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MUSIC UNDER STARS OFF TO ROCKIN' START

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, CA. (July 13, 2012) – Mission San Juan Capistrano began its popular summer concert series, "Music Under the Stars," on Saturday, July 7 in front of a sellout crowd in the scenic central courtyard of the Mission.

Opening act "Fortunate Son: A Tribute to the Music of John Fogerty and Creedence Clearwater Revival" got the crowd warmed up as the sun set. They were followed by "The Long Run: Experience the Eagles," who filled the dance floor until the last note was played.

The five-concert series still has tickets available for two remaining shows: "Hot August Night: Neil Diamond Tribute" on Aug. 4, and "Jumping Jack Flash: Celebrating the Rolling Stones" on Aug. 18. For ticket information, call (949) 234-1317 or go to missionsjc.com.

"A Tribute to Elton John" on July 21 and the series finale, "The Fab Four: Ultimate Tribute to the Beatles with Ed Sullivan" on Sept. 1 have been sold out. Tickets for next summer's concert series will go on sale in January, 2013.

Proceeds from the concerts go to preservation of Mission San Juan Capistrano, recognized as the birthplace of Orange County.

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 18th 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); \$6 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.