

# City of Cottonwood

## Department of Parks and Recreation

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“It’s time to light the charcoal for 2012’s Rhythm & Ribs ”

On September 22, the City of Cottonwood Parks and Recreation Department is hosting its 7<sup>th</sup> annual “Rhythm & Ribs” event featuring Lou Gramm “The Voice of Foreigner” at the Cottonwood Kids Park. Tickets on sale August 22 at the Cottonwood Recreation Center, Cottonwood Chamber of Commerce, and other participating locations. In 2011, the event was a success with one of the closest rib cook-off competitions to date. This year we are hoping to far exceed last year’s attendance with Breakdown “A Tom Petty Experience,” and Lou Gramm “The Voice of Foreigner.” Ticket prices for this event are \$15 in advance, \$20 day of and \$25 VIP. All tickets include three free meaty rib bones and great musical acts all day. The restaurants assembled for the 2012 Rhythm and Ribs cook-off are some the state’s best. **New for 2012 is the addition of the Joe Blow division.** This competition allows all those world famous backyard cooks the chance to put it on the line, and also win some prize money. Register for this competition at the Cottonwood Rec. Center. Entertainment for the event includes an astounding lineup consisting of: Combo Deluxe @ 11:00 a.m., Christopher Robin Band @ 1:30 p.m., Breakdown “A Tom Petty Experience” @ 4:00 p.m. and Lou Gramm “The Voice of Foreigner” @ 7:00 p.m.

At 11:00 a.m. enjoy **Combo Deluxe.** The band was deemed “one of Arizona’s favorite bands” by the Arizona Republic. The band consists of front women Llory McDonald. Llory has had an amazing trip during her musical career. She recorded a single on the 1988 Summer Olympics album, along with various other artist including Eric Clapton and Whitney Houston. She also sang background vocals on Lita Ford’s 1988 release “Lita” on Dreamland Records. She signed a 3-year music publishing contract (1988-1990) with Blue Rider Music, where she sang on various singles and demos. She is accompanied by Luke Jarret a 30-year veteran harp player that has opened for acts like John Mayall, J.J. Cale, Waylon Jennings, Jerry Lee Lewis, Bobby Bare, Ed Bruce and Rick Nelson. Roundingout the band are Billy D. Fox on drums and Ron on bass.



The **Christopher Robin Band** will take the stage at 1:30 p.m. and they are sure to keep the fire lit after Combo Deluxe rocks the stage. Christopher has opened for, shared the stage or recorded with a long list of artists including Clarence Clemmons, Gregg Allman, Robert Cray, The Marshall Tucker Band, Shooter Jennings, Eddy "The Chief" Clearwater, Big and Rich, and Steve Cropper among others.



Additionally, Christopher is still called upon to sing and play guitar for the original "Lady Outlaw," Jessi Colter. These experiences have earned him the reputation of being a true musician's musician in addition to being a high-energy crowd pleaser. With three CD's under his belt, Christopher and his band of all-star players, including his "Little Brother" Trevor Taylor, continue to maintain an extensive national touring schedule.

Continuing the day **Breakdown “A Tom Petty Experience”** at 4:00 p.m. Take a trip into the vast world of Tom Petty with one of the finest tribute shows on the planet. “Breakdown” a tribute to Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers is as near a real experience as can be delivered by anyone other than the actual artist. A favorite amongst fans ranging from teens to seniors this show covers a large demographic. From the vocals to the layered guitar melodies, harmonicas to harmonies and everything else that makes up the great sounds of Tom Petty, Breakdown is a “magical” experience. Breakdown began in the early part of the year 2000. After being labeled a “Tom Petty” look alike, Scott decided maybe this was an avenue worth looking at. With long time friends Eric (Guitar) Mike (Drummer) and Ricky (Bass), They set out to put together a show to be remembered. The rest is shall we say “history”. These musicians form the core of Breakdown and combined have almost 75 years in the music industry. They have been playing professionally together in this and other tribute shows since the 90’s. Collectively they bring a re-creation of the Tom Petty experience with an accuracy rivaled only by Tom himself. This show includes all the look and feel of Tom Petty presented by top industry pros.



The headlining act for 2012 is the one and only **Lou Gramm “The Voice of Foreigner.”** Lou was the lead singer and one of the driving forces behind the band “Foreigner”. He is the vocals behind chart toppers like: “Feels Like the First Time”, “Cold as Ice”, “Long, Long Way from Home”, “Hot Blooded”, “Double Vision”, “Blue Morning, Blue Day”, “Head Games”, “Dirty White Boy”, “Urgent”, “Juke Box Hero”, “Break It Up”, “Say You Will”, “Waiting for a Girl Like You” and “I Want to Know What Love Is.” He also branched off with a solo-venture with the popular song “Midnight Blue.” Lou Gramm with brother Ben Gramm (Drums), friends Don Mancuso (Guitar), Andy Knoll (Keyboards) and A.D. Zimmer (Bass), play a retrospective of Gramm's work with Foreigner, his solo material, plus a few personal favorites of their own.



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