Grammy Winners, Chart Toppers Join KSBR Jazz Concert Lineup
Saddleback College Radio Station to Celebrate 30th Birthday at Bash

Mission Viejo – The lineup for the KSBR All-Star Birthday Bash includes three musicians in the top 10 on the Top 50 Chart on SmoothJazz.com, three Grammy winners, and four Grammy nominees. Altogether, more than 40 musicians will appear at the concert, which will be held Sunday May 24th on the Village Green of Oso Viejo Park in Mission Viejo. This will be the 20th year of the event, and it celebrates the 30th birthday of Saddleback College radio station KSBR (88.5 FM).

Grammy nominee Boney James, whose latest album, “Send One Your Love,” is currently the most played smooth jazz album in the country, is making his second Bash appearance. Keyboardist Gregg Karukas and guitarist Nils, who have each performed at previous Bashes, also have Top 10 albums this week.

“What makes the KSBR Birthday Bash unique is that most of the participating musicians are bandleaders in their own right, but on this day, everyone plays each other's music in various all-star configurations, making each Bash a once-in-a-lifetime experience for both the artists and the audience,” according to KSBR Operations Director Terry Wedel. “As usual, we also have some very special surprise guests, whom we can’t announce until they come on stage.”

Making his first Bash appearance will be jazz guitarist Freddie Fox, who will be joined on stage by his wife, Grammy winner Evelyn “Champaign” King. Guitarist Jim Peterik, who won a Grammy for the rock classic “Eye of the Tiger,” will also be showing off his own jazz chops. Ricky Lawson, who shared a Grammy with fellow members of the Yellowjackets, will be among those sharing drumming/percussion duties.

Craig Chaquico, who was named Best Pop Instrumental Guitarist in Guitar Player Magazine’s Readers poll, is making his second Bash appearance. Chaquico received a Grammy nomination for one of his solo releases after spending the 70’s and 80’s as the lead guitarist/songwriter for the Jefferson Starship/Starship.
Trumpeter Greg Adams, who earned a Grammy nomination for his arrangement of “What is Hip?” while a member of Tower of Power, will be appearing at the Bash with members of his new band, East Bay Soul, including saxophonist Michael Paulo.

Guitarist Chieli Minucci received a Grammy nomination with his group Special EFX, and has won 3 Daytime Emmy awards for his musical contributions to The Guiding Light.

Also in the line-up are Paul “Shilts” Weimer, Greg Vail, Johnnie Bamont, and Elizabeth Mis (saxophone); Rachel Rodgers (flute); James Wirrick (guitar); Sara Gazarek, Derek Bordeaux, Bill Cantos, Lisa McClowry, and Clydene Jackson (vocals); Lee Thornburg, Willie Murillo, and Joey Sellers (horn); Dan Siegel, Joey Navarro, and Gerard Hagen (keyboards); Brian Bromberg, Max Bennett, Brian Allen, Smitty Smith, and Donald Patterson (bass); Alphonse Mouzon, Evan Stone, Nat Scott, Donnell Spencer, Lamont Peoples, Tom Dante, Ramon Yslas, Johnny Sandoval, Mombo Hernandez, and Rafael Feliciano (drums and percussion).

The job of organizing the 40-plus musicians on the day of the Bash is held by trumpeter Tony Guerrero, who has been the emcee for the Bash since its inception 20 years ago. Besides having a successful solo career, Guerrero oversees hundreds of musicians, singers, and artists as the Director of Creative Arts at Saddleback Church.

The KSBR Birthday Bash began in 1989 as a small and informal end-of-the-membership-drive party in the lounge of what was then the Dana Point Resort, moving in 1998 to Mission San Juan Capistrano. After 10 years of sellouts at the Mission, the Bash moved last year to its new home in the beautiful and spacious Village Green of Oso Viejo Park in Mission Viejo. The concert is the largest community source of funding for the non-profit radio station.

Gates open for the event at 3 p.m., with pre-concert entertainment provided by the Saddleback College Jazz Band. The concert itself begins at 5 p.m.

Tickets for the Birthday Bash are $45 for General Admission seating on the lawn; $100 for seats at tables in the Gold VIP section; and $175 for reserved seats in the Platinum VIP area directly in front of the stage with a pre-concert dinner. Tickets at all levels may be purchased online at www.KSBR.org and will be available at the door. General admission tickets may also be purchased in person at the Saddleback College Box Office and the Norman P. Murray Community Center in Mission Viejo, Tommy Bahama in Newport Beach, and McCool Flowers and Salt Creek Grille in Dana Point.

KSBR All-Star Birthday Bash Facts

**When:** Sunday, May 24th, 5:00 p.m.
**Where:** Village Green / Oso Viejo Park 24932 Veterans Way, Mission Viejo
**Starring:** More than 40 jazz artists.
**Why:** Proceeds support community station KSBR 88.5 FM.
How: Tickets are $45 general admission in advance; $100 Gold VIP table seats; $175 Platinum VIP, including dinner and extras.

Contact: The KSBR Bash hotline (949) 582-4501

Tickets: See www.KBSR.org

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