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Marilyn McCoo And Billy Davis Jr.: Up, Up And Away
McCallum Theatre
Saturday – January 11 – 8:00pm

Palm Desert, CA – The McCallum Theatre welcomes pop-soul greats Marilyn McCoo and Billy Davis Jr., who will be performing their *Up, Up and Away* show on Saturday, January 11, at 8:00pm.

McCoo and Davis—who celebrated 50 years of marriage earlier this year—are the original lead singers of the legendary pop/R&B vocal group The 5th Dimension, producing iconic songs such as “Up, Up and Away,” “Aquarius/Let the Sunshine In,” “Worst That Could Happen,” “Stoned Soul Picnic,” “Sweet Blindness,” “Wedding Bell Blues” and “One Less Bell to Answer.”

They left The 5th Dimension to strike out on their own—and they found instant success. In 1976, their album *I Hope We Get to Love in Time* topped the *Billboard* Hot 100 chart, and single “You Don’t Have to be a Star (to Be in My Show)” went to No. 1 and was honored with the Grammy Award for Best R&B Performance. In 1977, they hosted their own TV series on CBS.

Marilyn McCoo later hosted the 1980s music countdown series *Solid Gold*. She’s also acted in numerous TV series and films. She made her mark on Broadway, most notably playing Julie in the revival of *Showboat*.

Billy Davis went on to a successful gospel music career. He has also been featured on TV and film; McCoo and Davis had recurring roles together as parents on *The Jamie Foxx Show*.

In 2004, the couple wrote *Up, Up and Away: How We Found Love, Faith and Lasting Marriage in the Entertainment World*. Written in collaboration with Mike Yorkey and released by Northfield Publishing Company, the book covers how McCoo and Davis met, their successful musical careers, and their struggles behind closed doors. The book offers practical marriage advice and spiritual encouragement.

The couple that *Billboard* once called “The First Couple of Pop and Soul” has won numerous Grammy Awards; they have three platinum and 15 gold records to their credit. They are featured on the album *Thank You, Mister Rogers: Music and Memories*, an album featuring the songs of Fred Rogers, aka Mister Rogers, which was released on Oct. 25, in conjunction with the biography drama film *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*, starring Tom Hanks. They recently revealed in a newspaper interview

that they will soon release a new album of songs by a very well-known group (although they declined to specify which group).

Up, Up and Away is a journey and musical celebration of their own iconic music. The show also includes tributes to fellow music legends including The Beatles and The 5th Dimension's original lineup.

<http://mccoodavis.com/>

Tickets for these performances are priced at \$55 and \$35. Tickets are available at the Theatre's website at www.mccallumtheatre.com or by calling the McCallum Theatre Box Office at (760) 340-2787. The McCallum Theatre, located at 73000 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert CA 92260, accepts payment by cash, personal check, VISA, MasterCard, Discover and American Express.

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