

## June 5-9, 2024 It's A Barnyard Mardi Gras 35th District Agricultural Association



# La Original Banda El Limon

#### FREE Table Mountain Concert Series Presented by Coors Light

Closing out the 2024 Merced County Fair presented by Valley Children's Healthcare is regional Mexican artists, La Original Banda El Limon on Sunday, June 9 as part of the FREE Table Mountain Concert Series presented by Coors Light! The show starts at 8:30 p.m. and is free with your paid Fair admission.

The history of La Original Banda El Limón dates back to January 15, 1965, when it was founded by Don Salvador Lizárraga in Mazatlán, Sinaloa. Over the years, they became the first Sinaloan band to mark a new era in their genre by incorporating vocalists as part of the group. Some notable vocalists who have been part of the band include Julio Preciado, Jorge Cordero, José Ángel Ledezma "El Coyote," Nico Flores, Chuy Lizárraga, Antonio Lizárraga, Israel Valdez, Lorenzo Méndez, José Ramón Maldonado, Kevin Melendres, and Víctor Noriega.

During the 1990s, the band gained immense popularity and even international recognition, topping the "Hot Latin Tracks" list on Billboard in the United States for almost a year in 1997. They received numerous awards and accolades for their high record sales and exceptional musical quality. The band has performed in various large events, attracting audiences of over 100,000 people in both Mexico and the United States.

La Original Banda El Limón has been nominated for prestigious awards and won three Latin Grammys, two Premios Texas, the ASCAP Award, the BMI Award, the Billboard Award for Excellence in Regional Mexican Music, and others. They have a vast discography of 41 albums, achieving high sales in physical and digital formats, with over 300 million streams on various digital platforms.

In 2019, they released their 39th album titled, *De Aquí Pa'l Real*, independently under their own record label, OBL Records. The band has continuously evolved, maintaining the essence of Sinaloan music, including ranchero, love ballads, and cumbia in their repertoire. They released the album, *El Presente Es Lo Que Cuenta*, on January 15, 2021, celebrating their 56th anniversary. The album features 13 songs, including both original compositions and covers. They released their newest album with 16 of their all-time biggest hits honoring their founder, Don Salvador Lizárraga in 2022 and 2023 performed the album live with large names such as: Pancho Barraza; El Komander; Luis Ángel el Flako; El Yaki; and El Mimoso to name a few.

La Original Banda El Limón continues to thrive and has recently released the single "Me Sigue Doliendo," performed by Kevin Meléndres. They are also preparing a Tribute to the Legacy of Don Salvador Lizárraga, which will feature prominent Sinaloan musicians, former band members, and other invited artists. Don't miss the opportunity to see this legendary Sinoloan band perform some of their biggest hits at the Fair

### <u>La Original Banda El Limon Highlights</u>

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