



Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza

For the 12th consecutive year, Ford Motor Company will present the Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza in San Antonio attracting thousands to the Alamo City for what has become recognized as the largest and longest running Latin music event of its kind here in Texas. The newly expanded eight-day music fest will kick off with a series of mariachi events including mariachi group and vocal competitions and mariachi workshops. The Extravaganza culminates in a grand concert featuring Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlán, known throughout the international music scene. More than 10,000 music lovers participate in the event including 1,000 elementary, middle school, high school and college mariachi students from the southwestern part of the United States.

WHEN: Mariachi Vargas in concert Saturday, December 2, 2006 7:30 p.m. Municipal Auditorium, 100 Municipal Circle, San Antonio Complete schedule is posted on www.mariachimusic.com. Call 210-225-3353 for information on mariachi workshops, mariachi group competitions, mariachi vocal competitions, mariachi performances throughout the community and the mariachi Mass.

WHO: 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. The group is recognized for touring with Linda Ronstadt in her "Canciones de Mi Padre" tour, for its production of "Mariachi: The Spirit of Mexico" airing nationally on PBS and for its latest recording of traditional ballads with Mexico's superstar Luis Miguel.

Concert tickets go on sale September 5, 2006. Tickets range from \$20 to \$100 for VIP seats and can be purchased by calling Ticketmaster at (210) 224-9600. Early registration for the extravaganza is November 10. Ford Motor Company's 12th Annual Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza is part of the 2006 Fall Arts Festival for more information, visit the City of San Antonio Fall Art Festivals web page.

View the complete schedule at www.mariachimusic.com.

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