



LEGENDARY LOCAL FUNK ENSEMBLE CON FUNK SHUN AT EAST PALO ALTO'S EPACENTER July 26, 2026

EAST PALO ALTO, CA (23 June 2026) — **EPACENTER**, East Palo Alto's architecturally stunning all-ages creative development center, will present **Con Funk Shun**, Vallejo's legendary funk ensemble known for classics like "Love's Train" and "Ffun" as part of its inaugural ***Sunset Concerts*** season. A first for ***Sunset Concerts***, the EPACENTER Amphitheater will be fully rigged with enhanced theatrical lighting design as **Con Funk Shun** brings its infectious danceability to East Palo Alto during the band's red-hot national "Smooth Jukebox" tour. These artists offer Bay Area audiences a showstopping evening with effortlessly cool choreography, six-part harmonies, and timeless grooves. **Con Funk Shun** will perform **Sunday, July 26, 2026** (*Doors open 5:00pm, concert 5:15pm*) at **EPACENTER**, 1950 Bay Road, East Palo Alto, CA. For tickets (\$50 general admission plus fees) and more information visit epacenter.org/sunset-concerts. Special ticket pricing (\$25 plus fees) is available to East Palo Alto residents with proof of residence on entry. Food and beverages will be available for purchase onsite.

"The community's response to ***Sunset Concerts*** has been incredible," said EPACENTER Executive Director **Nadine Rambeau**. "This summer we have focused on local talent that has gained national stature, and **Con Funk Shun** is a sterling example. Our mission is to develop the Bay Area's creativity and highlight pathways to long-term success in careers in the arts. The artists we have presented in our ***Sunset Concerts*** are stellar representatives of home-grown talent that has flourished. Each of the artists in ***Sunset Concerts*** is an example of that mission."

ABOUT CON FUNK SHUN

Con Funk Shun is a Vallejo-born R&B funk group that has been electrifying audiences for more than 50 years. Founded by Michael Cooper and his high school classmates under the name Project Soul, the group cut its teeth in Memphis backing Stax artists before signing with Mercury Records and going on to release 11 albums and eight top 10 Billboard hits, including the No. 1 single "Ffun," and songs like "Chase Me," "Shake & Dance," and "Baby I'm Hooked." Con Funk Shun's song "Love's Train" was remade four decades later by Silk Sonic (Bruno Mars and Anderson .Paak) and rose to No. 1 on the Billboard R&B Airplay chart. Honored with the National R&B Music Society Lifetime Achievement Award in 2014, the band today features original members Michael Cooper, Felton Pilate, and Karl Fuller alongside a powerhouse supporting lineup, and continues to perform for audiences worldwide with new singles "Text Me Tomorrow" and "Smooth" from the album *Smooth Jukebox*.

ABOUT EPACENTER

EPACENTER (*pronounced epi-center*) is a multidisciplinary arts center in East Palo Alto that ignites creative potential and community connection by delivering inclusive, high-quality education, experiences, and career pathways for people of all ages and abilities. Through a wide range of creative disciplines including visual arts, music, dance, theater, design, and digital media, EPACENTER ensures that every member of the East Palo Alto community can find a meaningful entry point into creative expression, fostering artistic growth, cultural engagement, and civic stewardship. Programming and support are offered in multiple languages, reflecting the rich diversity of the communities EPACENTER serves. EPACENTER envisions East Palo Alto as a beacon of creativity, where every generation has ready access to the arts, cultural pride is celebrated, and artistic innovation fuels individual growth and economic opportunity.

FOR CALENDAR EDITORS:

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