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Missed ABBA in 1979? ABBAMANIA Brings Back Their Hits May 3

If you love disco, your best chance to hear it performed live is quickly approaching.

LONG BEACH, California —If you missed ABBA's last California performance 35 years ago, you'll get one more chance to relive the magic May 3 at the Richard and Karen Carpenter Performing Arts Center at Cal State Long Beach, 6200 East Atherton Street. The ABBAMANIA tribute band takes the stage at 2 p.m.

Sept. 22, 1979 at the San Diego Sports Arena was the last chance Californians had to see the international singing sensation ABBA. At that time the Swedish foursome were in the middle of an eight-year reign of chart-topping success from 1975 to their breakup in 1983. Since then the only way to see their songs performed live has been through tribute performances.

ABBAMANIA will pay tribute to ABBA with 21 disco hits, including "Mamma Mia," "Dancing Queen," "Take a Chance on Me" and "Fernando." (See below for full set list).

Hailing from Ontario, Canada, ABBAMANIA is a quartet backed by a live band and backup vocalists, making up 12 performers altogether. The group has performed worldwide, with stops in Malaysia, South America, The Dominican Republic, Jakarta and the Grand Cayman Islands, as well as the United States.

The group last played the Carpenter Center on Oct. 20, 2007.

Their authentic costumes, vocal collaboration and stage performance accurately depict the late-70s ABBA that disco fans fell in love with.

Here's what members of the press have been saying:

"Vocally and musically superb" — **The Toronto Sun**

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“Truly a great show” — **The Globe and Mail**

“The closest thing to ABBA that you will ever see.” — **Toronto’s “Mamma Mia” cast**

This is the last performance of the season for the theater’s Sunday Afternoon Concert Series.

Single tickets for ABBAMANIA start at \$38. For tickets and more information, visit CarpenterArts.org or call the Carpenter Center Ticket Office at (562) 985-7000. This series is made possible in part by Season Media Partner KPCC 89.3-FM.

PERFORMER GUIDE

<u>Performer</u>	<u>ABBA member portrayed</u>
Michelle Truman	Agnetha Faltskog
Monica Tietz.....	Anni-Frid Lyngstad
Mathew Whale.....	Benny Andersson
Nick Pattison	Bjorn Ulvaeus

SET LIST

Set One

Intro
Mamma Mia
Take a Chance on Me
Does Your Mother Know
I Have a Dream
Waterloo
S.O.S.
I Do, I Do, I Do, I Do, I Do
The Name of the Game
The Winner Takes it All
Gimme! Gimme! Gimme! (A Man After Midnight)

Set Two

Chiquitita
Super Trouper
Summer Night City
Money, Money, Money
Lay All Your Love on Me
Eagle
Ring Ring
Honey, Honey
Knowing Me, Knowing You
Fernando
Voulez-Vous
Dancing Queen

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