

The City of Lancaster's 26th Annual California Poppy Festival™ Boasts Family Fun for Everyone

Lancaster, CA. April 5, 2017 — On April 22 and 23, the City of Lancaster will hold its 26th annual California Poppy Festival™ at Sgt. Steve Owen Memorial Park (formerly Lancaster City Park). Drawing over 40,000 attendees and spanning more than 35 acres, this popular two-day event features something for all ages -- live musical entertainment and performances; a children's carnival; exotic animal shows and exhibits; arts and crafts; a farmers market; food vendors; beer pavilion; safety zone demonstrations; and a Sunday classic car show to name a few.

"The California Poppies, as well as all of the wildflowers, are absolutely stunning this year," said Mayor R. Rex Parris. "We look forward to everyone enjoying this annual event which has become a North Los Angeles County tradition."

Returning this year is Sábado de Salsa or "Salsa Saturday," where festival-goers can find a wide variety of all things hot and spicy, as well as Margarita Madness – the festival's margarita bar. Attendees will also be entertained by professional luchadores (wrestlers) during live lucha libre (wrestling) presented by MASKED REPUBLIC. Attendees won't want to miss these exhilarating matches featuring colorful masks and high-flying maneuvers.

Keeping with the festival's tradition of always offering something new, this year's event will introduce visitors to an Architects of Air exhibit, ARBORIA. Guests can enter an amazing luminaria sculpture, to be transported with a sense of awe and wonder at its beauty of light and color. Also new this year is the BMX Bike Show featuring Team Soil. Known for performing huge tricks, these stunt riders will wow spectators with their awe-inspiring feats.

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Included in this year's Poppy Stage lineup is the NY NY Dueling Pianos; the Mariachi Divas; Mirage – Visions of Fleetwood Mac; and Dog "n" Butterfly – the Ultimate Tribute to Heart. Also appearing will be local favorite KING, featuring Mel Booker, as well as Honky Tonk Boom Box.

Two days of celebrated performers, extraordinary exhibits and scrumptious treats promise a fantastic festival weekend. Come celebrate the Antelope Valley's favorite springtime event - the California Poppy Festival™. For a full description of attractions, entertainment, detailed event information, and to purchase tickets, please visit www.poppyfestival.com.

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