

# Arts & ENTERTAINMENT



The big pool at the Mt. Hood Community College Aquatic Center will be transformed into a 'dive-in' movie theater on special nights this summer.

## Swim with Tom Cruise

Want to see a movie? What better way to spend a summer evening than floating in the big pool at Mt. Hood Community College while watching Tom Cruise on the big screen.

After five years on hiatus, the MHCC Aquatic Center Dive-In Movie Special makes a return to the big screen this summer. Families and friends are welcome to spend time

floating, splashing and swimming in the college's 50-meter Olympic size pool.

Film classics such as "Jaws" and "Top Gun" and other crowd favorites

will be played on the electric scoreboard for viewers of all ages.

"We wanted to bring back Dive-In Movies as a fun event for the community," says Steve Hula, manager of aquatics and recreation. "It provides a nice way for people to relax in the big pool on a hot day while enjoying movies for no extra charge."

Dive-In Movies will begin Friday, June 29 and continue July 6 and 13 and Aug. 3, 10, 17 and 31. Prices are the same for open swim: \$4.50 for adults, \$3.25 for children 18 and younger and seniors.

For more information, call the MHCC Aquatic Center at 503-491-7243 or visit [mhcc.edu/aquatics](http://mhcc.edu/aquatics).

## Without Michael, Jacksons Start Tour

Return to the stage hasn't been easy

(AP) — Guided by a thumping bass line from their backing band, the Jackson brothers strut forward to a row of four microphones, thrusting their pelvises along the way, before launching into "Can't Let Her Get Away," a song their superstar sibling released on his "Dangerous" album. If they had afros and matching powder blue suits, it might feel like 1977 again.

It doesn't. They're casually sporting sunglasses, workout gear and a few more pounds than when they, along with the future King of Pop, were simply known as the Jackson 5.

Nearly three years since Michael died while preparing for his comeback tour, four of his brothers — Marlon, Jermaine, Tito and Jackie — are back on stage as The Jacksons. It hasn't been easy.

"The brothers don't know this, but I've broken down several times and cried during rehearsals," said Jermaine during a recent rehearsal break on a soundstage in Burbank, Calif. "I'm so used to Michael being



Marlon (from left), Jackie, Tito and Jermaine Jackson rehearse in Burbank, Calif. Nearly three years after Michael Jackson died, the brothers prepare for their own return to the stage, including a July 28 date at Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln City.

on the right, and then Marlon, Jackie, on and on. It's just something we never get used to."

The brothers launched their "Unity" tour last Wednesday, five days ahead of the third anniversary of Michael's death from an overdose of the anesthetic propofol on June 25, 2009. (The tour is coming to Lincoln City's Chinook Winds Casino for one performance only on July 28. For tickets, call 1-888-624-6228.)

"For me, this cycle that comes around every year — this day, that day — that doesn't affect me because it affects me every day," said Marlon. "When that day comes around, it's the same. You learn to live with it. I still wake up sometimes and go, 'Jeez. I can't believe my brother's not here.'"

Jermaine said the brothers have wanted to reunite on their own for years, but after Michael's passing, they needed time to heal — and the

tour is another step in that process. They've rearranged their classics to suit their voices, and Jermaine said the group plans to pay tribute to Michael during their shows with a slideshow and medley that will conclude with the tune "Gone Too Soon."

"There's certain songs that make you feel the sorrow," said Tito. "Then again, there are other songs that bring so much joy and happiness, such as 'ABC' and 'I Want You Back' and the up-tempo stuff like

'This Place Hotel.' I just imagine how he used to walk and spin and do all these things. You can feel his presence here."

Michael later forged unprecedented success as a solo artist. His superstardom was unrivaled, and his brothers couldn't capture similar acclaim or sales, but their legacy as a group has remained unchanged. The Jackson 5 were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1997.

While various combinations of the brothers have reunited to perform over the years, including at last year's "Michael Forever" tribute concert in Wales, "Unity" will mark the first time the brothers have toured together since their final "Victory" outing in 1984.

"We have a certain magic," said Jackie. "Once we get out here and run it down a couple times, it comes back to you. I'm not (moving) like I used to, but we still got it."

Will the fans think so — and will they turn out to see The Jacksons, whose ages now range from 55 to 61, perform their hits without Michael?

The brothers are undaunted, hoping to release an album of new music then go back out on tour.

"It's like riding a bike," said Marlon. "You never forget, but you do need to tweak a few things."