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#### **Get Jazzed at the Amp This Saturday with The Herbie Kae & Tony Capko Band, Gina Eckstine and The Bill Fulton Band**

PALMDALE – The City of Palmdale’s summer concert series at the Palmdale Amphitheater continues this Saturday, Aug. 6 with **Get Jazzed at the Amp with The Herbie Kae & Tony Capko Band, Gina Eckstine and The Bill Fulton Band.**

Sharing the stage with the biggest names in jazz including Ric Braun, Peter White, and Jessy J and Jazz Attack, the **The Herbie Kae & Tony Capko Band** is an Antelope Valley staple. After backing major artists most of their careers, Herbie and Tony have joined forces to blend their musical talents, becoming a favorite at jazz festivals, concerts and amphitheaters. The group will showcase selections from their latest release, *Drive Time*, including traditional jazz, smooth jazz, funk and R&B in the style of artists such as Grover Washington, David Sanborn, Richard Elliott, Gerald Albright and Kenny G.

**Gina Eckstine** began singing professionally at age 7, performing in her father’s nightclub act. As a child, she was inspired and guided by household guests that included Quincy Jones, Sammy Davis Jr., Sarah Vaughan, and The Four Tops. The daughter of legendary jazz singer Billy Eckstine and model/actress Carolle Drake, Gina has traveled the world opening for Count Basie, Sammy Davis, Jr. and Bill Cosby. Following an appearance on *The Tonight Show*, she developed her own nightclub act

and spent a decade performing at every major hotel and casino in Lake Tahoe and Las Vegas, where she continues to perform, most recently at the Mirage. She performs a tribute to her legendary father at many Los Angeles jazz hot spots, and has recently released a new album, *All I Have Is Yours*.

California native **Bill Fulton** is a pianist, composer, arranger and producer. During his career, he's written music for Warner Bros, Hanna-Barbera, Cartoon Network, Nickelodeon, and many TV shows and commercials. In 2002 he founded the **Bill Fulton Band**, which has played in many LA venues, including the prestigious Playboy Jazz Festival.

Tickets are available at [www.palmdaleamphitheater.com](http://www.palmdaleamphitheater.com) and start at \$8. A limited number of VIP tickets are also available. Gates open at 4 pm, the show starts at 5 and goes until 10 pm. Food, beer, wine and soft drinks will be available for purchase. Outside food, beverages and coolers are not allowed in the venue, however each person may bring one factory-sealed bottle of water. Bring a blanket or lawn chair.

The Summer Concert Series continues with **The Commodores** on Sept. 10 and LeAnn Rimes on Sept. 25.

The Summer Concert Series is generously sponsored by American Medical Response, AVTA, Waste Management, Coca-Cola, Antelope Valley Mall, Valleywide Dental, Opportunities for Learning, Sierra Medical Group, 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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