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West Coast Classical Kicks off Summer Season with
Three Shows at the Palmdale Playhouse This Weekend

PALMDALE – The Palmdale Playhouse, located at 38334 10th St. East in Palmdale, will host three performances by West Coast Classical beginning this Thursday.

On Thursday, June 2 at 7:30 pm, they take the stage for a performance of “A Little Night Music,” an instrumental musical experience by its Beginning String Orchestra, directed by Patricia Graham, and Beginning Band, directed by Jeffrey Kaser.

On Friday, June 3 at 7:30 pm West Coast presents “Music in the Air,” featuring the West Coast Classical String Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Saxophone Choir and Flute Choir performing popular classical, pop and jazz compositions.

Wrapping up the shows on Saturday, June 4, 7:30 pm, West Coast presents “Sounds 2 Beautiful.” Directed by Patricia Graham, the West Coast Classical Concert and Symphonic Orchestras will immerse the audience in an integrating musical symphony. Highlights include Orca Symphony by Serj Tankian from the Grammy awarding winning rock band System Of A Down. Also featured is the popular Donna Diana Overture by Emil Nikolaus von Reznicek and an exceptional piece, *Clarinet Concerto in E Flat*, by Franz Krommer.

Tickets for each of these three performances are \$15.

Tickets for most Palmdale Playhouse events may be purchased online at www.cityofpalmdale.org/playhouse, or at the Box Office beginning two hours before each show, 38334 10th St. East. For more information, please call 661/267-5684.

About West Coast Classical

West Coast Classical is a non-profit organization that provides access to the musical arts for community members of all backgrounds and skill levels who seek to achieve excellence in orchestral, ensemble and classroom experiences. Comprised of musicians aged 10 to 70 years, all have a common love for music and a willingness to dedicate every Wednesday evening to rehearsing; some groups also meet on Saturdays. Students make important friendships and discover a passion for music that continues whether or not they pursue a career in music.

Program Directors

Patricia Graham has been an active professional musician for more than 25 years. She has conducted West Coast Classical, formerly Palmdale Concert & Symphonic Orchestras, for 18 years. She has a private studio with 70+ students; has played with AV Symphony Orchestra, Bakersfield Symphony Orchestra and Santa Maria Philharmonic Orchestra; played in pit orchestras for 20+ shows; has her own quartet; and has been music director for 50+ musical stage productions.

Jeff Kaser is director of West Coast Classical Wind Ensemble and Flute Choirs, and coaches woodwinds and brass for West Coast Classical Concert and Symphonic orchestras. He teaches music theory and jazz improvisation through West Coast Classical. An active musician in the Los Angeles area, he specializes in saxophone, flute, clarinet and oboe performing in studio sessions, clubs, theatre orchestras, symphony orchestras, private events, and concert venues. He also gives private music instruction for all levels and ages.