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MISSION SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO ANNOUNCES BATTLE OF THE MARIACHIS WINNERS

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, Calif. (May 16, 2016) -- Mission San Juan Capistrano held the 12th annual Battle of the Mariachis Festival on Saturday, May 14. The most popular mariachi festival on the west coast was sold out.

Following is the list of winners from the event:

People's Choice Award (voting conducted online) - Mariachi Los Santos
Spirit of San Juan Capistrano Community Award (Youth Category) - Mariachi Corazon de Tucson
Spirit of San Juan Capistrano Community Award (Open Category) - Mariachi Nuevo Capistrano
1st Place (Youth Category, \$1,500) - Mariachi Corazon de Tucson
2nd Place (Youth Category, \$1,000) - Sinfonia Mexicana Mariachi Youth Academy
1st Place (Open Category, \$1,500) - Mariachi Nuevo Capistrano
2nd Place (Open Category, \$1,000) - Mariachi de Uclatlán

Besides crowning the mariachi winners, there were two other special awards presented: The Erma Jean Tracy "Shining Star" award, which has been introduced in honor of Erma Jean's continued friendship and support of Mission San Juan Capistrano, and the Tom Tracy "Shining Star" award:

EJ Tracy "Shining Star" Award Individual Award Winner in the Youth Category (\$250) -- Mariachi Real de la Vina - Singer Amor de Los Dos

Tom Tracy "Shining Star" Award Individual Award Winner Open Category (\$250) --
Mariachi Herencia - Female Singer - A Los Cuatro Vientos

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.