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Country Star LeAnn Rimes Kicks Off Summer Concert Series at The Palmdale Amphitheater This Saturday

PALMDALE – Country star LeAnn Rimes takes the stage this Saturday, July 23 at 8 pm to kick off the City of Palmdale’s Summer Concert Series at the Palmdale Amphitheater, located at 2723 Rancho Vista Blvd.

Rimes has had 42 singles on the Billboard Hot Country Songs chart, 13 of which are 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.

General admission tickets are available at www.palmdaleamphitheater.com for \$20. Save by purchasing tickets in advance as tickets at the gate the day of the show will be \$25 . VIP seating is sold out.

The Summer Concert Series, now in its 12th year, will also feature **Super Soul Saturday: A Party for the Decades** featuring *DJ Streak, Bump City and Stone Soul*

on July 30; **Get Jazzed at the Amp with The Herbie Kae & Tony Capko Band, Gina Eckstine and The Bill Fulton Band** on August 6, and R&B legends The Commodores on Sept. 10.

Tickets are available at www.palmdaleamphitheater.com and start at \$8 for Super Soul Saturday and Get Jazzed, and \$16 for The Commodores.

For more information, please visit www.palmdaleamphitheater.com or call 661/267-5611.

The Summer Concert Series at Palmdale Amphitheater is generously sponsored by American Medical Response, AV Furniture & Mattress, Antelope Valley Mall, AVTA, BJ's Restaurant Brewhouse, Coca-Cola, Hilton Garden Inn, Lancaster JetHawks, Sierra Medical Group, Valleywide Dental, Ventura Graphix and Waste Management.

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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