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**El Dorado Hills Chamber’s Blues Festival Set for May 10, 2025**

**HEART OF THE HILLS – BLUES BLAST**

**Featuring The Fabulous Thunderbirds and More!!**

The El Dorado Hills Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the tickets for the 2025 festival will be on sale December 6, 2024 – a great gift for the holidays!! The 2024 event sold-out – so be sure to get yours early!

Heart of the Hills Blues Blast is a one-day Blues music festival featuring award-winning, National touring acts that will blow your socks off:

**Laurie Morvan Band**

**Albert Cummings**

**The Fabulous Thunderbirds**

Powered by hits like the title track, and “Wrap It Up,” Tuff Enough went platinum, selling more than one million copies. Wilson was nominated for Grammy Awards six times and Blues Music Awards more than twenty.

***The Fabulous Thunderbirds*** new album, ***Struck Down***, features 9 new songs co-written by Kim Wilson and Steve Strongman, and features guest musicians: Bonnie Raitt, Billy Gibbons, Mick Fleetwood, Taj Mahal, Elvin Bishop, Keb’ Mo’ and Terrance Simien. And happily, ***Struck Down*** has two Grammy nominations!

***Albert Cummings*** is a blues guitarist and singer who has been steadily rising in the music world since his debut album in 2003. His latest release, *TEN,* marks a significant breakthrough in his career, solidifying his place in modern blues. Produced by Chuck Ainlay, known for his work with artists like Mark Knopfler and George Strait, *TEN* features a dream team of musicians and showcases Cummings’ evolving sound. Cummings, a self-taught guitarist from Massachusetts, has received praise for his powerful guitar technique and expressive performances, drawing comparisons to blues legends like Stevie Ray Vaughn and Jimi Hendrix.

Blues Foundation Award winner ***Laurie Morvan*** has built a career playing guitar-driven, rocking blues, with a back pocket full of well-warranted swagger, and songs that reflect true craftsmanship. In an era where fewer and fewer artists are truly aware of (and engage) their audience, she is a true entertainer; a musical ringmaster leading her devastatingly tight band through a myriad of twists and turns with a level of finesse and musical intuition that only comes from years of working together.

This one-day festival will take place on Saturday, May 10, 2025, at the beautiful outdoor grounds at Overland District, just above Regal Cinemas at the El Dorado Hills Town Center. To peek at what the grounds look like – you can visit [www.overlanddistrict.com](http://www.overlanddistrict.com).

Tickets to this event are on sale now [www.heartofthehillsmusicfest.org](http://www.heartofthehillsmusicfest.org)

Tickets: G.A. $45 in advance; $55 at gate. VIP $60 in advance – $70 at gate.

Gates open at Noon – the festival runs 1:00-6:00 PM.

There are a little over 250 parking spaces at the venue – once these are full a “Lot Full” sign will be placed near the bottom of Rossmore Lane. Additional overflow parking is being made available with free shuttle service – more information on parking will be on the website FAQ’s soon.

**FAQ/Nitty Gritty Details:**

VIP ticket holders get in a ½ hour earlier (11:30AM) so they can pick their spot (low back chairs please) in the front VIP area or other if desired and will be treated to wine tasting and light bites from 11:30-1:30. Light bites and wine tasting on VIP patio.

General admission ticket holders will also be treated to wine tasting between noon-1:30P in designated booths around event perimeter.

Drink tickets for “full pour” wine and beer purchases will be available at drink ticket booth at onset of event gate opening (for both concert ticket types). 4 food trucks will be on site with a variety of delectables.

No outside food or beverages, no ice chests (other than two personal clear water bottles) will be permitted – low back chairs only in the main festival grounds. No Pop-Up tents, however higher chairs will be permitted *off to the sides or in the back.* No large bags, backpacks, small purses only. Shade tents and cooling stations will be added to this years’ event, in case of heat. May in El Dorado Hills – can be cool, perfect, or hot – you just don’t know!! Thank you.

All proceeds from this event will benefit the many programs of the El Dorado Hills Chamber – strengthening community and supporting local businesses!