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Phil Dillard Returns to Hometown for Benefit Concert

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Thousands of fans gathered at the Sunnyvale Convention Center yesterday evening for a special benefit concert given by Phil Dillard, lead singer and guitarist of the jazz band Cutting Loose. Mr. Dillard, born and raised right here in Sunnyvale, has become an international music sensation. Mr. Dillard has announced that all proceeds from the concert will go towards renovating Sunnyvale Music College.

'I owe much of my success as a musician to Sunnyvale Music College. It was there that I learned to play the guitar and drums, and it is also where I learned to sing. I feel it's time for me to give back to the community. The building is over 30 years old and hasn't been renovated in years. I'd also like to set up a fund to purchase more musical instruments for the college. This will make it easier for students who can't afford to buy their own instruments to come and practice,' said Mr. Dillard in an interview given right before the show.

Phil Dillard's former music professor, Greg Samson, who still teaches at Sunnyvale Music College, sat in the front row, cheering along with last night's crowd. Samson expressed pride in his student's accomplishments. He said, 'I am very touched by his generous contribution to the college.'

Cutting Loose's upcoming European tour starts this July. The band will visit seven major European cities by the end of August. With tickets for the Paris show already sold out, Mr. Dillard expects this summer's tour to be a tremendous success.

1-1 Practice some of the words or phrases you heard in the conversation. Complete the sentences by dragging the correct verbs from the bank below into place. There are more verbs than you need.

The (1) _____ from this concert will go to help several local charities.

I'm afraid there are no seats left, we are completely (2) _____!

He (3) _____ in his son's successful music career.

We intend to (4) _____ to help other music students pay for their lessons.

The pop star gave a (5) _____ to help raise money for the music college.

(a) sensation	(b) expressed pride	(c) community
(d) set up a fund	(e) benefit concert	(f) sold out
(g) proceeds		

1-2 What is true about Mr. Milner? Select all that apply.

- ☐ He grew up in Sunnyvale..
- ☐ He plays the drums and guitar.
- ☐ He could not afford to buy musical instruments when he was in college.
- ☐ He is a successful jazz star.
- ☐ He wants to help music students all over Europe.

1-3 Choose the correct answer.

Is Mr. Dillard famous outside the United States?

- Ⓐ Yes
- Ⓑ No
- Ⓒ It is unclear.

1-4 Choose the correct answer.

Who is Mr. Samson?

- Ⓐ A singer in Mr. Dillard's band
- Ⓑ A famous guitarist
- Ⓒ A student at Sunnyvale Music College
- Ⓓ A former professor of Mr. Dillard's

1-5 What is true about Mr. Milner? Select all that apply.

- ☐ To buy instruments for Sunnyvale Music College students
- ☐ To remodel Sunnyvale Music College
- ☐ To build a new convention center
- ☐ To promote Cutting Loose

2. Quiz

Choose the correct answer.

2-1 What is the purpose of the concert in Sunnyvale?

- Ⓐ To welcome Mr. Dillard back to his hometown
- Ⓑ To thank a music professor for his work
- Ⓒ To raise money for Sunnyvale Music College
- Ⓓ To give students a chance to perform in public

2-2 What does Mr. Samson say about Mr. Dillard?

- Ⓐ He feels very proud of Mr. Dillard.
- Ⓑ He taught Mr. Dillard 30 years ago.
- Ⓒ He will meet Mr. Dillard in Paris.
- Ⓓ He considers Mr. Dillard a close friend

2-3 The word "proceeds" in paragraph 1, line 7, is closest in meaning to

- Ⓐ Beginning
- Ⓑ Continue
- Ⓒ Profit
- Ⓓ Organization

Choose the correct answer.

2-4 What is the band, Cutting Loose, going to do this summer?

- Ⓐ Give a benefit concert in Paris
- Ⓑ Go on a European tour
- Ⓒ Visit Sunnyvale Music College
- Ⓓ Hire a new lead singer

2-5 What did Mr. Samson do last night?

- Ⓐ He attended a benefit concert.
- Ⓑ He played in a jazz band.
- Ⓒ He bought a ticket to Europe.
- Ⓓ He gave a music lesson.