

# A Tale of Two Different Concerts

► "Fun" but it could have been better

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For many, the Toots and the Maytals show Saturday night at Sunset Park was a disappointing experience. Reggae fans were forced to endure a three hour delay while the band made their way, by bus, from Los Angeles. A relatively inexpensive five dollar show sponsored by 103.5 KEDG and Clark County Parks and Recreation produced a large turnout of a few thousand folks anxiously awaiting a performance by one of reggae music's original rockers.

Opening up the festivities at 7:00 p.m., local blues band The Las Vegas Kings offered some mellow renditions of classic hits like "Soul Man" and "Dock of the Bay." Too bad this generic, run-of-the-mill bar band didn't have

any more cover songs to play. Then we all could have slept until Toots finally took the stage at 11:00 p.m.

Frustrated and impatient, some left almost immediately after The L.V. Kings played and the delay was announced. The majority stayed, however, to enjoy an unusually cool night in the park. With ample amounts of grass and plenty of empty space, people occupied themselves with frisbee, football and hacky-sack. Others fulfilled their tribal urges by playing in a drum circle and by dancing and singing a primeval chant.

Outdoor concerts always seem to bring out the communal nature in humans. Moreover, food and drink was also provided, and along with a Captain Caveman imposter wielding a cardboard guitar. Intermission entertainment was far from wanning.

When the long awaited moment arrived and Toots sauntered up on the stage, he was greeted by an enthusiastic group

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► Symphonic music sounds out in Summerlin

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If the music from popular movie soundtracks is your cup of tea, then you certainly should not have missed the Picnic Pops concert on Sept. 3rd in the Hills Park at Summerlin. The Las Vegas Pops, a performing group of the Nevada Symphony Orchestra, flawlessly played the music from such films as *Superman*, *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, *Out of Africa*, and *Casablanca*. Although the music from many other memorable films was also presented, the performance was by no means lacking in novelty due to the orchestra's renditions of the film scores of movies yet to be released.

The outdoor Picnic Pops concert event, which was jointly presented by the City of Las Ve-

gas Department of Parks and Leisure and the Nevada Symphony Orchestra, did not consist entirely of music, however. The gates of the Hills Park opened three hours before the start of the concert to allow attendees to participate in a variety of pre-concert events. Drawings were held to give away prizes, one of which was two season tickets for the Nevada Symphony Orchestra's classical concert series. The music, though, was the main attraction for those present at the event.

One concert goer enthusiastically remarked after the performance, "It was such a thrill for me to hear the music from all my favorite movies live. I'm really happy I went and I'm looking forward to the other concerts." The other concerts she was re-

ferring to are the many performances that the Nevada Symphony Orchestra will give during their regular season. These include a seven concert Classical series, two holiday concerts, seven Saturday morning casual concerts, and four Sound Trek series concerts in which contemporary chamber music will be played. There is also one more concert in the Picnic Pops series, Pickin' Pops, which is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 1st. It will feature Southern music and a Southern-style barbecue.

The Nevada Symphony Orchestra was founded in 1980 and remains the only professional symphony orchestra in Southern Nevada. Formed in 1993, the Las Vegas Pops was created in order

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teris, as it was called, had four electric washing machines which could be rented by the hour:



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Local success dept. Las Vegas band **Hostage Symphony** has been receiving lots of national airplay and are reportedly working on a deal with **Geffen Records**.

Sorry girls dept. **Eddie Vedder** of **Pearl Jam** fame was married this summer to his long-time girlfriend.

Sorry boys dept. **Michael Jackson** married **Elvis Presley's** daughter this summer. They still reportedly haven't consummated it.

Weird dept. L.A. band **The Descendents** were recently honored with a **Lifetime Achievement** award from **The University of California at Berkeley Popular Culture Society**. The society honors those who take risks in their area of popular culture to redefine an artistic genre, who show excellence through diversity in their art, and/or work toward positive social change.

Big time local success dept. UNLV graduate **Tobia Minkler** was recently named fabled director **Martin Scorsese's** personal assistant for his upcoming Vegas shoot of **Casino** slated to begin production in Vegas Sept.

14. She is real low key about it, and she doesn't want anyone to know.

Trendy dept. This summer the national media overused the term **Generation X** and it has now become another meaningless label like the term **Alternative Music**.

Outrageous dept. **The Rolling Stones** will be playing in Vegas for two days in October. Tickets will start at only \$65. There will be no open flames allowed near the first 5 rows due to **Mick Jagger's** oxygen tank.

Organization dept. **The UNLV Film Society** is now organizing for the year. They have planned trips to the **Lone Pine Film Festival** and the **Sundance Film Festival** plus many guest speakers. Interested students can come to the first floor of the MSU on Sunday's at 7:00 p.m.

The **Southern Nevada Musical Society** is holding auditions for its 32nd season through Sept. 11th. Rehearsals are Sunday evenings in the UNLV Alta Ham building, Room 147 from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

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