

# Historic Hemet Theatre

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## 5 BAND SENDOFF ROCKS HHT

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On Sunday July 18<sup>th</sup>, HHT hosted a Celebration of Life for Program Director Bryan Carrier. And what a sendoff it was!

The 4-hour extravaganza started with a memorial service, with some of the same features you might expect: elaborate florals created by Bryan's sister-in-law, Jan Knox; Bryan's brother provided a poignant eulogy; Deacon Tom Hayward, an old friend, came down from Vancouver WA to lead the group in prayer; and lots of family and friends got up to talk about Bryan's quick wit and deep affection for everyone around him.



A group of missionaries from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints performed a wonderful acapella version of "How Great Thou Art." (The missionaries are heavily involved with the maintenance and renovation of the theatre and have worked with Bryan on a weekly basis for years.)

There was also a stunning solo of "Take My Hand, Precious Lord" performed by Brad Ford, lead singer of Fortunate Son – the nation's top tribute to Creedence Clearwater Revival.

But then the Celebration turned into a party. Five tribute bands were on hand to play tribute to Bryan, including "Taylor Made Tapestry" (tribute to James Taylor and Carole King), Pure Bread (tribute to Bread), Deja Vu (tribute to Crosby Stills, Nash & Young), The Long Run (tribute to the Eagles), and Fortunate Son (tribute to Creedence Clearwater Revival).

Catering for the event was provided by Downtown Deli and Coffee Company, Harvard Street Bakery, and Too Haute to Handle.

Information on all theatre events is available at [www.HistoricHemetTheatre.com](http://www.HistoricHemetTheatre.com) or by calling the ticket office, (951) 658-5950. You can subscribe to the HHT email blast by enrolling on the website.

Event tickets are available at the theatre Box Office (Monday thru Friday 11 am to 5pm) or online at [www.PurplePass.com](http://www.PurplePass.com). Tickets are also available at the Downtown Deli, 113 N Harvard St and the Harvard Street Music Exchange, 134 S Harvard St.