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Country Star LeAnn Rimes to Perform Sunday September 25 at the Palmdale Amphitheater

PALMDALE – Grammy award winning country singer LeAnn Rimes will perform at the Palmdale Amphitheater, located at 2723 Rancho Vista Blvd. on Sunday, Sept. 25 at 7:30 pm

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.

The concert was originally scheduled for July 23, but was cancelled due to smoke caused by the Sand Fire. Tickets for the July 23 concert are valid for the Sept. 25 show.

To show appreciation for all their efforts in fighting the Sand Fire, 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.

"We are thrilled that we were able to reschedule LeAnn for what promises to be an excellent show on a beautiful Sunday evening," said Director of Recreation and Culture Keri Smith.

"Not only will we be treated to an amazing performance by LeAnn, but we'll also get to say 'thanks' to the brave men and women who protect us from disasters such as the Sand Fire," Smith added.

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.

Gates will open at 6 pm. Food, soft drinks, beer and wine will be available for purchase. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on.

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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