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Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza group winners announced

The 12th annual Ford Motor Company's Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza continues to unfold this week. The festival will be capped off tonight with a performance by the **Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlán** at Municipal Auditorium. Winners in the vocal categories will be posted late this afternoon.

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Mariachi "L" performs at the University of the Incarnate Word on Monday November 13, 2006. The group is composed entirely of members of the Luevano family and has two award winning vocalists. (John Davenport/Express-News)

group competition held Friday, the winners were:

Elementary/Middle School
1st place: From Houston, Texas, Patrick Henry Middle School's **Mariachi Los Patriotas.**
2nd place: From Zapata, Texas, Zapata Middle School's **Mariachi Juvenil Halcon.**
3rd place: From Kyle, Texas and competing for the first time, **Mariachi del Campo** from Wallace Middle School.

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1st place: Zapata High School's **Mariachi Halcon** from Zapata, Texas.
2nd place: From El Paso, Texas, Socorro High School's **Mariachi Los Gavilanes.**
3rd place: San Antonio's Jefferson High School **Mariachi Los Potrillo**

College/University Category
1st place: Texas State University-San Marcos, **Mariachi Nueva Generacion**
2nd place: From San Antonio, Our Lady of the Lake University's **Mariachi OLLU**.
3rd place: From Brownsville, Texas, University of Texas at Brownsville, **Mariachi Luna Azteca**

(Thanks to festival promoter **Muñoz Public Relations** for providing the winners lists.)

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