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EL FLACO VS. EL MIMOSO AND CALIBRE 50 WITH BANDA CARNAVAL ADDED TO THE 2024 BIG FRESNO FAIR TABLE MOUNTAIN CONCERT SERIES LINE-UP

Tickets will go on sale June 20, as part of an exclusive Big Fair Fan Club Pre-sale

FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, June 18, 2024... The Big Fresno Fair is excited to announce its incredible line-up for both Sundays of the 2024 Big Fresno Fair with El Flaco vs. El Mimoso on October 6, then Calibre 50 with Banda Carnaval on October 13 – all part of the Table Mountain Concert Series in the Paul Paul Theater presented by Modelo Especial and Toyota. This show joins a line-up that already consists of: Walker Hayes; Sugar Ray; The Righteous Brothers; G-Eazy; and Dwight Yoakam.

Tickets for these two concerts will go on sale first to Big Fair Fan (BFF) Club members, the Fair's free email newsletter, as part of an **online-only** pre-sale starting on Thursday, June 20 at 10:00 a.m. and going until Sunday, June 23 at 11:59 p.m. During this time, any BFF Club member who purchases a Fair concert ticket can also purchase a Fair admission ticket for 50% off; discounted admission and concert tickets must be purchased in the same transaction. Tickets will then go on sale to the general public (online only) beginning Monday, June 24 at 10:00 a.m.

BFF Club Members will receive a special password via email the day before the pre-sale. Know someone who isn't a part of the BFF Club, but would like to purchase their concert tickets AND receive 50% off Fair admission ahead of time? Tell them to sign up for free at www.FresnoFair.com/BFFClub.

El Flaco vs. El Mimoso

Sunday, October 6 | Ticket Prices: \$95, \$75, \$55, \$35 and \$25

Luis Angel, aka "El Flaco," is an incredibly talented Banda singer who was formerly the frontman for Banda Los Recoditos (2003-2018). El Flaco has amassed a sizeable catalog of live and studio albums, and dozens of singles and EPS since going solo. Possessed of a lilting baritone, El Flaco weaves romanticas, rancheras, and other styles into emotional and lyrical essences. His first solo offerings were the live albums *Desde Casa* and *Pa' Las Viejos*, while *Viva Mexico* was recorded in concert with other artists. His 2021's "La Textilera" was a collaboration with El Mimoso (Luis Antonio Lopez) and registered more than 60 million streams. Later that year, his solo set "La Ley de la Vida" landed inside the Top Ten at Mexican Regional streaming and stayed there for 14 weeks. In 2022, he and Luis Alfonso Partida "El Yako" issued the charting duo set *La Gran Fiesta*. Following several more live recordings and a covers album, El Flaco returned with *Yo Te Extrañaré* in 2024 on Sony Music.

Luis Antonio López Flores, better known as "El Mimoso," was once vocalist for Don Cruz Lizárraga's widely-adored Banda El Recodo. The now 44-year-old sings his own songs and renditions of the classics of banda and any of the various interrelated Mexican musical styles. Lopez has incorporated elements of the regional styles Norteño, Ranchera, and Cumbia in his solo career. The crooner from Concordia, Sinaloa, recently toured the U.S. to support their current single "Tú Que La Tienes" and multiple album releases from recent years.





Calibre 50 with Banda Carnaval

Sunday, October 13 | Ticket Prices: \$75, \$55, \$35 and \$25

Calibre 50 are an award-winning Norteño quartet from Mazatlan, Sinaloa founded in 2010 by Eden Muñoz (vocals, accordion), Armando Ramos (guitars, vocals), Martín López (tuba), and Augusto (drums). Their provocative name meaning, "armor-piercing bullet," was chosen as a symbol for their music, whose strength they hoped would carry them across the border from Mexico north to the United States and south across Latin America. Founded in 2010, the band started on the stages of small restaurants and local parties, where their theme song, "El Infiernito," opened the doors to airplay. Two other tracks, "Culiacan vs. Mazatlan" and "Callejero y Mujeriego," helped propel their 2010 debut album, *Renovar o Morir*, to a strong chart showing and also the Lo Nuestro Award for Regional Mexican New Artist of the Year. Each album has charted since then, including three (2012's *Grandes Exitos*, 2014's *Contigo*, and the following year's *Historia de la Calle*) that placed in the Top 200 and topped the Mexican Regional Albums chart. Their rowdy stage show is a spectacle of musical intensity and engaging crowd interaction.

In 2012 the band released, *El Buen Ejemplo*, delivered no less than four hit singles: "Mujer de Todos, Mujer de Nadie," "Bohemio Loco," "El Buen Ejemplo," and "Gente Batallosa." A duet with the band Carnivale, "Gente Batallosa," became the most played song of the year in Mexico and netted the band a Billboard Award for Song of the Year Vocal Collaboration. Calibre 50's work ethic was as inspiring as it was exhausting. They issued *La Recompensa* in February of 2013. Its first single, "Aquí Estoy," hit the top of the Regional Mexican Music airplay charts in both Mexico and the United States, followed in similar fashion by "Ni Que Estuvieras Tan Buena," which was also radio's most played song in the genre that year. Calibre 50 struck again in October with *Corridos de Alto Calibre*. This collection featured the single "El Inmigrante," which not only topped the radio charts, but remained in the number one spot for over ten weeks in Mexico. In 2014, the band replaced Lopez and Augusto by Alejandro Gaxiola on tuba and Erick Garcia on drums for that year's *Contigo* album. Later that year, Calibre 50 signed with Sony and in January the following year, were premiered on Univision's telenovela "Que te Perdona Dios". Over the years, Calibre 50 went on to release multiple albums and were nominated for Best Dance Song, and have landed at No.3 on the Top Latin Albums chart.

Banda Carnaval are a regional Mexican band from Mazatlán, Sinaloa, whose teen-oriented banda style is heavy on cumbias and romanticas. Founded in 2001 by executive producer Jesús Tirado Castañeda, the band has well over a dozen members, most notably teen heartthrob Rafael Becerra (aka Rafa) on lead vocals. Banda Carnaval made their full-length album debut with *Entre Suspiro y Suspiro* (2001). Later albums such as *Aquí Estamos* (2009), *El Número 1* (2011), and *Maximo Nivel* (2012) spun off a multitude of hit singles, among them "Pídeme," "Olvidarte No Será Sencillo," and "El Mentiroso." The band has released multiple albums the following years, with their album, *Las Vuelta de la Vida*, landing their two singles "Y Te Vas" and "La Doble Cara," at the top of various airplay charts in Mexico and the United States. In 2014, "El Que Se Enamora Pierde" placed high on airplay charts, and the title track from *La Historia de Mis Manos* placed in the top spot on the Mexican Regional Songs chart, remaining there for several weeks.

About The Big Fresno Fair:

The Big Fresno Fair, founded in 1884, is the 5th largest fair in the state of California and represents the 21st District Agricultural Association. Over 500,000 people from throughout the state visit The Big Fresno Fair each year, making it the largest annual event in the Central Valley. Members of the Board of Directors include: Terry Gonsalves, President; Gary Chahil, Vice President; Frank Flores, Secretary/Treasurer; Linda Mae Balakian Hunsucker; Jerry Pacheco; Annalisa Perea, Chuck Riojas and





Lawrence Salinas. Christina Estrada heads the daily operations in her role as Interim CEO. The 2024 Big Fresno Fair will run October 2 - 14. For more details, please visit www.FresnoFair.com.

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