



Music Diva Patti Labelle Brings Soulful Ballads to San Manuel

San Manuel Indian Nation, Calif.-Nov. 2, 2005- On Thursday, Nov. 10, R&B diva Patti Labelle, will grace the stages of San Manuel Indian Bingo and Casino. Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased at the San Manuel Box office.

Patti Labelle is the incomparable, soulful maven whose indelible talent has earned her a rightful place among rhythm and blues royalty. Even as the melodic doyen of the legendary 60s quartet, Patti Labelle & the Bluebelles, and the retro 70s trio, Labelle--Patti's kinetic performances and signature, four-octave instrument served as the group's torch. For more than 40 years in the music business, the two-time Grammy-winning legend continues to solidify herself as a musical pioneer. Never resting on her laurels, Patti embarks on a new genesis as Def Soul Classic/Def Jam's premiere artist with the release of her introspective masterpiece, *Timeless Journey*.

Patti's artistic evolution has enabled her to be a chameleon without diminishing her edge, vocal prowess or legion of fans. "I'm always moving and trying to discover something new to entice me," explains Patti of why she chose the album's title, the third and final pick. "I'm always going to be on a journey and I can only hope with my new discoveries that I will always be able to please my fans." For *Timeless Journey*, Patti collaborated with prolific songwriters, producers and performers such as Babyface, Carlos Santana, Sammi McKinney and Gordon Chambers and recorded primarily at Edwards Entertainment Studio, a Philadelphia studio owned by her son Zuri Edwards.

The Philly songbird's resilience isn't surprising since she's savored one of the longest lived careers in contemporary music spanning from girl-group pop to space-age funk to heavenly ballads. Despite her appreciation for today's younger artists, Patti concedes that her goal has never been to emulate younger artists. Patti's soulful timbre and earth-quaking crescendos have resonated with millions worldwide.

Undoubtedly, Patti's exemplary and multifaceted career has enriched the music world and inspired intangible lives in song and philanthropy. "If you're feeling what you're doing, if you have that soul, spirit and motivation you can do anything. As for me, I'm ready for greatness - I am ready for the world." And the world is always ready for a true nightingale.

Tickets for the performance are available and can be purchased at the San Manuel box office or by calling 1-800-359-2464. The show begins at 7:30 p.m. Ticket prices are \$60 and \$70. Plus, customers can show their Serrano Players Club Card for a discount on regular admission. Must be 21 or older to enter the casino and see the show. **For press passes or interview requests, contact Priscilla Sohn.**

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About San Manuel Indian Bingo and Casino

San Manuel Indian Bingo and Casino started its operations as a high-stakes bingo hall in 1986, and since that date has given away over \$1.5 billion dollars to winners. The gaming facility expanded in 1994, to include a card room and additional space for slot machines. Over the next few years, the casino continued to expand adding slot machines and table games. In 2003, with the casino's increase in popularity, the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians announced plans for the construction of a new, state-of-the-art facility that would expand upon the existing gaming options, adding several new, cutting-edge amenities. Construction for the facility began shortly after the announcement, and the new property opened in January 2005. The new San Manuel Indian Bingo and Casino offers customers the best in gaming and entertainment in a spacious and exciting environment. Guests can enjoy 2,000 slots, live poker and Vegas-style blackjack, high-limit gaming, high-stakes bingo, a players reward program, great tasting dining options and extraordinary entertainment. For more information, please visit www.sanmanuel.com or call 800-359-2464.

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