Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza in San Antonio

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About Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza:
The 12th Annual Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza, sponsored by Ford Motor Company, takes place in downtown San Antonio from November 26th through December 3rd, 2006. This eight day event consists of competitive mariachi group and vocal competitions, mariachi workshops, mariachi Mass and is capped by a concert featuring the best mariachis in the world, Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlán.

The event features over 1,000 of the greatest mariachi musicians from Mexico and the United States. Over 10,000 people will gather in San Antonio to celebrate the culture of mariachi music.

Mariachi Vargas History:
Based in Mexico City, Mariachi Vargas has celebrated more than 100 years of mariachi music tradition. Now in its 5th generation, the group has recorded more than 50 CDs and been featured in more than 200 films and music videos.

Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza Schedule:

- Sunday 11/26/06 - Opening Mass - 12:00noon at Mission San Jose
- Monday 11/27/06 - Press Conference - 2:30pm at Mi Tierra Cafe
- Tuesday 11/28/06 - Community & School Presentations - Call (210) 225-3353 for details
- Wednesday 11/29/06 - Noche de Cultura - 7:30pm at Instituto de México
- Thursday 11/30/06 - Serenata en el Rio - 6:30pm - Rivercenter Mall Lagoon
- Friday 12/01/06 - Mariachi Workshops & Group Competion - 8:00am to 10pm - Municipal Auditorium
- Saturday 12/02/06 - Mariachi Vargas Concert - 7:30pm - Municipal Auditorium
- Sunday 12/03/06 - Mariachi Mass - 11:30am - Sacred Heart Chapel - OLLU

Mariachi Vargas Concert Tickets:
Every student who registers for the workshops will receive a free ticket to the Mariachi Vargas concert on December 2nd. Individual tickets may be purchased for $20-$100 each. To buy tickets, visit TicketMaster.com. Call (210)225-3353 for directions or more information.

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