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Mexican Heritage Plaza Announces Isadora Duncan Awards Nomination

Premier Bay Area Dance Honors for Los Lupeños de San José

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Mexican Heritage Plaza (MHP) is proud to announce a prestigious nomination for its dance company Los Lupeños de San Jose, in the category of best company performance, by the Isadora Duncan Dance Committee. The winners of the 2007 “Izzies” will be announced in San Francisco April 25, 2007. The award is named after legendary dancer Isadora Duncan.

“This is one of the most prestigious honors a company may receive in the Bay Area, and we are thrilled that the company’s artistry has been recognized,” stated Tony Ferrigno, Artistic Director of Los Lupeños.

“Of all the dance groups in the Bay Area and all the performances from September 2005 to August 2006, Lupeños and three other companies have been nominated for the Izzies Award of Best Dance Company,” stated Plaza CEO Marcela Davison Aviles. “The nomination is an important and timely recognition of Lupeños growing visibility as a premier company. We are so proud and honored for the dancers, Artistic Director Tony Ferrigno and choreographer Maria de la Rosa.”

Los Lupeños was co-founded in 1969 in San José, California, by Dr. Susan Cashion of Stanford University and Ramón Morones. The company began as a study-performance group of Mexican dance and culture, with assistance from Señor Daniel Galán, Consul General de México in San José, and Señora Guadalupe Suárez, a local civic leader in Mexican affairs. In addition to performing a full season at San José’s Mexican Heritage Plaza, the company is presented annually at the San Jose International Mariachi Festival, and tours the San Francisco Bay Area region.

For more information about the company or Mexican Heritage Plaza visit
www.mhcviva.org .

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About the Izzies

The Isadora Duncan Dance Awards Committee exists to celebrate the unique richness, diversity, and excellence of Bay Area dance, and to foster a supportive environment for its growth and development. To accomplish this mission, the Awards seek to:

- honor and enhance the visibility of the achievement of Bay Area dance artists and the contributions of those who support their work
- acknowledge the role of visiting artists in enriching our community through their collaborations with resident artists
- promote the highest levels of artistic achievement
- provide a historical and cultural context for dance
- encourage the development of informed audiences

About Mexican Heritage Corporation:

The Mexican Heritage Corporation, the operating organization of the Mexican Heritage Plaza, was founded by a group of San José's Mexican-American community leaders. That vision grew into a 55,000 square-foot cultural center with state of the art theatrical venues, a Smithsonian-affiliated gallery space and luscious thematic gardens that serve as a regional resource for cultural programming and education. Built in association with the City of San José and the San José Redevelopment Agency, it is one of the largest Latino cultural centers in the nation.

The mission of the Mexican Heritage Plaza of San José is to affirm, celebrate and preserve the rich cultural heritage of the Mexican community and showcase multicultural arts within the region. The vision extends well beyond the boundaries of East San José. The Mexican Heritage Plaza, Centro Cultural de San José, is a destination point for everyone who lives in or visits the Bay Area. www.mhcviva.org

Visit the art and soul of Silicon Valley, Mexican Heritage Plaza, surrounded by the Mayfair and San Antonio Neighborhoods, two of San José's oldest Latino communities.

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