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The Commodores Set to ‘Sail On’ at The Palmdale Amphitheater This Saturday

PALMDALE – Motown funk/soul legends The Commodores will take the Palmdale Amphitheater stage this Saturday, Sept 10 at 8 pm for an evening of memorable hit music.

For three decades, The Commodores have remained a force in the music industry. They formed the group in 1968 while all the members were in college at Tuskegee Institute. After being discovered by Berry Gordy, the Commodores went on to sell over 60 million records for Motown. With hits like “Machine Gun,” “Lady (You Bring Me Up),” “Brick House,” “Night Shift,” “Easy,” “Three Times a Lady,” “Just to Be Close to You,” and “Sail On,” the Commodores are proven artists.

“We are so pleased to present one of the most popular and successful musical acts of all time at the best place to hear live music in the Antelope Valley---the Palmdale Amphitheater,” said Palmdale’s Communications Manager John Mlynar. “The Commodores have amassed over 70 million albums sold, have had seven number one hits, five number one albums, 20 Top Ten singles, 15 Top 10 albums and are Grammy Award winners. That’s legendary!”

Tickets are available at www.palmdaleamphitheater.com and start at \$16.

“Buy your tickets online and you’ll save \$4,” Mlynar said. “Tickets go up to \$20 at the gate.”

Rounding out the City’s Summer Concert Series will be country star LeAnn Rimes on Sunday, Sept. 25 at 7:30 pm. Rimes has had 42 singles on the Billboard Hot Country Songs chart, 13 of which were Top 10 hits, and has scored numerous hit singles in her career, including “Can’t Fight the Moonlight” which went #1 in 11 countries, and “How Do I Live,” which is the second longest charting song ever on the Billboard Hot 100 chart. With more than 44 million albums sold, two Grammy® Awards, three Academy of Country Music Awards and 12 Billboard Music Awards, Rimes is also the youngest recipient ever of a Grammy® Award, and the first country recording artist to win in the “Best New Artist” category.

Tickets are available at www.palmdaleamphitheater.com and start at \$20. A limited number of VIP tickets are also available. To show appreciation for all their efforts in fighting the Sand Fire, which caused the cancellation of Rimes’ originally scheduled appearance on July 23, members of the U.S. Forest Service, Los Angeles County Fire Department, California Highway Patrol and Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department will receive free admission for themselves and a guest to the concert, simply by showing their ID or badge at the ticket booth.

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

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.

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, Air Supply, Newsboys, Peter Noone and Herman's Hermits, Tracy Lawrence, Josh Kelly, Blue Oyster Cult, Los Lobos, Montez de Durango, Blood Sweat and Tears, Clay Walker, Morris Day and the Time, Fifth Harmony, Banda Machos and Phil Vassar.

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