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**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND - WAR to perform at the 2018 Date Festival!**

**Indio, CA** – WAR brought the house down at the 2017 Date Festival so they are back to deliver another crowd moving performance on Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the Fantasy Springs Concert Pavilion.

During an anti-Vietnam America, WAR's mission was "to spread a message of brotherhood and harmony." Their instruments and voices became their weapons of choice as they spoke out against racism, hunger, gangs, crimes and turf wars. WAR climbed the charts with hits such as, "Low Rider," "Don't Let No One Get You Down," "Why Can't We Be Friends?," "The Cisco Kid" and "Slippin' Into Darkness." Original band members included: Lonnie Jordan (singer/keyboardist), Harold Brown (drums/vocals), the late Thomas "Papa Dee Allen (congas/timbales) and Charles Miller (saxophonist/flutist).

WAR toured extensively across Europe and the States, garnering rave reviews from mainstream and music press alike. England's *New Music Express* called WAR "the best live band I ever saw" after their first UK gig in London's Hyde Park. The band's popularity has grown steadily as a result of the commitment to being road WARriors combined with television appearances, record sales, use of their music in film, television and commercials, samples and covers by other recording artists. WAR now tours over 150 dates a year to audiences ranging from tens of thousands to intimate clubs.

WAR's global popularity is a tribute to the timelessness of its music and message. Perhaps, nothing epitomizes this truth greater than the fact that WAR has twice been honored by its hometown of Los Angeles, over twenty years apart, for its music making positive contributions to the betterment of the community. "There will always be a reason to play our songs," says singer/keyboardist Lonnie Jordan.

The Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival is presented by Fantasy Springs Resort Casino, the desert's leader in gaming and entertainment. The Fair, in Indio, runs February 16-25. Gates are open 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. from Friday-Monday and noon-10 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday. Purchase your tickets early to take advantage of the discounted prices: \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors, \$8 for youth, \$8 for group tickets or bus tours (minimum of 25), and \$22 for Unlimited Carnival Ride Wristbands. For more information, call 800.811.FAIR or visit [www.DateFest.org](http://www.DateFest.org) where you can buy and print your Fair tickets at home.

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