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**Mission San Juan Capistrano partners with Imagination Celebration,  
continues to offer affordable family-time options**

*San Juan Capistrano, CA – April 15, 2009* –Orange County families are spending more time together, a positive result of the current economic situation, and Mission San Juan Capistrano is offering even more free and affordable events than ever. On Saturday, May 16, the Mission will present its first Koi Culture Event that will include visual arts, performing arts, special guests, and activities for all.

Mission San Juan Capistrano is partnering with The 24th Annual Imagination Celebration, a yearly spring arts festival for children, teenagers, and families, presented by Arts Orange County in partnership with the Orange County Department of Education.

The month-long festival - themed "Spark Your Imagination" – will feature more than 100 events in 31 cities from April 18-May 17, 2009, providing many opportunities for parents to enjoy creative and educational activities with their children.

The collaboration will include professional arts organizations, cities, schools, libraries, colleges, universities and community venues to offer affordable arts experiences in every

Orange County community. The festival also provides an opportunity for organizations to jointly raise awareness to the importance of the arts and creativity.

For a detailed listing of events, visit [www.missionsjc.com](http://www.missionsjc.com) or call events hotline at (949) 234-1315.

*About Mission San Juan Capistrano:*

*Located in Orange County, Calif., Mission San Juan Capistrano is owned by the Diocese of Orange. Founded November 1, 1776 by Padre Junipero Serra, the Mission was the seventh mission in the chain of the twenty-one California missions which were established by Spain. Known as the “Jewel of the Missions,” it provides an inspirational learning experience about the past each year to over 53,000 fourth grade students as part of their California history studies. A place of inspiration, education, and preservation, the Mission is Orange County’s only mission and is supported by the Mission Preservation Foundation, which is comprised of business and community leaders. For more information please visit [www.missionsjc.com](http://www.missionsjc.com).*

*About Arts Orange County:*

*Arts Orange County’s mission is to establish Orange County as one of the leading creative communities in America by assuming a leadership role in building appreciation, participation and support for the arts and arts education throughout the county. Established in 1995 as a nonprofit countywide arts council, Arts OC is the state-local partner with the California Arts Council and the official local arts agency of the County of Orange. Besides the Imagination Celebration, Arts OC’s flagship programs include the annual Orange County Arts Awards and [SparkOC.com](http://SparkOC.com), the comprehensive arts and cultural events website begun in November 2008.*

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