

Tenth Anniversary 2010

THE MARINA DEL REY SUMMER CONCERTS

present

FLORENCE LA RUE

AND

THE 5TH DIMENSION

Saturday, July 17, 2010, 7:00 pm

Burton Chace Park - Marina del Rey

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The 5th Dimension

In 1967, a two-year-old fledgling singing group called The 5th Dimension recorded *Up, Up and Away*, a song that became one of the biggest hits in music history. Their recording won four Grammy Awards, catapulting the group to stardom, and their story has been one of success ever since.

Now a seven-time Grammy winner, The 5th Dimension is one of the most popular singing groups in the world. The group has released over a dozen hit albums and earned fourteen gold and five platinum records; and its classic hits include *Go Where You Wanna Go*; *Last Night, I didn't Get to Sleep*; *Wedding Bell Blues*; *Stoned Soul Picnic*; *One Less Bell to Answer*; and *Aquarius/Let the Sunshine In*.

In growing and changing with the times (without sacrificing their roots), the group continues to appeal to a wide audience, as they headline at some of the world's most prestigious and glamorous venues; including appearing with symphony orchestras and performing in Las Vegas and Atlantic City. Their wholesome appeal has also allowed the group to appear at places such as Disneyland in Los

Angeles and Disney World in Florida. The 5th Dimension also tours extensively throughout the rest of the United States, Europe and the Orient.

The 5th Dimension made theatrical history as the first group to perform in a Broadway play when they starred in the national tour of the Tony Award-winning musical, *Ain't Misbehavin'*. Preferring to be innovators rather than imitators, original member Florence LaRue, along with Willie Williams, Michael Mishaw, Leonard Tucker and Jamila Ajibade have put together a show and sound that is distinctively their own. Offering more vocal range than ever and material that is fresh and varied, their show appeals not only to their long-time fans, but to the next generation, who attend the shows with them.

A writer for *The Hollywood Reporter* wrote: "The entrance of Florence LaRue to the center spot seems to account for the group's new fire." Reviewer Ann Marie Stewart of the *South Bend Tribune* said, "The 5th Dimension lifts the audience. The group sang all their hits. The show was fluid and well rehearsed and the group shone brilliantly." The combined

efforts of the group's five members create an event of sonic and visual energy.

"People who come to hear The 5th Dimension expect to hear our hits," says Florence, "so, of course, many are included. But, in order to stay fresh, we also include newer material, tailoring our shows for each audience. We are also more versatile and spontaneous now than we were in the past." Perhaps a recent reviewer, David Spatz of *The Atlantic City Press*, said it best: "Personnel changes have done little to affect the overall quality of The 5th Dimension sound. The blend of voices is giving The 5th Dimension a well-deserved reputation for producing some of the cleanest sounding music of this era. The group is comprised of five very different personalities and contrasting voices that have set a standard for music quality few groups could ever match."

Although their touring schedule keeps them busy, The 5th Dimension anticipates more television appearances and recording a new CD in the near future. "We plan for our new recordings to reflect the versatility of our live shows," explains Florence, "which include a mix of country music,

gospel, R&B and pop. We are truly excited about exploring new dimensions for the group.”

Please Join Us

Be with us on July 31 when we present James Darren and his orchestra in concert. As actor, director, recording artist and Grammy nominee, James Darren has made an indelible mark in the entertainment industry and he is returning to the Marina del Rey Summer Concert stage, having been one of our most popular guests.

Our next classical concert, on Thursday, July 22, will present the brilliant 20-year-old American pianist Claire Huangci who joins Maestro Frank Fetta and the Marina del Rey Summer Symphony in a performance of Serge Prokofiev’s Concerto no. 3 in G major. You won’t want to miss this young pianist, called by critics “one of this century’s major talents.”

Special Mention

- **Yamaha is the official piano of the Marina del Rey Summer Concerts.**

- **Technical Director for the Marina del Rey Summer Concerts is James Ciancaglini.**
- **Chief Sound Engineer is Martyn Claes.**
- **Sound, power, backline, and lighting equipment provided by Auntie M Creative Consultants.**
- **Tents and stages provided by AAA Rents and Events, Van Nuys, California.**
- **Chairs are available for rent at the concert site. Call Hornblower Café at 310-823-8400 for advance rental orders.**
- **Hornblower Café in the Park is open for sunset dining on concert nights, offering a varied selection of food and beverages.**

Transportation

We offer two methods of transportation directly to and from the concert site. The WaterBus, operating from seven locations throughout Marina del Rey, serves concert-goers exclusively on Classical Thursdays from 5 pm to midnight. On Pop Saturdays the WaterBus operates from 11 am to midnight. \$1.00 per person, each way.

You can also catch a ride on land with the free Beach Shuttle, which runs shuttle service directly to and from Chace Park on concert nights.

You can download Marina del Rey WaterBus and Beach Shuttle brochures from the Beaches and Harbors website at marinadelrey.lacounty.gov.

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