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Musical Performance(s) Featuring Francisco González and Local Musicians at the Presidio Chapel



(SANTA BARBARA, CA)— The Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) presents **Musical Performance(s) Featuring Francisco González at the Presidio Chapel** (123 East Canon Perdido Street) **on Saturday, January 29 at 7:00 PM and Sunday, January 30 at 2:00 PM. Enjoy songs and stories with the award-winning musical performing artist and co-founder of musical sensation, *Los Lobos*.** González has been a leading force within the Son-Jarocho traditional Mexican/Southwest music community and is internationally known as a string musician specializing in the Mexican

harp. González helped compose, bilingualize, and direct the traditional Christmas play, *Una Pastorela*, for SBTHP.

The performance will include **music from beautiful Mexican/Chicano traditions. González will speak about the musical origins of the pieces and perform his own compositions, including many from his most recent CD "The Gift/El Regalo."** The event also features local guest musicians.

Francisco González is **this year's recipient of the Pearl Chase Historic Preservation and Conservation Award**. Each year SBTHP presents the Pearl Chase Historic Preservation and Conservation Award to a deserving community member or organization dedicated to the values that Dr. Chase stood for in the fields of historic preservation and conservation. This annual lifetime achievement award serves as a tribute to the life and work of Pearl Chase, the famous leader of community activism and preservation in Santa Barbara, and to the work that continues today as a result of the inspiration she provided.

About Francisco González: Francisco González is a musician, composer, and specialist in Mexican and Chicano music. During the last four decades he has worked in many capacities within Chicano/Mexican music: in performance around the world as a string musician specializing in Mexican harp; composing musical scores for films (most recently in *All the Pretty Horses*); doing lecture demonstrations; and in theater as a musical director for many professional theater productions. As award-winning musical director for the legendary El Teatro Campesino he toured throughout Western Europe.

González grew up in East Los Angeles surrounded by jazz, rock, salsa, and multiple Mexican musical traditions such as norteño, and jarocho musics. He co-founded, led, and composed music for Los Lobos in the 1970s. Thereafter he became a solo performer and musical director for stage performances. Francisco González work in musical direction and performance has gained widespread recognition. For outstanding musical direction and arrangements he was awarded the San Francisco Chronicle's Circle Award "for outstanding achievement in the theater". In the last ten years, González has also written and performed music for various films.

In addition to theater and film work, González regularly performs Jarocho and Norteño music at clubs, fiestas, and other social gatherings. He also offers workshops for musicians, and lecture demonstrations on Mexican/Chicano music at universities, schools, and for community groups.

In June 2004 Francisco González received national recognition from the Smithsonian. He was invited to the American Folklife Festival for his many contributions to the musical life of the Chicano/a & Mexican communities. The Smithsonian highlighted Francisco's contributions as a music string craftsman. His custom-made strings produced at Guadalupe Custom Strings in Santa Barbara, California are distributed internationally.

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CALENDAR LISTING

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Saturday, January 29, 2011 at 7:00 PM

Sunday, January 30, 2011 at 2:00 PM

Presidio Chapel

123 East Canon Perdido Street, Santa Barbara

\$15 for adults, \$10 for SBTHP Members, \$5 for children 16 & under

For more information (805) 965-0093 or www.sbthp.org

ABOUT the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) – The Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) works to *protect, preserve, restore, reconstruct, and interpret historic sites in Santa Barbara County*. Founded in 1963 by Dr. Pearl Chase and other concerned community leaders, SBTHP operates El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park—Santa Barbara’s 18th century birthplace—under a unique agreement with California State Parks and recently purchased the neighboring building that housed Jimmy’s Oriental Gardens, providing an opportunity to interpret the history of Santa Barbara’s Asian American community in the Presidio Neighborhood. SBTHP owns and operates Casa de la Guerra, the 1820s home of Presidio Comandante José de la Guerra and his family—the restored home is now a museum featuring original furnishings and rotating exhibits. Recently, SBTHP signed an agreement with State Parks to manage and develop the Santa Inés Mission Mills, located near the town of Solvang, as a future California State Park. With the help of continuing education programs and exhibits, SBTHP strives to encourage community involvement and foster an appreciation for Santa Barbara County’s distinct history. Learn more at www.sbthp.org.

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