

Historic Hemet Theatre

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BON JOVI TRIBUTE ATTRACTS GENERATIONS TO HHT

On Saturday May 11th, HHT hosted a Tribute to Bon Jovi, attracting fans from multiple generations to Hemet's downtown community arts center. Most of the fans were there to reminisce about their youth back in the 1980's. But large segments of the audience were from younger generations of fans, discovering the music of Jon Bon Jovi through the decades as the rock star has continued to reinvent himself.

The result was a multi-generational dance party at the foot of the stage, every song drawing fans to their feet. From the first notes of "Lay Your Hands On Me" through two hours of rock and three encores, the crowd clapped, cheered, and sang along with Jerry March, the lead singer of WANTED.

March told the crowd that the band had been apprehensive about playing a show on the Saturday before Mothers Day. They have experienced weak attendances in the past, sometimes playing to an audience as small as 30 people. But in Hemet the fans came out -- ready to rock and roll. A few fans even brought their mom to the show with them. The event was not a sellout, but the roar from the crowd was as loud and enthusiastic as any HHT event, the dance floor filled to capacity all night.

By the end of the show, fans were raving that WANTED was the performance yet and Jerry March was heard telling fans that HHT is their favorite venue to play.

This show was the first in Season Two of the Tribute Mania Concert Series. The season continues with tributes to The Allman Brothers (5/25) Bob Seger (6/8), Santana (6/22), Led Zeppelin (7/6), Aerosmith (7/20), REO Speedwagon (8/3), and Tom Petty (8/17).

Upcoming concerts in the Friday Nite Live series include tributes to Creedence Clearwater Revival (5/31), and Johnny Cash (6/14).

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.