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Ramona Bowl Welcomes The Temptations

(HEMET, California – May 19, 2006) The Temptations have thrilled audiences for more than 40 years, with smooth vocals and distinct harmonies that defined the sound of Motown, and dazzled the eye with stylish choreography. The Ramona Bowl Amphitheatre will welcome The Temptations for one night only on Friday, June 30th at 7:00 p.m. The group has been said to be as influential to R&B as The Beatles are to rock and roll.

"We're thrilled to bring musicians of this caliber to the Ramona Bowl to kick off our 2006 summer concert season. The Temptations are a wonderful group that everyone knows and remembers, and this concert is the first of many events the Bowl will host this summer," explained Al Cordova of the Ramona Bowl Music Association. "We're working hard to deliver fantastic performances residents of the San Jacinto Valley can enjoy close to home."

The Temptations have sold tens of millions of albums, released four number-one pop hit singles, and 14 number-one R&B hit singles. They're still making music and touring. The group began in Detroit during the early 1960s. More than forty years and many hits later, the Temptations are still going strong.

It's been an amazing musical success story. In 1964, musical legend Smokey Robinson wrote and produced "The Way You Do the Things You Do" for the Temptations, which thrust them into the limelight and made them stars. Original band members Otis Williams, David Ruffin, Eddie Kendricks, Melvin Franklin and Paul Williams then turned out a string of hits, including "My Girl," "Too Proud to

Beg," and "I Wish It Would Rain." Beyond hit records, the band developed a reputation for stunning live performances featuring smooth stepping dance moves and flawless presentation.

A decade later, the Temptations evolved to a more serious style. Dennis Edwards replaced David Ruffin in the group, and the hits continued with "Papa Was a Rolling Stone," "Just My Imagination," and "I Can't Get Next to You." Other singers joined the group, Richard Street and Ali-Ollie Woodson, strengthening their appeal. Even with personnel changes, the Temptations remained faithful to the soulful style and amazing vocals that made them so popular. They continued recording and performing through the 1980s and '90s into the new millennium. They've continued releasing albums, including "For Lovers Only," "Phoenix Rising," "Ear Resistible," and their latest, "Awesome," released in 2001. The current Temptations lineup includes Otis Williams, Terry Weeks, G.C. Cameron, Ron Tyson, and Joe Herndon. Their performances continue to electrify fans of all ages, delivering a feast of music and showmanship.

In addition to being a fantastic evening of entertainment, the June 30th concert is also a fundraising benefit for the Ramona Bowl Music Association and The Ramona Bowl Amphitheatre. "Special events like this enable us to continue bringing great entertainment to the area," added Cordova. "We really appreciate all who contribute of their time and resources to support the Bowl and make our summer concert series possible."

Presale tickets for this performance are \$20, and tickets at the door are \$25. For tickets or more information, call 1-800-645-4465 or visit www.RamonaBowl.com.

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