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FOUR MORE SHOWS ANNOUNCED FOR THE 2022 BIG FRESNO FAIR

TABLE MOUNTAIN CONCERT SERIES LINE-UP

Exclusive Big Fair Fan Club Pre-sale starts August 2

FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, July 25, 2022...The Big Fresno Fair is excited to announce four new shows to join a stellar line-up of artists as part of the Table Mountain Concert Series in the Paul Paul Theater presented by Modelo Especial and Toyota. These new concerts are: Queen Nation; "Cruising to the Souldies" Hosted by Danny Trejo featuring Russell Thompkins Jr. & The New Stylistics, Cota and Danny's Angels; The Pretty Reckless; and Quebradita Time featuring Banda Machos, Mi Banda el Mexicano de Casimiro, Banda Maguey and Banda Zeta.

These 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 Tuesday, August 2 at 10:00 a.m. until Monday, August 8 at 11:59 p.m. During this time, any BFF Club member who purchases concert tickets to one of these shows 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 on Tuesday, August 9 at 10:00 a.m.

BFF Club Members will receive a special password via email today 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.

MORE ABOUT THE ENTERTAINMENT

Queen Nation – A Tribute to the Music of Queen

Friday, October 7 | Ticket Prices: FREE with Paid Fair Admission

Queen Nation is arguably one of the greatest Queen tribute bands in the world, with many facts to back up this bold statement. The band has earned nationally top-ranked yearly attendance, Pollstar numbers and have built a massive social media fan base. They have performed more than 1,000 shows all over the country since the beginning of their career in 2004. Queen Nation's line-up includes guitarist, Mike McManus; lead singer, Gregory Finsley as Freddie Mercury; bassist, Parker Combs; and vocalist and drummer, Peter Burke.

The band strays from the normal tribute act show format by performing different songs and set list order at each show, keeping it fresh and lively for concertgoers! Queen Nation puts on an amazing





true-to-life re-creation of an early 80s Queen concert in matching-era stage attire with their shows including all the classic Queen hits and more. It's a must-see for true Queen fans.

“Cruising to the Souldies” Hosted by Danny Trejo featuring Russell Thompkins Jr. & The New Stylistics, Cota and Danny’s Angels

Saturday, October 8 | Ticket Prices: \$32, \$22, \$18

This specially curated show is guaranteed to have you moving and grooving. Hosted by beloved actor and entrepreneur Danny Trejo, this show features Russell Thompkins Jr. who was the original lead singer of The Stylistics for more than 30 years. His impeccable falsetto voice led the group to international fame and recognition, recording hits such as “You’re A Big Girl Now,” “Stop, Look, Listen,” “You Are Everything,” “Rockin’ Roll Baby” and many more.

With Russell, The Stylistics earned 7 gold albums, 5 gold singles, 2 double gold singles, 8 platinum albums, 1 double platinum album and 4 platinum singles, along with a Grammy nomination in 1974 for “You Make Me Feel Brand New” and a plaque on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in 1994. In May 2004, Russell was inducted into the Vocal Group Hall of Fame. In April 2000, Russell departed from the original group and formed “The New Stylistics” to preserve and showcase the sound of the original recordings for fans. Russell Thompkins Jr. & The New Stylistics now consists of Russell along with Raymond Johnson and Jonathan Buckson.

The show will also showcase singer, songwriter and guitarist, Cota, who has opened shows for both classic soul artists and hard-edged hip-hop creators like The Game and Tyga. His voice sings with a smooth angelic vocal tone that is reminiscent of the R&B greats who have influenced his craft.

Danny Trejo has developed a prolific career in the entertainment industry with a hard-earned and atypical road to success. From years of imprisonment to helping troubled youth battle drug addictions, from acting to producing and now on to restaurant ventures, Trejo’s name, face and achievements are well-recognized in Hollywood and beyond. Trejo has starred in films like *Machete*, *Machete Kills*, *Desperado*, *Heat*, the *From Dusk Till Dawn* series, *Once Upon A Time In Mexico*, the *Spy Kids* movies, and many more. He’s had recurring roles on *Sons of Anarchy*, *King of the Hill*, *Breaking Bad*, and *The Flash* to name a few. When Trejo isn’t on screen, he’s getting his hands in other hustles, like recently expanding his Trejo’s Tacos empire in Los Angeles area, as well as Trejo’s Coffee & Donuts. Danny also plays continuous roles as a devoted father of three and an intervention counselor. Danny’s colorful life and prolific career are chronicled in the latest bio-documentary *Inmate #1: The Rise of Danny Trejo*.

The Pretty Reckless

Monday, October 10 | Ticket Prices: \$50, \$40, \$35

The Pretty Reckless has had an unbelievable 12-year journey that’s brought them near-universal praise from top-tier media, including *American Songwriter*, *Alternative Press*, *Bustle*, *CNN*, *Consequence of Sound*, *The Daily Beast*, *Forbes*, *Guitar World*, *Hustler*, *Loudwire*, *SPIN*, *V Magazine*, *Paper*, *Women’s Wear Daily* and more. The band consists of Taylor Momsen (vocals), Ben Phillips (Guitar), Jamie Perkins (drums), and Mark Damon (bass). They have recently released their fourth album in 2021 titled, *Death By Rock and Roll*, and have landed at No. 1 on multiple sales charts, including Billboard’s Top Albums, Rock, Hard Music and Digital Charts, upon release.





Formed in New York City in 2008, the band initially made waves with their 2010 debut, *Light Me Up*. After countless gigs, the band released their second album, *Going to Hell*, in 2014. The album landed in the Top 5 of the *Billboard* Top 200, but it also ignited three No. 1 hits such as their Platinum-certified hit “Heaven Knows” and “Follow Me Down.” Their third album, *Who You Selling For*, secured them a No. 1 spot on the Mainstream Rock Songs Chart with “Take Me Down,” cementing them as the “first band to send its first four singles to No. 1 on the chart” according to *Billboard*. With over half-a-billion streams, the band has headlined countless sold-out shows, toured with Guns N’ Roses and many other heavy hitters. In 2017, The Pretty Reckless landed a prestigious tour, opening for Soundgarden in packed amphitheaters across the country. After the shocking and saddening news of Soundgarden’s lead singer, Chris Cornell’s passing, most of the tour was cancelled and the band disappeared from the public eye. Then, eleven months later, the band’s muse, friend and longtime producer Kato died tragically in a motorcycle accident, which sent the band into a downward spiral.

The band took their pain and grief and turned to writing songs to channel the emotional toll, and in late 2018, The Pretty Reckless returned to the studio to record. For the first time, Taylor and Ben co-produced with longtime friend Jonathan Wyman. After being in the studio for more than a year, the band introduced the album with the track “Death By Rock and Roll.” The song quickly rose to No. 1 on the rock charts, marking the band’s fifth chart-topper to date. It’s a feat that’s not been achieved by a female-fronted rock act in the chart’s history!

Quebradita Time: 2022 Tour featuring Banda Machos, Mi Banda el Mexicano de Casimiro, Banda Maguey and Banda Zeta

Sunday, October 16 | \$95, \$75, \$55, \$35

Quebradita Time is a must-see Mexican banda music showcase, bringing together fans of the quebradita dance craze that swept across Southern California in the 1990s. Quebradita Time will feature Banda Machos, Mi Banda El Mexicano de Casimiro, Banda Maguey y Banda Zeta.

Banda Machos hails from Jalisco, Mexico, and has a career spanning over 24 years and 24 albums, plus multiple awards and nominations. Banda Machos modernized the traditional Sinaloan banda style, augmenting the genre’s traditional big, brassy sound with amplified instruments, flashy keyboard flourishes and their longtime battle cry “Arre Macho!” Banda Machos’ 1992 breakthrough album, *Sangre de Indio*, included the radio hit “El Gato y el Raton” that helped launch the Quebradita sound. In 1993, Banda Machos was crowned “La Reina de las Bandas” at the Viva México festival in Chicago. They achieved even wider acclaim in 2008, when they released their first YouTube video in conjunction with the album, *Proximo Tonto*, garnering millions of views throughout the world. Following the release of “La Huella de Mis Besos” in 2018, Banda Machos was acknowledged by the International Human Rights Commission for its commitment to fighting music piracy. Banda Machos is an iconic band that’s performed throughout the world and nation, including stops at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum and New York’s Madison Square Garden.





Known for its iconic music, Mi Banda el Mexicano is finding its place today as a viral music sensation – performing not only regional Mexican music, but also rock and jazz. Mi Banda el Mexicano was originally formed in 1973 as a rock group, then evolved to synthesized Sinaloan banda music in the 80s, ultimately hitting its stride in the 90s with a technocumbia sound (also known as technobanda). In 1993, they released their hit "Bailando de Caballito" which put them on a path of success that crossed borders, from Mexico to the United States, Central America to South America. In its 47-year history, Mi Banda el Mexicano has achieved 25 gold albums and many awards and nominations.

Banda Maguey is a musical group from Jalisco, Mexico. They originated in Villa Corona, also home to Banda Machos, who along with Banda Maguey have been called the two most successful champions of the "technobanda" sound. During the 1990s, Banda Maguey dominated the radio waves with the debut of their album *Tumbando Caña*, which contained a number of hits including "El Alacran" a cover originally sung by La Sonora Matancera. In 1995, Banda Maguey released *La Estrella De Los Bailes*, which featured hit singles "Como La Luna," "Si Tú No Estás," "Que Sacrificio," and "Eva Maria" that climbed the music charts!

La Banda Zeta is a Mexican techno band group originally from Nayarit, whose success has spread in recent years, and perhaps the height of its fame was due more than anything to the theme La Niña Fresa, a quebradita-style song that was first popular in Mexico in the mid-90s.

About The Big Fresno Fair:

The Big Fresno Fair, founded in 1884, is the fourth-largest fair in the state of California and represents the 21st District Agricultural Association. More than 600,000 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: Chuck Riojas, President; Terry Gonsalves, Vice President; Gary Chahil, Secretary/Treasurer; Linda Mae Balakian Hunsucker; Frank Flores; Jerry Pacheco; Annalisa Perea and Lawrence Salinas. Lauri King heads the daily operations in her role as CEO. For more information about The Big Fresno Fair, please visit www.FresnoFair.com.

Resources:

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Queen Nation | www.queennation.com

The Pretty Reckless | www.deathbyrockandroll.com

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Banda Machos | <https://www.instagram.com/BANDAMACHOSOFICIAL>

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