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#### **R&B Divas En Vogue to Perform at The Amp This Saturday**

PALMDALE – R&B divas En Vogue will take the stage at the Palmdale Amphitheater (The Amp) this Saturday, July 25 at 8 pm as part of the City of Palmdale’s summer concert series.

General admission tickets are \$10. Both VIP and general admission tickets are available at [www.cityofpalmdale.org/amp](http://www.cityofpalmdale.org/amp), or at the gate on 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 discounts on food from 6 to 7 pm.

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.

Now in its 11<sup>th</sup> year, the Summer Concert Series will conclude with duranguense stars Montéz de Durango on Aug. 1.

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

In addition to the music, each week one lucky person will get caught "green-handed" – disposing of recyclable and non-recyclable waste in the proper container – will win a backpack made of recycled materials, courtesy of Waste Management. Last week's winner was Brianna Tope of Palmdale. Valleywide Dental also gave away an Philips Sonicare toothbrush to the audience member with the best smile, which last week was Corinne Gatto of Lancaster.

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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.avwall.org).

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