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## **Kalimba - The Spirit of Earth Wind and Fire**

### **The FREE Outdoor Theatre Concert Series Presented by Coors Light**

On Saturday, June 11 we are excited to bring Kalimba - The Spirit of Earth Wind and Fire to the 2022 Merced County Fair presented by Valley Children's Healthcare as part of the FREE Outdoor Theatre Concert Series presented by Coors Light. The show on the Outdoor Theatre Stage starts at 8:30 p.m. and is free with your paid Fair admission.

The nationally touring show Kalimba, The Spirit of Earth Wind and Fire provides an Earth Wind & Fire experience so satisfying it transports audiences back to the excitement of the first time they heard these unforgettable songs.

Lead vocalist, Thomas "Chazz" Smith, created Kalimba, The Spirit of Earth Wind and Fire in 2011 with the vision of honoring the beloved Earth Wind & Fire hits him and millions of others listened to while growing up. The 10-piece organization includes a full horn and rhythm section to reproduce the infectious grooves created by EWF's Verdine White and Ralph Johnson. In February, the loss of Earth Wind and Fire's founder and musical genius, Maurice White, left the world mourning, but Kalimba, The Spirit of Earth Wind and Fire faithfully honors his work by featuring lush treatments of the soaring vocal harmonies that are the hallmark of Earth Wind & Fire's music and EWF's late founder, musical genius, Maurice White. Performances authentically replicate the signature high notes of Maurice White's sidekick, Philip Bailey.

Playing across the country at some of the nation's most prestigious and historic theaters, music festivals, state fairs, corporate events and functions, casinos, and larger clubs as well as upscale private parties and weddings, Kalimba, The Spirit of Earth Wind and Fire includes all of the hits: "September," "Shining Star," "Boogie Wonderland," "After the Love Has Gone," "Let's Groove," "That's the Way of the World," "Devotion," and "Reasons" just to name a few.

#### **Kalimba - The Spirit of Earth Wind and Fire highlights**

- Kalimba's band members are:
  - Chazz, Tyriq Johnson, Michael Cole, Walter Finch, Dereke James, Jeff Lund, Jay Donald, Chris Siegmund, Jackson Rice and Chris Attwood.
- The band formed in 2011.
- The band has performed across the nation at different music festivals, historic theaters, state fairs, casinos and more to crowds of adoring fans who relish in hearing some of Earth, Wind & Fire's greatest hits!

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