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## ***Big Bad Voodoo Daddy Brings Their “High Octane Nitro Jive” to Rancho Cucamonga’s Lewis Family Playhouse, Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>***

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**Rancho Cucamonga, California** – Toes will be tapping, heads will be bobbing and shoulders will be shimmying when Grammy-nominated swing band *Big Bad Voodoo Daddy* takes the stage at Rancho Cucamonga’s Lewis Family Playhouse on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. Select seats are still available for \$51.50 for this special one-night engagement.

Dressed to the nines in zoot suits and taking up where the jazz greats of the 40’s and 50’s left off, the high-energy group is sure to bring down the house with their signature hits, *Mr. Pinstripe Suit, You and Me and the Bottle Makes 3 Tonight (Baby), Go Daddy-O, I Wanna Be Like You* and more.

Launched by bandleader Scotty Morris as a three-piece jazz, blues and swing combo, the band took its name in 1992 after meeting blues guitarist Albert Collins after one of his concerts. The guitar great signed a poster “To Scotty, The Big Bad Voodoo Daddy.” “When it came time to name this band,” Morris later said, “I didn’t really have a choice. I felt like it was handed down to me.”

Since that fateful day, the trio has grown to a group of seven premiere musicians who share a love for all things swing, including Kurt Sodergren on drums, Dirk Shumaker on string bass, Andy Rowley on saxophone, Glen “The Kid” Marhevka on trumpet, Karl Hunter on saxophone and clarinet, and Joshua Levy on piano. After making a name for itself on the Los Angeles lounge circuit, the band received its first national notice with an appearance in the 1996 film *Swingers*, which helped to launch a big band revival and earned the group non-stop popularity.

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While touring the globe, *Big Bad Voodoo Daddy* has released seven CDs, including two Christmas collections, *Big Bad Voodoo Daddy Live* and *Save My Soul*, a love letter to New Orleans. The group is now working on a tribute to Cab Calloway, performing the jazz great's signature hits at their live concerts. The group has sold more than three million albums, performed at Super Bowl XXXIII with Stevie Wonder and Gloria Estefan, and lent their music to more than 60 film and television trailers.

The Lewis Family Playhouse is the crown jewel of the three-acre, 89,000-square-foot Victoria Gardens Cultural Center, located at 12505 Cultural Center Drive near Foothill Boulevard and the I-15. The Box Office is open Monday through Thursday from noon to 6:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 5:00 p.m., with ample free parking available.

**For More Information** - For additional information on the full season line-up or to purchase tickets, please visit [www.lewisfamilyplayhouse.com](http://www.lewisfamilyplayhouse.com) or call (909) 477-2752 or (877) 858-8422.

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