

Historic Hemet Theatre

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN FOCUS AT HHT

To celebrate Black History Month, the Historic Hemet Theatre will host two concerts featuring the music of famous black musicians.

First in the lineup on Saturday February 9th is a Tribute to Marvin Gaye featuring Grammy Award winner Jackie's Boy.

Marvin Gaye helped shape the sound of Motown in the 60's and 70's, with a string of hits including "I Heard it Through the Grapevine," "Let's Get It On," "What's Going On," "Mercy, Mercy Me" and "How Sweet It Is (To Be Loved By You)." Gaye died prematurely at the age of 44 when he was fatally shot by his own father. But his impact on the music industry has prompted many institutions to honor him posthumously—including a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award and induction into the Rhythm and Blues Music Hall of Fame, the Songwriters Hall of Fame and the Rock and the Roll Hall of Fame.

Jackie's Boy is a Grammy Award winning singer and songwriter who has sold over 16 million albums worldwide. Based in Los Angeles, he travels the country celebrating the life and music of Marvin Gaye.

The next concert in the lineup is the latest in the "Friday Nite Live!" Concert Series, featuring the valley's own Jerome Robinson. Jerome was the lead singer for the 2nd Generation Platters and will bring his group to town for a special appearance on Friday February 15th. The concert will also feature a guest appearance by Elena V performing her Tribute to Aretha Franklin.

The Platters was one of the first African-American groups to be accepted as major recording artists and were, for a period of time, the most successful vocal group in the world. Top hits include "Only You," "The Great Pretender," "(You've Got) The Magic Touch," "Harbor Lights," and "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes."

Aretha Franklin, known as the "Queen of Soul," recorded 112 hit songs, becoming the most charted female artist in history. Her top hits include "Respect," "Chain of Fools," "Think," "(You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman," "I Never Loved a Man (The Way I Love You)," and "I Say a Little Prayer."

The remainder of the Tribute Mania Season One includes The Glen Campbell Story (Feb 23), The Music of John Denver (Mar 9), Tribute to AC/DC (Mar 23), The Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons Tribute (Apr 6), and Tribute to The Doors (Apr 27).

Tickets for Tribute Mania and Friday Nite Live shows are \$22 presale / \$25 day of show. Showtime is 7:00 pm, with doors open at 6:15 pm. Information on all theatre events is available at www.HistoricHemetTheatre.com or by calling the ticket office, (951) 658-5950.