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FAREWELL TO THE SWALLOWS EVENT AT MISSION SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO

San Juan Capistrano, CA – September 30, 2009 ---In conjunction with the San Juan Capistrano Chamber of Commerce (SJC Chamber), Mission San Juan Capistrano will host the annual "Vintage - Farewell to the Swallows" celebration, a food and wine festival, on Saturday, Oct. 17 from 6-10 p.m.

The Vintage food and wine event at Mission San Juan Capistrano is an annual celebration hosted by the SJC Chamber to bid farewell to the swallows of San Juan Capistrano. The City of San Juan Capistrano is known for its famous Swallow birds. Each March the community welcomes the birds home with a parade and each October, the SJC Chamber bids them farewell with their celebration of food, wine, dancing and more.

The evening's events will be filled with live entertainment by Greg Adams, wine tastings, food booths, dancing, and games. The food and wine are included with the admission ticket.

Greg Adams' career has included success as an arranger, composer, conductor, and performer and earned him both Grammy and Emmy nominations and an International Broadcasting Award from The Hollywood Radio and Television Society. It has been a musical travelogue that has spanned nearly four decades, taking him on worldwide tours and contributing to some of the most important recordings in pop culture.

Food Tastings from 25 local restaurants will be served in generous portions. The wine selection is top notch with offerings from 25 exceptional California wineries. Attendees should bring dancing shoes so that in-between tastings they can shake their stuff on the dance floor. Music performed by Greg Adams will fill the night air with familiar tunes for all to enjoy.

Attention shoppers: Come prepared to stroll through the extensive silent auction and pick out a few baskets filled with goodies! While the shoppers are doing their thing, others can grab a seat or roll the dice while playing at one of the gaming tables where they'll have a chance to win cash prizes.

This year's proceeds will benefit the Mission and SJC Chamber.

Tickets are on sale (\$75 each, \$850 for table of 10) and can be purchased online at www.thevintagesjc.com, by phone or in person at the SJC Chamber offices located at 31421 la Matanza Street in San Juan Capistrano. For more information call the SJC Chamber offices at (949)493-4700.

About San Juan Capistrano Chamber of Commerce:

San Juan Capistrano, a small town, has a big reputation for having a personable atmosphere. With approximately 1,500 businesses, most owners are on site to discuss their products and services.

The San Juan Capistrano Chamber of Commerce strives to create and promote a climate where business can operate in a productive and profitable manner. The Chamber is very active and offers many networking and promotional opportunities for all to share their business and for visitors to find what their heart desires. Being both a Chamber and visitor center, the Chamber is a bridge between the lookers and the providers. For more information, visit www.sanjuanchamber.com.

About Mission San Juan Capistrano:

Known as the "Jewel of the Missions," Mission San Juan Capistrano is a historic landmark and museum that boasts of quality permanent exhibits featuring original artifacts as well as traveling and temporary exhibits on a wide variety of topics.

The site itself serves as a living outdoor museum with original buildings constructed by Native Americans in the 18th century including the Serra Chapel, Great Stone Church, and the original padres' quarters of the South Wing.

The Mission was founded on November 1, 1776 by Padre Junipero Serra as the seventh in the chain of the twenty-one California missions established by Spain, and is Orange County's only mission. Every year, over 50,000 students visit the Mission and engage in an inspirational learning experience via the Mission Matters programming, as part of their State required California history studies.

Mission San Juan Capistrano is owned by the Diocese of Orange and is supported by the Mission Preservation Foundation, which is comprised of business and community leaders committed to ensuring the long term preservation and viability of Orange County's only Mission. The Mission receives no funding from either the Church or the State of California and charges admission funds as a means of providing public access.

Mission San Juan Capistrano is located at 26801 Ortega Highway, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675. Open Daily 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Good Friday afternoon. Admission is \$9 adults; \$8 seniors (60 years or over); \$5 children (ages 4 to 11); and children ages 3 and under are admitted free. Free audio guide with senior and adult admission. For more information, call (949) 234-1300 or visit www.missionsjc.com.

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