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CALIFORNIA LANDMARK MISSION AND ORANGE COUNTY SYMPHONY PARTNER FOR FIRST-EVER CONCERT THIS SUMMER

Tickets on Sale Now for the one-night-only Pacific Symphony “Greatest Hits” Performance at Mission San Juan Capistrano To Close Summer Concert Series on July 21

Orange County, CA. (April, 2019) --- Mission San Juan Capistrano is announcing a brand-new collaboration with Orange County’s Pacific Symphony to host an evening of beloved opera and Broadway favorites called “Symphony at the Mission.” This special event will take place during the Mission’s annual summer concert series, Music Under the Stars on Sunday, July 21, 2019.

The inaugural partnership marks the long-awaited return of the world-class symphony to the historic landmark. Pacific Symphony has crafted their evening performance to include their featuring repertoire, Beloved Opera & Broadway Hits. The talented musicians, led by Conductor Albert-George Schram, will highlight light opera classics and popular Broadway songs accompanied by the vocal talents of award-winning soprano, Lisa Vroman.

“I am thrilled to be presenting the extraordinary artistry of Pacific Symphony at one of the most beautiful historic sites in California. Under the stars and in this magical setting, Pacific Symphony will offer an evening of opera and Broadway favorites which should be exciting for all ages,” says Pacific Symphony President John E. Forsyte.

Echoing Forsyte’s comments, Mission San Juan Capistrano Director Mechelle Lawrence Adams says, “Two of The OC’s beloved cultural and arts institutions joining forces marks an exciting opportunity for residents and visitors alike!”

The Mission allows concert-goers to bring their own food or order meals from local Heritage Tourism Association restaurant members within San Juan Capistrano.

Gates open at 6:30 p.m. The concert begins at sunset, after 7:15 p.m. To purchase tickets and reserve tables, please visit the Mission San Juan Capistrano website: missionsjc.com/music.

This night of unique musical performances came to fruition with the generous support of the Honorable Warren and Jan Siegel, former Romance of the Mission gala honorees and longtime supporters of the Mission.

To underwrite the event, contact Mechelle Lawrence Adams at mlawrence-adams@missionsjc.com.
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**Short Blurb For News Media:**
Mission San Juan Capistrano is proud to announce a 6th concert added to its 2019 Music Under the Stars concert line up! For the first time ever on Sunday, July 21st, Music Under the Stars will feature the world-class Pacific Symphony performing fan favorite light opera classics and beloved Broadway hits with the award winning soprano, Lisa Vroman, and led by the ever-charming maestro, Albert-George Schram. This special concert is hosted in partnership with Orange County’s premiere symphony and offers concert-goers a unique musical performance at the historic California landmark. Gates for this concert open at 6:30 and music begins at sunset, after 7:15. Picnics are encouraged and outside food is allowed. Tickets may be purchased now on the Mission’s website at missionsjc.com. No membership required.

**About Mission San Juan Capistrano**
Located in San Juan Capistrano’s Historic Downtown just four miles from the stunning coastal cliffs of Dana Point, Mission San Juan Capistrano is a remarkable historic landmark and museum that is unique both in its picturesque beauty and its role in connecting visitors with California’s cultural past, present and future. The Mission’s stunning grounds and impressive architecture are a compelling setting in which visitors can learn about the region’s cultural roots, take inspiration from its spiritual significance, engage with local traditions, or explore both permanent and traveling exhibits of original artifacts that bring its history into the present.

Founded on November 1, 1776 by Padre Junípero Serra, who was canonized as a saint in 2015, Mission San Juan Capistrano is known as the “Jewel of the Missions” because of its Great Stone Church, which was completed in 1806 after nine years of construction and was considered an architectural gem that no other church compared within size or beauty on the West Coast of California. The seventh of nine missions founded by Serra (of a total 21 California missions established by Spain), it is Orange County’s only mission and is considered the birthplace of the region.

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