre. One of the pioneers of the duranguense style, Montéz de Durango’s sound is deeply rooted in traditional Mexican music, but it is also influenced by the members’ hometown of Chicago. They have produced 21 albums including the million sellers *Dry Branch*,

Your Look, De Durango A Chicago, and Live from Chicago. Their stunning success has imposed a style in music, dance and fashion clothing.

The summer concerts are generously sponsored by American Medical Response, AV Furniture & Mattress, Antelope Valley Mall, BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse, Double D Cupcakes, Hilton Garden Inn, Logix Smarter Banking, Time Warner Cable News, Valleywide Dental, Ventura Graphix and Waste Management.

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, Peter Noone and Herman's Hermits, Tracy Lawrence, Josh Kelly, Blue Oyster Cult, Blood Sweat and Tears, Clay Walker, Morris Day and the Time, Fifth Harmony, Banda Machos and Phil Vassar.

For more information on the concert series, please visit www.cityofpalmdale.org/amp or call 661/267-5611.

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.

This year, The Amp will host several events in addition to the summer concert series and movies including:

GraceFest AV

Dating back to August 2007, GraceFest AV has become the Antelope Valley's Premier Music and Message festival. GraceFest returns to the Palmdale Amphitheater in Sept. for two amazing nights of music and fellowship. Tickets and info will be available at www.gracefestav.com. For more info, please call 661/722-6112.

G-Com Benefit Concert

The third annual G-Com Concert benefitting will be held in October to benefit the Wounded Warrior. It is a family friendly event that will include food and great live music. Info: gcomservices@outlook.com.

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 5K Walk

Saturday, Oct. 18. Registration begins at 7 am. Walk starts at 8 am. Hundreds of walkers are expected to gather for the national crusade to raise awareness and funds to fight against breast cancer. To learn more about the American Cancer Society or how to form a team for the event, call 1/800-227-2345 or contact Marissa Toth at AntelopeValleyCAStrides@cancer.org or 951/300-1208.

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall for the AV

Point Man Antelope Valley and the City of Palmdale will present the Mobile Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall for the Antelope Valley (AV Wall) on display in Nov. around the Veterans Day holiday. The public will have 24 hour a day access to the AV Wall while it is on display, and a series of events surrounding the display. For more information, please call 661/524-6408 or visit www.avwall.org.

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