

Historic Hemet Theatre

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TRIBUTE TO THE WHO DELIVERS SMOKIN' PERFORMANCE

The weather in Hemet is just starting to heat up, but the Tribute Mania concerts at the Historic Hemet Theatre are "smokin' hot" in every season -- just like the one last Saturday night when WhosNext was in town for a dynamic tribute to The Who.

The dance floor gathered fans while the entire auditorium filled with cheers and applause throughout the night. "WhosNext" delivered an amazing recreation not just the classic hits of The Who, but also the energy and excitement of The Who's live performance. During the last song, the audience suddenly noticed smoke drifting up from one of the amplifiers on stage. It took everyone a few moments to realize that it was a special effect staged by the band as a recreation of one of the effects that The Who was famous for on their concert tours.

After the show, fans gathered in the lobby, with rave reviews for the show. They stayed to meet the band, pose for photos and purchase a t-shirt or CD as a keepsake. And the band had rave reviews for HHT and their energetic audience -- one of their favorites places to perform.

Next up in the Tribute Mania Concert Series is a Tribute to The Doobie Brothers by China Grove on Saturday June 23rd. This band will take fans back to those sweet summer nights of their youth, "Rockin' down the highway" with over 40 years of hits — an infectious combination of rock, country, R&B, jazz, and folk/Americana. Some of The Doobie Brothers best known hits include Black Water, Takin' it to the Streets, Rockin' Down the Highway, Real Love, China Grove, Long Train Runnin', and What a Fool Believes.

Visiting from Los Angeles, China Grove is David Huffman (guitar, vocals), Matt Rodela (bass, guitar, vocals), Daniel Villa (keyboards, guitar, vocals), Ron Nuttall (drums, vocals), Lawrence Tamez (sax, percussion), and Holger Fath (guitars, vocals).

Tickets for the Tribute to The Doobie Brothers are selling fast, but a few will likely still be available day of show. Other concerts in the season include tributes to Chicago (July 7), The Bee Gees (July 14), The Eagles (August 4), and Abba (August 18). 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 June 18th, *Life With Father* (1947) starring William Powell, Irene Dunne, and Elizabeth Taylor, and on Tuesday June 19th, *The Long Shot* (1939) starring Gordon Jones, Marsha Hunt, and C. Henry Gordon.

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.