

Music

J.T. Taylor to perform at Chinook Winds Casino

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J.T. Taylor, formerly of "Kool & the Gang" will perform at Chinook Winds' 5th Anniversary Celebration, will take place in the Convention Center, where dancing is encouraged and a no-host bar will be available. Don't miss the versatility of J.T. Taylor, an integral part of Kool and the Gang from 1979 to 1988 when they created hits such as "Celebration." His singing, songwriting and acting abilities continue to provide his fans with many different opportunities to enjoy themselves. In 1988, when he decided to pursue a solo career, it was as productive as had been the time with Kool and the Gang. His music has been heard in such movies as "Tap" and "Ghostbusters Two", and he had his first film role in "Mambo Kings." Soon after, he landed the leading role in his first play, Lorraine Hansberry's "Raisin in the Sun." In 1995, a reunion with his former band, resulted in a new album, television appearances and a rebirth of both his and the band's careers. This rebirth created an impetus, which allowed them to hit



the tour market. His show features all his hits from his time with Kool and the Gang, his solo career, and his direction for the future. His most recent hit, "How," is listed as #25 with a bullet on the R&B Chart. Concert times are 8 pm, June 23,

and 7 & 10 pm, June 24 with ticket prices ranging from \$35 to \$45, depending on seat location. For more information, or to obtain tickets, call 1-888-MAIN-ACT (624-6228) or Fred Meyer Fastixx, 1-800-992-TIXX (8499).

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