

Annual Battle of the Mariachis Festival

## *Distinguished Judges Panel*



### **Juan Mendoza “El Tariacuri”**



Juan Mendoza, “El Tariacuri”, is of the world-famous Mendoza family, a dynasty of great interpreters of the Mexican ranchera folklore with its roots in the town of San Juan Huetamo, Michoacán.

He is the son of singer/film star Juan Mendoza of the Trío Tariacuri, and the nephew of legendary ranchera singer, Amalia Mendoza, “La Tariacuri”.

An accomplished ranchera singer, Juan is legendary in his own right. He began his career in 1978 at the age of 10 when his aunt Amalia introduced him on the international television show Siempre en Domingo with host, Raul Velásquez. Juan is an accomplished artist of international caliber performing around the world, both as a soloist and with "Herencia Mexicana," a musical group under his direction.

Mission San Juan Capistrano is proud to welcome Juan for the fifth consecutive year to serve on the Distinguished Judges Panel for the Battle of the Mariachis Festival.