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**MISSION SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO'S FIFTH ANNUAL BATTLE OF THE  
MARIACHIS FESTIVAL**

*SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, CA. – May 19, 2009 – The “Battle” is on.*

Mission San Juan Capistrano is getting ready for its annual Battle of the Mariachis Festival on Saturday, June 13 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

This popular event, made possible thanks to a generous donation from the Thomas J. and Erman Jean Tracy Family Foundation, features talented Southern California mariachi bands, which will compete for cash prizes – and more – before a panel of judges to include mariachi director Alberto “Beto” Jimenez Maeda.

The first-place winner also will be invited to be the opening performance for that evening’s Music Under the Stars concert for Grammy Winning group The Mariachi Divas!

The festival will include authentic Mexican food, cultural merchandise, children activities and workshops provided by instructors from Mariachi Academy of Carson.

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).*

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