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MISSION PRESERVATION FOUNDATION TO PRESENT LIMITED-TIME ART EXHIBIT

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, Calif. (Nov. 3, 2015) -- The Mission Preservation Foundation welcomes the Laguna Plein Air Painters Association for an exclusive, limited-time art exhibition to appear at Mission San Juan Capistrano.

The exhibit, "In the Footsteps of Saint Serra: Paintings Along El Camino Real," will feature original plein air and studio artwork created specifically for this show by LPAPA's most elite signature artists.

The artwork features California's golden lands and historic missions in tribute to the founding father of the California mission system, Saint Junípero Serra, who was canonized by Pope Francis on September 23, 2015.

Jean Stern, Director of the Irvine Museum, has selected the pieces to be featured in this special exhibit.

The public is invited to view the exhibit in the Soldiers Barracks Gallery from Sunday, Nov. 8 through Dec. 6. The artwork will be available for purchase during the course of the exhibit through the Mission Store. A portion of proceeds benefits preservation of historic Mission San Juan Capistrano.

The exhibition is free daily with paid admission and to active Mission members.

Special Art Exhibition

"In the Footsteps of Saint Serra: Paintings Along El Camino Real"

November 8 – December 6, 2015

Open Daily in the Soldiers Barracks 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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); \$6 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.