

Historic Hemet Theatre

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THE GROWING POPULARITY OF TRIBUTE SHOWS

The Historic Hemet Theatre captures the trend with their Tribute Mania series

There are lots of musical groups out there playing classic rock 'n roll across the country. But there is a very special collection of bands that specialize in recreating the unique sound of just one band.... a musical experience called a tribute.

A tribute band is not just a "cover band" that performs songs by other artists. The tribute band is a time machine designed to transport you back to an era when music was a centerpiece of your life.

Most of us can still recall the first album that we owned. The one we played so often that we wore out the grooves in the vinyl. Few were lucky enough to own a large collection, so we played the same records over and over.... four or five dropping on top of each other on the record player. Later it was the 8-track cassette and the compact cassette that captured that unmistakable sound. You knew the song before the first note was sung. Every tone forever etched in our memory.

So when a tribute band steps out on stage, it takes you back in time. You can close your eyes and listen to a recreation that is so close it startles you. Suddenly you find yourself reminiscing about that quirky roommate or an old flame you met at a dance. And you find yourself singing along, your foot tapping to the beat.

And tributes go far beyond just recreating a classic sound. Many tributes include costumes, choreography or a British accent. Some include trivia about the band. A few project images on a screen behind them during the show.

It is not quite the concert on your Bucket List, watching an iconic group of musician on a stadium jumbotron with twenty thousand screaming fans. But for a growing number of Inland Empire fans, an evening experiencing their favorite music live in a concert venue with great acoustics, comfortable seats and a dance floor is a trip down memory lane that is irresistible.

Upcoming concerts in the Tribute Mania Series include 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). This month, HHT will announce the next season of Tribute Mania concerts starting in January 2019.

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. 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.



Dean Colley captures the audience with his Tribute to Neil Diamond



Queen Nation travels the country performing the classic hits of Queen