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ZORRO UNMASKED AT MISSION SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO

San Juan Capistrano, CA—April 5, 2010—The Mission Preservation Foundation is pleased to announce “Zorro Unmasked,” (© 2010 Zorro Productions, Inc., All Rights Reserved) the new temporary summer exhibit at Mission San Juan Capistrano on display from June 1 through August 31.

Working hand-in-hand with Zorro Productions, this unique exhibit showcasing the cinematic history of Zorro from past films and television shows will be on display at Orange County’s only mission. The exhibit will feature original costumes worn by actors Antonio Banderas and Catherine Zeta Jones from the 2005 film *The Legend of Zorro*. In addition, generations of filmgoers will enjoy viewing original film props and related items from the films of such stars as Douglas Fairbanks, Tyrone Power and Guy Williams. An array of related Zorro items from pop culture, film, television, magazines and books will also be on display for the public’s enjoyment. Zorro Productions is the world’s largest collector of Zorro memorabilia and are located in Berkeley, California.

The Mission’s Foundation hopes to draw visitors and members of all ages to enjoy a summer visit to the birthplace of Orange County, Mission San Juan Capistrano, and learn about this famed masked hero.

“Temporary exhibits like ‘Zorro Unmasked’ are being offered at the Mission to create renewable experiences for locals and members who are already familiar with the Mission, yet are seeking a local living history museum experience.” said Mechelle Lawrence-Adams.

Come and celebrate the Mission’s second traveling exhibit for a limited time only in the newly refurbished West Wing Building. The exhibit is free to members and daily viewing hours will be limited from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

For a detailed listing of events, visit www.missionsjc.com or call the events hotline at (949) 234-1315.

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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