



April 1, 2008

Dear friends,

The Mexican Heritage Corporation is once more gearing up for a great San José International Mariachi Festival on September 23 - 28, 2008. This is a call for submissions of audition tapes from interested Mariachi's and Folklorico dance companies in the area who wish to be considered for a contracted performance during the run of the festival. Performances will be in various venues in downtown San José and performers will receive honorariums.

The Bay Area is teeming with talented traditional artists and we want to make sure that we use the Mariachi Festival to showcase their talents. We hope that your group will consider submitting a video audition of a current, representative performance in wide, full-stage shot. Submissions can be on VHS or DVD or in any common digital file type and need not be more than a few minutes long.

Please mail submissions to:  
Mexican Heritage Corporation  
Attn: San José Mariachi Festival auditions  
1700 Alum Rock Ave.  
San José, CA 95116

Or email to:  
[auditions@mhc viva.org](mailto:auditions@mhc viva.org)

Please remember to include a contact phone number with your submission and the date that the tape was made. All submissions must be received by May 12, 2008 in order to be considered for the 2008 Festival.

Submissions will be reviewed by a panel of jurors drawn from the local community and from our media and corporate Festival partners. Finalists may be asked to attend a live audition session at the Mexican Heritage Plaza at a time to be determined in late May. If you have a regular gig in the Bay Area, please let us know that as well, so we can come see you perform live.

Thank you so much for all of your support of the San José International Mariachi Festival. I hope that we'll soon be watching your audition submissions. If you have any questions, please email [auditions@mhc viva.org](mailto:auditions@mhc viva.org) or call (408) 928-5551.

Yours truly,

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San José International Mariachi Festival®