

Tuesday, April 14, 2015

**FIFTH ANNUAL BIG RED RIB & MUSIC FESTIVAL
 MAIN STAGE SCHEDULE IS SET; MORRIS DAY & THE TIME
 ADDED TO SATURDAY NIGHT**

Great entertainment will once again be a cornerstone of the Farmer John Big Red Rib & Music Festival. The Great Lawn at Sportsman’s Park, outside of University of Phoenix Stadium, will feature both national headlining acts along with local Arizona bands Friday through Sunday. The excitement begins on Thursday, April 30 with the Arizona Cardinals Draft Party and continues through Sunday, May 3.

MAIN STAGE SCHEDULE:			
THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
4:45 PM Arizona Cardinals Cheerleaders	5:45 PM The Walkens	1:00 PM Shallow Water	1:00 PM El Chanconkle
5:00 PM NFL Draft Coverage	8:00 PM Beatlemania Live!*	2:45 PM Whiskey’s Quicker	2:30 PM Beto Peña
	Fireworks Spectacular	4:30 PM Groove Merchants	4:00 PM Caracter Y Estilo
		7:00 PM Morris Day & The Time	5:30 PM La Brissa
		9:00 PM KC & The Sunshine Band	7:30 PM Tigrillo Palma
			Fireworks Spectacular

Below is more information on the bands performing on the main stage:

The Walkens (Friday – 5:45 PM) play everything from Top 40 to country to classic rock to Motown. They are one of the most sought after bands in Phoenix and the Southwest.. The Walkens have shared the stage or opened for national acts such as the Gin Blossoms, Tonic, Trapt, Darius Rucker, Collective Soul and more.

Beatlemania Live!* (Friday – 7:30 PM) has four complete, authentic costume changes to accompany the music from every era: Ed Sullivan, Shea Stadium, Sgt. Pepper and Abbey Road. Over 35 of your favorite songs will be performed during this two-hour show. (*Beatlemania Live! is not sponsored, endorsed by, or affiliated in any way with Apple Corp. Ltd. or The Beatles.)

Shallow Water (Saturday – 1:00 PM) performs the best of pop, rock, disco and dance music from the golden age to modern day. With their non-stop high energy and funky groove with horns, they will get the party started and keep you dancing.

Whiskey's Quicker (Saturday – 2:45 PM) is a hard-charging, high-energy rock band formed by local media personality Dan Bickley (rhythm guitar). The band has opened for Eddie Money and played at Super Bowl Central, PIR and Arizona Bike Week. Whiskey's Quicker features an All-Star lineup of local musicians including Joe Palma (lead guitar); Gary Hake (bass); Matt Evans (vocals); and Sam Young (drums).

Groove Merchants (Saturday – 4:30 PM) are a 10 piece band, six of whom sing, a smokin' Horn Section and one of the most versatile Rhythm Sections anywhere. This is a real band that plays real music. No electronic tricks or backing tracks. Their play list runs the gamut, and includes new and classic Soul, R & B, Classic Rock and Jazz.

Morris Day and The Time (Saturday – 7:00 PM) burst onto the public scene with the group's self-titled album, *The Time* which included "Get It Up," "Cool," and "Girl." The group went on to record three more albums, including *What Time Is It?* (featuring the hits "777-9311," "Wild & Loose" and "Walk") and *Ice Cream Castle*, (which included the hit "Jungle Love").

KC & The Sunshine Band (Saturday – 9:00 PM) are still as widely popular today as they were when they first danced into the music scene 40 years ago. Harry Wayne Casey – KC for short – developed a unique fusion of R&B and funk, with a hint of a Latin percussion groove, giving us an impressive string of hits like "Get Down Tonight," "That's The Way (I Like It)" and "Shake Your Booty."

Chanconkle (Sunday – 1:00PM) has experienced tremendous popularity with his unique charisma which has attracted thousands of followers. Chanconkle brings the original Norteno style to his shows. Originally from the Mexican State of Coahuila, his Norteno music is inspired by his roots and culture.

Beto Peña (Sunday – 2:30PM) is a rising star that has been increasing in popularity and comes from Guadalajara, Mexico. He has also been called the next jewel of the new generation of Banda and regional Mexican music.

Caracter y Estilo (Sunday – 4:00PM) has accompanied Tito Torbellino, a well-recognized artist, that played regional Mexican Music for the last three years. They are promoting their first single “Caricias y Bombones”. Caracter y Estilo has a very unique style of accordion rhythms bringing honor to their bands name with character and style.

La Brissa (Sunday – 5:30PM) was established in 1975 in Estación Corral, Sonora, México. Their major hits include “Bota la bata,” “El besito,” “El sapito,” “El viejo de la carrucha,” and “Juana la cubana.”

Tigrillo Palma (Sunday – 7:30PM) is a regional Mexican artist from Sinaloa. Some of his many hits include “El 24” and “El Bazucazo.” He is a well-recognized artist from a generation that sings original Mexican Corridos.

Event Schedule:

Thursday, April 30---4:30 PM-9:00 PM (Arizona Cardinals Draft Party - Free admission)

Friday, May 1---5:00 PM-11:00 PM

Saturday, May 2---12:00 PM-11:00 PM

Sunday, May 3---12:00 PM-9:30 PM

Event Location and Parking:

The Great Lawn at Sportsman’s Park is just located to the west of University of Phoenix Stadium. Free event parking will be available in the West (Orange) carpark.

Ticket Information:

General Admission tickets for Friday, Saturday and Sunday are only \$9.00 for adults. General admission tickets for seniors (60 & over) along with active and retired military are \$5.00. Children 12 and under are admitted free all four days. General admission tickets can be purchased in advance at the University of Phoenix Stadium ticket office or at the Big Red Rib & Music Festival entrance on event day.

**A limited amount of reserved seats can be purchased for Friday (Beatlemania Live!), Saturday (KC & The Sunshine Band with opening act Morris Day & the Time) and Sunday (Tigrillo Palma). These tickets are on sale now and can be purchased on-line at www.ticketmaster.com or at the University of Phoenix Stadium ticket office.

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