



**Historic Landmark and Museum**

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### **MISSION SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO TO HOST BATTLE OF THE MARIACHIS**

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, CA (May 3, 2012) -- Mission San Juan Capistrano will host the eighth annual Battle of the Mariachis Festival on Saturday, May 12 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. in the scenic Central Courtyard. The event is presented thanks to the generous support of the Thomas J. and Erma Jean Tracy Family Foundation.

There will be live musical entertainment and great food as Mariachi performers compete for cash prizes before a panel of judges. And there also will be the ringing of the historic bells at 10:30 a.m., followed by a bilingual marionette show throughout the day.

Full event schedule:

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Bell Wall: Capistrano Community Mariachi Program

10:30 Bell Wall: Ringing of the Historic Bells & Meet the Bell Ringers

11:00 – 11:05 Central Courtyard Stage: Welcome & Introduction: Executive Director Mechelle Lawrence-Adams and emcee Laura Sobrino.

11:05 – 11:10 Central Courtyard Stage: National Anthem Performance by Vocalist Genesis Codina

11:15 – 11:30 Central Courtyard Stage: Mariachi Academy of Carson (Carson, CA)

11:35 – 11:50 Central Courtyard Stage: Mariachi Cielo Nuevo (Huntington Park, CA)

11:55 a.m. – 12:10 p.m. Central Courtyard Stage: Mariachi Puño de Oro (Anaheim, CA)  
12:15 – 12:30 Central Courtyard Stage: Mariachi de Mi Tierra (Oxnard, CA)  
12:15 – 12:45 Soldiers Barracks: Bilingual Marionette Show by Franklin Haynes Marionettes  
12:35 – 12:50 Central Courtyard Stage: Intermission Performance: Vocalist, Genesis Codina  
12:50 – 1:10 Central Courtyard Stage: Intermission Performance: Ballet Folklorico de San Juan Capistrano  
1:15 – 1:40 Central Courtyard Stage: Intermission Performance: Capistrano Community Mariachi Program  
1:15 – 1:45 Soldiers Barracks: Bilingual Marionette Show by Franklin Haynes Marionettes  
1:45 – 2:00 Central Courtyard Stage: Mariachi Los Aventureros (Montclair, CA)  
2:05 – 2:20 Central Courtyard Stage: Mariachi Juvenil Azteca (San Diego, CA)  
2:25 – 2:40 Central Courtyard Stage: Mariachi Corazón de Montclair (Montclair, CA)  
2:45 – 3:00 Central Courtyard Stage: Mariachi Juvenil Mestizo (Delano, CA)  
3:05 – 3:20 Central Courtyard Stage: Plaza de la Raza Youth Mariachi Ensemble (Los Angeles, CA)  
3:25 – 3:40 Central Courtyard Stage: Mariachi Chula Vista (San Diego, CA)  
3:45 Central Courtyard Stage: All Group Finale “La Negra”  
3:50 – 4:00 Central Courtyard Stage: Awards Presentation  
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Cost is \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors (60+) and \$5 for children ages 4-11. Admission is free for Mission Preservation Society Members as well as for current volunteers with identification. Children under 3 are admitted free as well.

Tickets are available now in person at the Gate House or online at [missionsjc.com](http://missionsjc.com). Also available are reserved tables with seating for 10 for \$300. To reserve a table, call 949-234-1321 or email [crobinson@missionsjc.com](mailto:crobinson@missionsjc.com)

***About Mission San Juan Capistrano:***

*Known as the “Jewel of the Missions,” Mission San Juan Capistrano is a historic landmark and museum that boasts of quality permanent exhibits featuring original artifacts as well as traveling and temporary exhibits on a wide variety of topics.*

*The site itself serves as a living outdoor museum with original buildings constructed by Native Americans in the 18<sup>th</sup> century including the Serra Chapel, Great Stone Church, and the original padres’ quarters of the South Wing.*

*The Mission was founded on November 1, 1776 by Padre Junipero Serra as the seventh in the chain of the twenty-one California missions established by Spain, and is Orange County's only mission. Every year, over 50,000 students visit the Mission and engage in an inspirational learning experience via the Mission Matters programming, as part of their State required California history studies.*

*Mission San Juan Capistrano is owned by the Diocese of Orange and is supported by the Mission Preservation Foundation, which is comprised of business and community leaders committed to ensuring the long term preservation and viability of Orange County's only Mission. The Mission receives no funding from either the Church or the State of California and charges admission funds as a means of providing public access.*

*Mission San Juan Capistrano is located at 26801 Ortega Highway, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675. Open Daily 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Good Friday afternoon. Admission is \$9 adults; \$8 seniors (60 years or over); \$5 children (ages 4 to 11); and children ages 3 and under are admitted free. Free audio guide with senior and adult admission. For more information, call (949) 234-1300 or visit [www.missionsjc.com](http://www.missionsjc.com).*