

# Historic Hemet Theatre

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## HHT REVEALS NEW LOBBY DECOR

The Historic Hemet Theatre began Season Three of the Tribute Mania Concert Series on Saturday September 8th, celebrating the reveal of new lobby decor and staff uniforms. The new lobby decor was designed by Steve Covington (owner of Downtown Deli and Covington Design) and is a restoration of the lobby from the 1930's and 40's, while retaining the expanded layout from the 1960's. The architect for the project is Jerome Scott. Richard Maddock did the drywall and plaster work and Tim Owen Custom Painting did the majority of the lobby painting, with Steve providing finishing touches. Tuxedo-style vests for the staff were designed by Sherry Kidby.

Additional decor changes will take place in the next couple of months, including new carpet from New Horizons Carpets, custom chandeliers by Joell Ortiz, and two hand-painted murals by local artists from the Hemet Valley Art Association. Home Depot will help with refrigeration equipment for the concession area.

The lobby is the first phase in a project that will renovate all areas of the facility, culminating in a 100th Birthday Celebration in 2021. Funds for the renovation are being raised through grants, raffles and a special fundraising campaign. In total, the Century Club campaign is expected to raise over a million dollars in the next four years.

Meanwhile, Fools Logic was in town performing their high-energy tribute to Supertramp. The house was not full, but the enthusiasm of the crowd was evident as they clapped, cheered and whistled their appreciation with every classic hit. The audience included many new patrons, each falling under the spell of Hemet's charming old movie house.

Season Three of the Tribute Mania Concert Series continues with Tribute to Three Dog Night featuring 3DN (Sept 22), Tribute to The Cars with Heartbeat City (Oct 6), Tribute to Foreigner featuring 4NR (Oct 20), Tribute to Creedence Clearwater Revival with Fortunate Son (Nov 3), Tribute to Neil Diamond with Dean Colley and Hot August Night (Nov 17), Tribute to Queen featuring Queen Nation (Dec 8), and Cash, Killer and the King: a tribute to Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Elvis (Dec 15).

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. Tickets for the Tribute to Three Dog Night are selling quickly and are expected to sell out before day of show.

Information on all theatre events is available at [www.HistoricHemetTheatre.com](http://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](http://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.

