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**THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS FAMILY EVENT AT THE LA MIRADA THEATRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS;
TRADICIONES DE ORO TO FEATURE FOLKLORICO DANCERS, SINGERS, AND MARIACHIS**

FEATURING THE AWARD-WINNING PASO DE ORO DE ALICIA MENDIBLES-VACA AND MARIACHI VOZ DE AMERICA

LA MIRADA, CA – Just in time for the Christmas holiday, Phantom Projects will present *Tradiciones de Oro* a special performance celebrating Mexico's Golden Traditions of folklorico dancing, Posada processions, Mariachis, singers, and colorful costumes.

The one-night only performance is on Saturday, December 20, 2008 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and \$35 and are available now by calling the La Mirada Theatre Box Office at (562) 944 9801 or (714) 994 6310, or by going online to PhantomProjects.com.

Paso de Oro Dance Company under the direction of **Alicia de Mendibles-Vaca** has performed throughout the country and has performed with the likes of Linda Ronstadt, Lalo Guerrero, Mariachi Cobre and Mariachi Sol de Mexico.

Mariachi Voz De America has recorded numerous CD's and have been featured in movies starring Bruce Willis and Billy Bob Thornton. They recently represented the City of Los Angeles in a two-week tour of Jalisco, Mexico in the annual Encuentro del Mariachi International Festival. They were representatives of the Mexican Folklore Culture in a six-week tour throughout France.

The Dance

Baile folklórico, literally "folk dance" in Spanish, is a collective term for traditional Latin American dances that emphasize local folk culture. Each region in Mexico, the Southwestern United States and Central American countries is known for a handful of locally characteristic dances. *Tradiciones de Oro* will feature many of these dances presented in their traditional style and dress.

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The Music

Mariachi music, as we know it today, results from the confluence of several different influences: European styled concert ensembles on haciendas composed of violins, harp, guitars, jawharps and other instruments, simpler coastal folk ensembles whose African influence gives mariachi some of its key rhythmic elements, and the harp and violin ensembles of the *tierra caliente*.

For more information on Phantom Projects Educational Theatre Group visit phantomprojects.com or call 714-690-2900.

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Tradiciones de Oro—A Mariachi and Folklorico Christmas featuring nearly 100 dancers, singers, and performers, celebrating the golden Christmas Traditions of Mexico. Featuring Paso de Oro Dance Company and Mariachi Voz de America. 1 show only: 7:00 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 20, 2008 at La Mirada Theatre, 14900 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, CA. Tickets: \$25-\$35 online at www.lamiradatheatre.com or call the box office at (562) 944-9801 or (714) 994-6310.

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