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## **Sandy Amphitheater celebrates 10-year anniversary with the biggest concert season to date**

**Highlights: Clint Black, Air Supply, Marc Cohn, Manhattan Transfer and music of ABBA**

It all started in 1999, with an abbreviated concert season occurring in August and September. Fast-forward 10 years, 400,000 patrons and hundreds of acts later and the Sandy Amphitheater presents an expanded 2009 10-Year Anniversary season.

To celebrate the 10-year anniversary, we have added more shows, bigger names and are even bringing back some of the most requested concerts of the past decade.

### **National Acts**

- **Clint Black, Thu. July 30-** With nearly two dozen #1 hit singles, and almost as many Top 5 and Top 10 hits, all of them original compositions, award winning country music superstar Clint Black comes to the Sandy Amphitheater for a night of country music that fans want.
- **Air Supply, Fri. July 31-** The most popular band to perform at the Sandy Amphitheater, Air Supply makes a return engagement helping celebrate the amphitheater's 10-year anniversary.
- **Marc Cohn, Sat. June 20-** This Grammy award winning singer and songwriter comes to the Sandy Amphitheater to perform all his hits including "Walking in Memphis." Cohn has recorded and performed with the likes of David Crosby, Graham Nash, Bonnie Raitt, Tom Petty and Shelby Lynne.
- **The Temptations Review with Dennis Edwards, Sat. June 27-** For more than 33 years, Dennis Edwards, one of the last surviving members of The Legendary group "The Temptations", has been considered a giant in the music industry. The Temptations

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enjoyed some of their most remarkable achievements with Edwards. Beginning with a long string of #1 Hits such as: Papa Was A Rollin' Stone, Memories, Psychedelic Shack, Ball of Confusion and many more. The first Grammy award for The Temptations was won with Dennis Edwards as lead singer. That award launched a succession of awards that culminated in 14 Gold Albums, 7 Grammy nominations and 5 Grammy awards.

- **Arrival: The Music of ABBA, Wed. July 22-** First there was ABBA, then the musical hit "Momma Mia." Direct from Sweden, Arrival is the largest touring ABBA show in the world having performed in over 20 countries. This show is the only one with exclusive rights to create exact copies of ABBA's original clothing, with permission given by creator and designer Owe Sandström. Songs such as "Dancing Queen", "Money, Money, Money" and "Waterloo" will be performed with such realism you'll believe it's really ABBA on stage.
- **The Bellamy Brothers, Fri. August 28-** Two years ago, Howard and David Bellamy came to the Sandy Amphitheater in one of the best concerts performances to date. Unfortunately, due to weather, the concert was cut short. So, for all you country music fans who love to hear hit after hit song, we bring them back to help celebrate the Amphitheater's 10-year anniversary.
- **Manhattan Transfer, Sat. Sept. 12-** Manhattan Transfer has been performing their doo-wop style of music together for over 35 years. With worldwide album sales in the millions, Grammy Awards by the dozen, and veterans of sold-out world tours, Manhattan Transfer is as popular and their music as fresh as the day they began.
- **The Stars of Beatlemania, Fri. June 19-** Hear all the songs from the greatest band of the 1960s recreated and performed by the stars of the hit Broadway musical "Beatlemania."

### Local Favorites

Every summer, the Sandy Amphitheater is the place to be for Utah's best local entertainment.

- **Ryan Shupe and the RubberBand, Fri. June 5-** The RubberBand is always fun playing a mix of bluegrass, country, rock and jazz. One of the Amphitheater's most popular

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concerts each summer. Don't miss out on the fun that is the RubberBand.

- **Eclipse, Fri. June 26-** The six members of Eclipse originally met while performing at Utah State University. They began by arranging their own vocal covers of popular songs and performing them on campus and in the Logan area. That led to their first album entitled "Once." Eclipse has performed around the region and for the opening and closing ceremonies of the 2002 Olympic Winter Games.
- **Jon Schmidt, Fri. July 10-** Entertainer extraordinaire. Jon Schmidt has become well known across North America, where he consistently performs to sold-out audiences in major venues. Jon's credits include six albums, six volumes of his popular original piano scores, performances and radio play all over the country, several top 40 songs and over one million plays at mp3.com, a Pearl Award, a televised concert on PBS and the sold out "A Jon Schmidt Christmas" which has become a successful yearly Christmas tradition along the Wasatch Front.
- **Kurt Bestor, Sat. July 11-** For more than three decades, Kurt Bestor's film scores, television themes, compositions and carols have provided an indelible soundtrack of American life. Bestor averages one week a month performing, with a full-time concert schedule during the Christmas season. His most recent project was a classical commission by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra – a piece written for choir, orchestra, children's choirs, and 500 bell ringers commemorating the rededication of the Utah State Capitol.
- **Peter Breinholt, Fri. August 1-** For the past 10 years, Breinholt has performed one of the most popular concerts, each year, at the Sandy Amphitheater. With a fan base from across the region, don't miss Peter Breinholt.
- **Michael McLean and Friends, Sat. August 29-** For 25 years, Michael McLean has been changing lives with his tender songs and candid messages. Ever the engaging performer and master storyteller, McLean has shared his beloved Christmas musical, *The Forgotten Carols*, with more than a half-million people across the country since 2001. Don't miss Michael McLean performing with his friends on the stage of the Sandy Amphitheater.

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- **Sam Payne, Fri. September 11-** Payne's performance of his original music has turned the heads of critics and audiences around the west. Alone or backed by his band (The Sam Payne Project), Payne's arresting stage presence, his craft as a poet/storyteller, and his soaring tenor voice have established him as an enduring and engaging performer; the songwriter's songwriter.
- **Charley Jenkins, Fri. September 18-** Jenkins has country roots that run deep. With 2- albums and a new one on the way, Jenkins career has been gaining momentum as he has opened for many country music headliners including LeAnn Rimes, Little Texas, Lonestar, Ty Herndon and Josh Turner.
- **Jason Hewlett, Fri. July 19-** Jim Carrey, Michael Jackson, Stevie Wonder, Elton John, The Temptations, and Alvin & The Chipmunks are just a few of the performers to take the stage during the unforgettable one-man show of Jason Hewlett, The Entertainer. Jason played the amphitheater last year and was the hit of the season.

#### **Sandy Arts Guild Musicals**

**“West Side Story” in concert: June 11,12,13, -** A modern day “Romeo and Juliet” this award winning musical by Leonard Bernstein and Stephen Sondheim paints the portrait of two young idealistic lovers caught between warring street gangs, the “American” Jets and the Puerto Rican Sharks. Their struggle to survive in a world of hate, violence and prejudice is one of the most innovative, heart-wrenching and relevant musical dramas of our time. Directed by Marilyn Montgomery with Mark Pearce as music director. George Dyer plays Tony.

**“Seussical”:** Aug. 14-22- Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty bring to life all of our favorite Dr. Seuss characters, including Horton the Elephant, Gertrude McFuzz, Lazy Mayzie and all of the Whos of Whoville! Director is Jim Smith, choreographer is Susan DeMill (formerly Susan E. Holland) and music director is Trevor Jerome. **Not presented on Sun., August 16.**

#### **Free-For-All concerts**

A series of free concerts are held on various nights throughout the summer with no tickets required. Come early for the best seat.

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### **The Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve, Fri. May 22, 7 p.m.**

In town performing on *Music and the Spoken Word* with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, this band is one of the finest musical organizations in the Southeastern United States. The band travels in excess of 500,000 miles each year performing over 500 concerts. Hear a variety of classical overtures, Sousa marches, Broadway show tunes and popular music selections.

### **The Orchestra and Chorus of Sandy City, Wed. June 24**

Join them for their annual summer pops concert. Conducted by Joel Rosenberg

### **Utah Symphony, Wed. July 15**

Utah Symphony presents its annual summer concert at the Sandy Amphitheater, with assistant conductor David Cho.

### **International Folk Festival, Wed. August, 26**

Join Narodna international folk dance group and friends for an evening of international music and dance.

### **Sandy Arts Guild Showcase, Mon. September 14**

### **NEW! Dinner and a Show Combo**

New this year is the dinner and a show combo available when purchasing tickets to any show. Just say dinner and a show when ordering your tickets and for only \$10 extra you get your choice of a BBQ beef sandwich, buffalo burger, hamburger or vegetarian caesar wrap in a combo with fresh cut fries and a drink. We'll send you a coupon along with your concert tickets to present at concessions. No more hassles of bringing that extra cash or credit card and you'll have more time to enjoy the show.

### **Ticket Information**

Tickets to all shows go on sale **Monday, May 11** and can be purchased at any Smith'sTix location, charged by phone at 1-800-888-TIXX or (801) 467-TIXX, online at [www.sandyarts.com](http://www.sandyarts.com) or at Sandy City Hall 10000 S. Centennial Parkway, room 310, Mon-Fri 9 a.m. -4 p.m. The box office at the Amphitheater opens at 6 pm on the night of shows only and stays open until intermission. All shows begin at 8 pm unless noted.

The Sandy Amphitheater is located on the northwest corner of 9400 South and 1300 East

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with plenty of accessible parking. There is a concession stand with a variety of food and drinks, and coolers are also welcome. However, there is no smoking, alcohol or glass containers allowed. The gates open one-hour before performances. Visit our website at [www.sandyarts.com](http://www.sandyarts.com) for all the latest happenings, musical snippets of the artist and to sign up for our e-newsletter.

### **Sponsors**

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