

Hot August Nights 2010 Entertainment

4TROOPS

This year's Saturday Night concert at the Grand Sierra Resort will feature four special guests who will be opening for The Al McKay Allstars and this group has gained much national attention lately.

A new musical group, called 4TROOPS, consists of four former soldiers who served in either Iraq or Afghanistan. This talented quartet will sing in front of fans, paying homage to their fellow service men and women.

The group has already made an appearance on "Good Morning America" and has visited bases around the country, including Fort Hood, Fort Sam Houston and Fort Bragg, so they aren't strangers to big crowds. As their name suggests, the four singers are hoping to sell their new album and tour the country to raise money and awareness for the troops.

"It's very rewarding for all of us. Now we're on the other side as civilians, we want to continue to recognize the job that these servicemen and women are doing for the country. We're just saying thank you," said Staff Sgt. (Ret.) Ron Henry, who's in the foursome.

This group was hand-picked for 4Troops, who have since created an album that features well-known patriotic favorites, like "Battle Hymn of the Republic", "Grand Old Flag" and "America the Beautiful", plus country and pop songs like "Bless the Broken Road" and "Dance with my Father."

THE AL MCKAY ALLSTARS TRIBUTE TO EARTH, WIND & FIRE

Five-time Grammy award winner, Albert McKay, has set standards of excellence throughout his career. Besides being one of the driving forces behind the success of Earth, Wind and Fire, Al McKay has continued to grace countless recording sessions with his trademark rhythm guitar style for nearly 30 years.

McKay performed with the likes of Ike & Tina Turner, Etta James, Isaac Hayes and Sammy Davis, Jr., just to name a few. He also recorded with such stars as Smokey Robinson, The Jackson Five, Gladys Knight and the Pips, and many more.

Al McKay went on to become a founding member of Earth, Wind and Fire; a group that became the world's number one touring band with album sales exceeding 40 million units worldwide. McKay's contributed to numerous, double platinum compositions such as "Sing A Song", "Saturday Night", "Best of My Love" and the Grammy award nominated, "September."

In his continuing climb upwards, McKay, during the group's height in 1981, surrendered his position as songwriter/guitarist and moved on to produce, write and perform, earning him an overall total of 38 assorted gold and platinum records. Al has not stopped long enough to ever regret his decision to leave Earth, Wind and Fire. After a well deserved five year hiatus, McKay re-entered the touring arena with a hand picked 13 piece band called The Al McKay Allstars.

THE BUCKINGHAMS

One of the most beloved and respected Chicago bands ever to explode onto the national scene, The Buckingham's live concerts pack power into 60s pop rock. Bringing back great memories with chart-topping 60s hits. The Buckingham's also perform popular 70s favorites in their sets, electrifying audiences with high-energy fun.

Their #1 song, "Kind of a Drag" is a standout favorite that first made them famous. With 7 Top 20 national hit singles and 3 acclaimed albums to their name, The Buckingham's original members Carl Giammarese and Nick Fortuna deliver nonstop, solid gold, high-energy performances that audiences appreciate and request. With 3 songs on the Top 10 simultaneously, The Buckingham's enjoyed phenomenal success with hit singles including the powerful "Don't You Care," the jazzy "Mercy, Mercy, Mercy," and the national anthem of teenage love, "Hey Baby, They're Playing Our Song," on the national charts all at once. In 1968, the Buckingham's debuted "Susan" on The Ed Sullivan Show.

DANNY & THE JUNIORS

Danny & The Juniors, began singing together in the early 1950's at ages 13 and 14 in Philadelphia. The Juvenaires, as they were called then, heard a new sound dubbed Rock n' Roll and quickly decided to become part of the new movement.

It wasn't very long before the youths were discovered and re-named Danny & The Juniors. They recorded one of their own original songs called "At The Hop".

The song quickly became a monumental hit reaching #1 on the pop, country and rhythm and blues charts. The Group immediately followed with another hit, "Rock And Roll Is Here To Stay", plus dance classics "Twistin' USA" and "Pony Express". These were the first of a string of eleven charted recordings. Their latest albums are the MCA' release Rockin' With Danny And The Juniors, the Collectibles release Danny And The Juniors - Classic Golden Greats.

THE SPINNERS

It should come as no surprise that The Spinners have always made timeless music. Their classic group sound and approach never loses its universal appeal. Throughout the years they have acquired twelve (12) gold records with hits on top of both Pop and R&B charts and they are one of the few groups who can boast of four lead singers. Today, original members Bobbie Smith, Henry Fambrough, and Pervis Jackson are joined onstage by lead singer Charlton Washington, high tenor Harold "Spike" Bonhart and a soul- infused 5-piece band.

A partial list of their hit singles on Atlantic include "Mighty Love," "Then Came You," "I'll Be Around," "One Of A Kind (Love Affair)," "Games People Play," and "Could It Be." In 1979, The Spinners completed their first collaboration with producer Michael Zager, and by early 1980, the single, "Working My Way Back to You," was topping Pop and R&B charts giving the group its 12th gold record.

HERMAN'S HERMITS STARRING PETER NOONE

Herman's Hermits starring Peter Noone was a bigger act than the Beatles selling over 52 million records, 23 top hits and the highest grossing act and biggest record-seller in the world for two years in a row.

Noone is a songwriter, guitarist, pianist and actor who became a pop music star in the 1960's, at the height of the British Invasion. Noone is lead singer and front man of the now-legendary 60's rock group Herman's Hermits. As "Herman," the photogenic Noone graced the cover of nearly every international publication, including TIME magazine.

With songs like "Mrs. Brown You've Got a Lovely Daughter", and "I'm Henry the VIII, I Am", Herman's Hermits outsold every recording act in the world. "There's A Kind of Hush (All Over the World)", "I'm Into Something Good", "Wonderful World", "Listen People", "Leaning on the Lamp Post", and "Silhouettes", are just a few of the worldwide hits of Herman's Hermits. Peter Noone having his first #1 record at the age of 15, he was the consummate teen idol.

JAY AND THE AMERICANS

"Only In America" - In one of the greatest turnabouts in Rock and Roll history, the group Jay And The Americans, started by four teenage boys in Sandy Yaguda's Brooklyn basement 40 years ago. Very few bands have ever reached the musical heights of Jay And The Americans. From 1962- 1971, this group charted an unprecedented "12" top 10 records. With three original band members, they have recreated the authentic sound of all of their great hits that everyone remembers.

Jay And The Americans first record was "Tonight", and their breakout hit song was "She Cried". Jay And The Americans next chart hit was "Only In America", followed by top ten hits "Come A Little Bit Closer" and later "This Magic Moment".

"OH WHAT A NIGHT!" A TRIBUTE TO FRANKIE VALLI AND THE FOUR SEASONS

OH WHAT A NIGHT! is an exciting musical revue written by Motown producer and creative consultant George Solomon, directed by award-winning producer/director Michael Chapman with choreography by Paul Holmquist. "Sherry", "Big Girls

Don't Cry", "Walk Like A Man", "Can't Take My Eyes Off You", "My Eyes Adored You", "Working "My Way Back To You", "Let's Hang On" and "Who Loves You" are just some of the many hits you'll enjoy from the dynamic songbook of those boys from Jersey, FRANKIE VALLI & THE FOUR SEASONS.

SONNY TURNER FORMER LEAD SINGER OF THE PLATTERS

As former lead singer of the Platters, Sonny Turner brings his 50-year musical legacy back to Hot August Nights once again.

At age 19 in 1959, Sonny Turner auditioned as the lead singer for the Platters and got the role. Turner went on to record several Platter hits including "With This Ring," "Washed Ashore" and "I Love You One Thousand Times".

Sonny Turner is the consummate showman. He is a charismatic singer, dancer, and comedian, who has tremendous stage presence and a special rapport with his audience. Yet, he does it with approachable warmth and not with the arrogance so prevalent with many other performers.

Fans will be captivated by the Platter's great hits including such memorable tunes as, "Only You", "The Great Pretender", "You've Got the Magic Touch", "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes", and "My Prayer".

SURFIN' SAFARI - THE ULTIMATE TRIBUTE TO THE BEACH BOYS

Surfin' Safari® is a faithful recreation of what it would have been like to see The Beach Boys live, in concert, in their prime. The incomparable beauty of their vocal harmonies, the crashing back beat of Dennis Wilson's drums, the soaring surf guitar of Carl Wilson, and the genius of Brian Wilson's music are all here. The uniband choreography, the Fender guitar line up, the famous custom striped shirts, right down to the black suede Beach Boys boots, it's all here.

Surfin' Safari® has taken great care to preserve the honor and integrity of the music of the Beach Boys and delivers a show that will leave you with a mile wide smile, a jump in your step, and a feeling of joy in your heart.