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**JAMES DARREN HEADLINES MARINA DEL REY
SUMMER CONCERTS JULY 31**

MARINA DEL REY, CALIF – July 6, 2010 - Film and television star and Grammy nominated singer James Darren will appear with his orchestra in concert at The Marina del Rey Summer Concerts Saturday July 31, at 7:00 pm in Burton Chace Park, 13650 Mindanao Way, Marina del Rey. The concert is presented free to the public.

James Darren enjoys a multi-faceted show business career that spans over five decades. Born in South Philadelphia, Darren by the age of 14 knew he wanted a show business career. By age 18, he was in New York, studying acting with the legendary drama teacher Stella Adler. His first big break came in Hollywood when he starred as Moondoggie opposite Sandra Dee in the 1959 classic comedy hit, "Gidget." Darren has appeared in 22 feature films in addition to numerous television appearances.

Darren's portrayal of the hologram character Vic Fontaine, a swinging 60s Rat Pack crooner, on "Star Trek: Deep Space Nine" in 1993 reawakened his passion for his first love: singing. His lush vocals with recordings and concert appearances in Atlantic City and Las Vegas, as well as his concerts with world-renowned symphony orchestras across the United States have won him attention from fans and the media alike. At his Marina del Rey concert he will perform his favorite pop and jazz standards.

Sponsors of the Marina del Rey Summer Concerts are Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe, the Department of Beaches and Harbors, and the Ritz Carlton Marina del Rey. Media sponsor is KUSC FM 91.5.

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The new Hornblower Café in the Park is open for sunset dining on concert nights, offering a varied selection of food and beverages. Chairs are available for rent at the concert site or in advance by calling Hornblower Café at 310-823-8400. The WaterBus, operating from seven locations in the Marina, 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. The Beach Shuttle provides free land shuttle service directly to and from Chace Park on concert nights.

For further information, call (310) 305-9545 or visit marinadelrey.lacounty.gov.

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