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AUSTIN , TX- The UT Performing Arts Center is thrilled to announce the addition of the world's best mariachi group to its 2004-2005 Season line-up. ***Mariachi Vargas*** will introduce Austin to the ultimate Mexican musical experience on Saturday, March 5, 2005 in Bass Concert Hall. For ten years, Mariachi Vargas has played to soldout audiences in San Antonio and McAllen. Now, their first concert in Austin !

Mariachi Vargas has earned the title of "El Mejor Mariachi Del Mundo" (The Best Mariachi in the World) thanks to more than a century of distinguished performances. Based in Mexico City , the 12-member ensemble toured the world with Linda Ronstadt on her " *Canciones de Mi Padre* " tour and has just completed a recording of traditional ballads with Mexican superstar Luis Miguel.

Now in their 5 th generation, ***Mariachi Vargas*** has been featured in more than 200 films and music videos. Under the direction of Maestro Rubén Fuentes for the past six decades, they have become widely recognized as the world's best mariachi musicians, performers who have defined Mexico 's musical legacy while spreading the genre's popularity in the United States and around the world. **Viva el Maríachi!**

Tickets for this much-anticipated show, presented by Ford Motor Company, go **on sale February.**