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Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation presents the 7th Annual “Casa Cantina” at the home of Fiesta – Casa de la Guerra

Four day SBTHP fundraiser features live music by Spencer the Gardener, Vientos del Sur, and Somos Son



(SANTA BARBARA, CA) – Celebrate Fiesta where it all began as the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation presents the 7th annual Casa Cantina in the courtyard of the historic Casa de la Guerra. Part of the annual Old Spanish Days Fiesta celebration, from **Wednesday, July 30 to Saturday, August 2**, locals and visitors alike are invited to stop by, have a cold drink and celebrate at the home of Fiesta – Casa de la Guerra.

Featuring beer, margaritas, and wine for sale, “Casa Cantina” is located across the street from

De la Guerra Plaza in the heart of downtown’s Fiesta activities. For a small fee (free admission before 6pm), drop in, have a cold drink and enjoy live music and a photo history of Fiesta in the

Casa courtyard. **SBTHP members receive FREE admission with a valid membership card. All proceeds benefit the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic preservation and the continuing restoration of Casa de la Guerra. For more information call (805) 965-0093 or visit www.sbthp.org.**

“Casa Cantina” Hours and Entertainment:

Wednesday, July 30, Noon to Midnight

Live Music by **Spencer the Gardener** from 9:00 pm to Midnight

Thursday, July 31, Noon to Midnight

Live Music by **Vientos del Sur** from 9:00 pm to Midnight

Friday, August 1, Noon to 1:00 am

Live Music by **Somos Son** from 9:00 am to Midnight

Saturday, August 2, Noon to 1:00 am

Live Music by **Somos Son** from 9:00 am to Midnight

This event is sponsored in part by Pacific Beverage, KTYD 99.9, Slushers of Santa Barbara, Firestone Walker Brewing Co., Jordano's, Santa Barbara Olive Company, and Plaza Liquor.

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CALENDAR LISTING

“Casa Cantina”

DATE & TIME

Wednesday, July 30 to Saturday, August 2

July 30 & 31: Noon to Midnight

August 1 & 2: Noon to 1:00 am

WHERE

Casa de la Guerra

15 East De la Guerra Street, Santa Barbara, CA

ADMISSION

\$: Admission fee varies (includes 1 FREE drink before 6:00 pm)

21 years of age and over ONLY after 6:00 pm

FREE Admission for SBTHP Members

FOR MORE INFORMATION



Visit www.sbthp.org or call (805) 965-0093

SHORT DESCRIPTION

Celebrate Fiesta where it all began with the 7th annual “Casa Cantina” in the courtyard of the historic Casa de la Guerra. From Wed, July 30 to Sat, August 2, locals and visitors are invited to relax, sip a cold drink, and party at the home of Fiesta.

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ABOUT the Casa de la Guerra – One of the most important remnants of Santa Barbara's Spanish-Mexican heritage, the Casa has been at the heart of Santa Barbara's history since its construction (1819-1827) by the fifth Presidio comandante, José de la Guerra. The house played an important role in the civic and social life of Santa Barbara well into the twentieth century as the site of regular gala celebrations for family weddings, community gatherings, and visiting government emissaries. **When the first modern Old Spanish Fiesta was held in 1924, parties and teas in honor of members of the early families were held at Casa de la Guerra.** Following the devastating June 29, 1925, earthquake in Santa Barbara, the Casa and neighboring El Paseo served as models for rebuilding parts of downtown Santa Barbara. Beginning in 1990, the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation began conducting research to determine the structural history of the Casa, with particular emphasis on its original configuration. As information is compiled and verified, the SBTHP is returning the Casa to its appearance during the time José de la Guerra and his family resided there, a thirty-year period between 1828 and 1858.

ABOUT the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) – Founded in 1963 by Dr. Pearl Chase and other concerned community leaders, the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization working to preserve, restore, reconstruct and interpret historic sites within Santa Barbara County. SBTHP is the primary force behind the reconstruction and preservation of El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic Park and the restoration of Casa de la Guerra in downtown Santa Barbara. SBTHP is also preserving and restoring the Santa Inés Mission Mills—the site of a future California State Park and recently purchased the building that housed Jimmy’s Oriental Gardens, providing an opportunity to interpret the history of Santa Barbara’s Asian community in the Presidio neighborhood. **SBTHP is currently reconstructing the Northwest Corner of El Presidio de Santa Barbara, the eighteenth-century Spanish colonial fort that is Santa Barbara’s birthplace.** Using over 50,000 adobe bricks made on site, these additions will eventually house the new Presidio visitors’ center, and with the help of the new Santa Barbara Presidio Research Center, serve to interpret the city’s Hispanic heritage, and the larger multi-cultural heritage of the surrounding

Presidio neighborhood from the eighteenth century to the present. **For more information visit**

www.sbthp.org

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