



Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation

El Presidio de Santa Bárbara SHP ♦ Casa de la Guerra
Santa Inés Mission Mills ♦ Jimmy's Oriental Gardens

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Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation & Plus One Events presents the 14th Annual Casa Cantina at Casa de la Guerra, the home of Fiesta

August 5 - August 8, 12:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

Celebrate Fiesta where it all began with the 14th Annual Casa Cantina in the courtyard of Casa de la Guerra.

Four-day SBTHP fundraiser features live music by Spencer the Gardner, Matt Armor,

Victor Vega & The Bomb, The Traveling Hurtados, DJ Sparx, The Upbeat, Vincent Zorn, and The Caverns.



ADMISSION: \$6–\$10, admission fee varies (includes 1 FREE beer before 5:00 p.m. and reentrance throughout the day), 21 years of age and over ONLY after 3:00 p.m., FREE Admission for SBTHP Members. Veranda tables available by reservation: info@newnoisesb.com

(SANTA BARBARA, CA)– Celebrate Fiesta where it all began as the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation and Plus One Events presents **Casa Cantina** in the courtyard of the historic **Casa de la Guerra**. Part of Old Spanish Days Fiesta celebration, from **Wednesday, August 5 to Saturday, August 8, 12:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.**, locals and visitors alike are invited to relax, sip a cold cerveza, margarita, or glass of wine and celebrate at the home of Fiesta—Casa de la Guerra in the heart of Santa Barbara.



When the first modern Old Spanish Days Fiesta celebration was

held in 1924, parties and teas in honor of members from early Santa Barbara families were held at Casa de la Guerra. Casa Cantina, located across the street from De la Guerra Plaza in the heart of downtown's Fiesta activities, continues the site's tradition as a place for civic celebrations and special events. Featuring beer and wine for sale, for a small fee guests can relax, have a cold drink and enjoy live music in the evening in Casa courtyard. All proceeds benefit the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation and the continued restoration of Casa de la Guerra.

SBTHP members receive FREE admission with a valid membership card. Before 4:00 p.m. admission includes entrance to the exhibit at Casa de la Guerra, *The Art of Preservation: The Oak Group Remembers Ray Strong*. For more information call (805) 965-0093 or visit www.sbthp.org.

VIVA LA MUSIC STAGE

Presented by New Noise Santa Barbara

Experience some of the best live music in the heart of Old Spanish Days Fiesta!

Wednesday, August 5

8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Live Music by **Spencer the Gardener** (CA Indie-Pop/
Latin Tinged/Genre Bending Music) with **Matt Armor** (Americana)

Thursday, August 6

8:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. Live Music by **Victor Vega & The Bomb** (Funk/R&B/Soul)
with **The Traveling Hurtados** (Covers/Rock)

Friday, August 7

Day: **DJ Sparx** (join DJ Sparx at the Cantina as we celebrate the Fiesta parade)
8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Live Music by **The Upbeat** (Ska/Reggae) and Guests

Saturday, August 8

Day: Live Music by **Vincent Zorn** (Gypsy Rumba Guitar)
8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Live Music by **The Caverns** (Rock) with **Omar Velasco** (Rock)

Casa Cantina 4-Day Wristband and Viva La Membership via Night Out, Inc.

Purchase link: casacantina.nightout.com

Veranda VIP Tables: VIP table reservations on the Veranda: info@newnoisesb.com for reservations or more information. Tables available Wednesday to Saturday night starting at 6:00 p.m.

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CALENDAR LISTING

Casa Cantina

DATES: Wednesday, August 5 to Saturday, August 8, 2015

TIME: 12:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Casa de la Guerra, 15 East De la Guerra Street, Santa Barbara, CA

COST: \$6–\$10, admission fee varies (admission includes 1 FREE beer before 5:00 p.m. and reentrance throughout the day), 21 years of age and over ONLY after 3:00 p.m., FREE Admission for SBTHP Members.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION: Visit www.sbthp.org or call (805) 965-0093

Or visit [Facebook.com/NewNoiseSB](https://www.facebook.com/NewNoiseSB) for up to date daily music schedule

SHORT DESCRIPTION

Celebrate Fiesta where it all began with the 14th annual Casa Cantina in the courtyard of Casa de la Guerra. From Wed, August 5 to Sat, August 8, relax, sip a cold drink, and party at the home of Fiesta.

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ABOUT 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. Starting 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 during the time José de la Guerra and his family resided there, a thirty-year period between 1828 and 1858. Today the restored home is a museum featuring original furnishings, a history of the De la Guerra family, and rotating exhibits.

ABOUT Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP)—For over fifty years the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) has worked 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. The State has purchased the 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. In 2009, 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. In 2011, SBTHP was awarded the Trustees' Emeritus Award for Excellence in the Stewardship of Historic Sites by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. With the help of continuing education programs and exhibits, SBTHP strives to encourage community involvement and foster an appreciation for Santa Barbara County's distinctive history. **Learn more at www.sbthp.org.**