

## *Distinguished Judges Panel*

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### **Tizoc Ceballos**



Tizoc's life has always revolved around music. At an early age he studied piano and in middle school began taking trumpet lessons at the Los Angeles Music and Arts School. There he began taking mariachi lessons through the Mariachi Heritage Society. By age 16 Tizoc was fully immersed into the mariachi world and has had the privilege of playing alongside of some of the most talented musicians in the field. Tizoc has toured with José Manuel Figueroa and has been a member of Mariachi Juvenile Sol

de México, Mariachi Los Galleros de Pedro Rey, Mariachi Tlaquepaque de Antonio Ramos, and Mariachi Monumental de America de Juan José Almaguer.

Tizoc holds dual Bachelor of music degrees in Music Composition and Music Education from Chapman University's Conservatory of Music and a Masters in Music in Music Composition from The Bob Cole Conservatory of Music at California State University of Long Beach. Tizoc has a diverse music performance background with more than 20 years of professional experience including mariachi orchestral, choral, rock, jazz, hip hop, and klezmer (European folk music).

A strong believer in the benefits of music education, Tizoc shares his passion for music through teaching. Tizoc is the Band Director at Oxford Preparatory Academy of South Orange County in Mission Viejo, where he teaches marching band to fifth through ninth grade students.

Tizoc has taught at mariachi conferences in Washington and Texas, served as an instructor for Capistrano Community Mariachi Program for three years, and has over 10 years of experience teaching students in band, orchestra and mariachi programs throughout Los Angeles and Orange County.

Mission San Juan Capistrano is honored to welcome back Tizoc for his seventh year on the Battle of the Mariachis Panel of Distinguished Judges.