



Let The Good Times Roll
June 4-8, 2025

35th District Agricultural Association



WAR

FREE Table Mountain Concert Series Presented by Coors Light

On Saturday, June 7, we're turning up the funk at the 2025 Merced County Fair presented by Valley Children's Healthcare with legendary band WAR – live as part of the FREE Table Mountain Concert Series presented by Coors Light! The concert starts at 8:30 p.m. and is free with your paid Fair admission.

WAR was formed in 1969 in Long Beach, California, and quickly gained fame for their genre-blending sound that incorporated rock, funk, jazz, Latin, R&B, and reggae influences. Originally known as *Eric Burdon and War*, the group made their mark with their breakout hit "Spill the Wine," followed by a string of iconic tracks including "The Cisco Kid," "Why Can't We Be Friends?," "Low Rider," "Summer," and the title track of their best-selling 1972 album *The World Is a Ghetto*. Known for their infectious grooves and socially conscious lyrics, WAR brought a unique voice to the American music scene that resonated across cultures and generations.

The band has earned multiple accolades throughout their career, including two Grammy nominations in 1974 for "The Cisco Kid" — Best Rhythm & Blues Song and Best R&B Vocal Performance by a Duo, Group or Chorus. These nominations marked a high point in their early success and recognized WAR's unique ability to blend socially conscious lyrics with irresistible rhythm and soul. Over the years, the band has released an impressive 18 studio albums, 3 live albums, and 60 singles, many of which have become anthems that still resonate with audiences today. Their music continues to inspire, influence, and attract new generations of fans — a true testament to their timeless sound and the universal messages woven throughout their work. From radio airplay and film features to being heavily sampled by hip-hop and R&B artists, WAR's legacy remains a vital part of American music history.

WAR's legacy lives on through founding member Lonnie Jordan, who continues to lead the band with the same energy and soul that put them on the map. Whether you're a longtime fan or discovering them for the first time, this is your chance to experience their legendary sound live and in person!

WAR Highlights

- Known for hit songs like "Low Rider," "The Cisco Kid," and "Why Can't We Be Friends?"
- *The World Is a Ghetto* was Billboard's best-selling album of 1973.
- Earned two Grammy nominations in 1974 for "The Cisco Kid."
- Seven Top 10 hits in the 1970's

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