

Historic Hemet Theatre

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TRIBUTE TO TOM PETTY PACKS THE HOUSE AT HHT

Tribute Mania Season One at the Historic Hemet Theatre ended with sold out Tribute to Tom Petty on Saturday April 28th. Petty and the Heartshakers were masterful in their recreation of all the classic Petty hits, prompting thunderous applause with every song.

From the first song to the last, enthusiastic fans filled the dance floor. At times it seemed as if half the audience was rockin' at the foot of the stage. This concert attracted a wide age range of fans, from teens and twenties to the golden agers that have loved the music of Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers ever since they jumped into the music scene in the 1970's. By the end of the night, HHT had added dozens of more fans vowing to return again and again.

After the show, lead singer Dan Grennes shared the band's enthusiasm for Hemet's charming old movie house. "Las Vegas has nothing like this place. The charm, the acoustics, the enthusiasm of the crowd are all amazing! We can't wait to come back to Hemet!"

The raffle drawing at intermission included a special custom Tom Petty tribute guitar donated by Loco Lady Guitar. Raffle prizes were also donated by VIP Auto, The Hemet Museum, Ruth and Milton Maser and Golden Era Productions. In total, Season One raffles have raised over \$3800 for the Building Fund.

Season One (January thru April 2018) featured eight concerts, including tributes to The Beatles, Rod Stewart, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Santana, Bob Seger, Fleetwood Mac, Bruce Springsteen and Tom Petty. The season hosted more than 2,600 patrons, added over \$66k in revenue for the Foundation. Season Sponsors included The Soboba Foundation, VIP Auto, Gary & Paulette Anderson, The Harvard Street Music Exchange, Total Yard Care, Nicholas & Lynda Arcuri, Authority Real Estate, Gary & Cheryl Oakley, Downtown Deli, Arrow Printing, and Jimmy D's Car Care Center.

Season Two (May thru August) will feature tributes to The Rolling Stones, Led Zeppelin, The Who, The Doobie Brothers, Chicago, The Bee Gees, The Eagles and Abba. Showtime for all Tribute Mania concerts is 7:00 pm, with doors open at 6:15 pm. Tickets are \$22 presale / \$25 day of show.

HHT also features classic films for just \$5 every Monday and Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm. Coming up on Monday May 7th, *Made For Each Other* (1939) starring Carole Lombard, James Stewart, and Charles Coburn, and on Tuesday May 8th, *Suddenly* (1954) starring Frank Sinatra, Sterling Hayden, and James Gleason.

Information on all theatre events is available at www.HistoricHemetTheatre.com or by calling the ticket office, (951) 658-5950. A weekly email blast of upcoming events is available by enrolling on the website.

Event tickets are available online at www.PurplePass.com or at the theatre ticket office. Ticket Office hours are Monday thru Friday 11 am to 6 pm. Tickets are also available at the Downtown Deli, 113 N Harvard St and the Harvard Street Music Exchange, 134 S Harvard St.