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“Fiesta de Navidad” Celebrates the Holiday Season Presented by The Guadalupe Dance Company and Mariachi Azteca de America at the Historic Guadalupe Theater

Friday, December 7, 2018 at 8:00pm
Guadalupe Theater, 1301 Guadalupe Street, San Antonio, TX 78207

The Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center presents the Guadalupe Dance Company and Mariachi Azteca de America in ***Fiesta de Navidad***, a special holiday performance based in the rich cultural traditions of Mexico through Folklorico dance and music on Friday, December 7 at 8pm at the historic Guadalupe Theater, 1301 Guadalupe St.

As part the Guadalupe Dance Company’s First Friday series, ***Fiesta de Navidad*** will feature traditional dances and holiday celebrations of Guerrero, Oaxaca, Nuevo Leon and Sinaloa. The evening will also include a special Mariachi twist on holiday favorites that will surely get everyone in the Christmas spirit.

The Guadalupe Dance Company launched its 2018/2019 Season by kicking-off a new series of First Friday performances. The series serves to provide a vibrant cultural experience for locals and tourists alike. Each performance takes place in the historic Guadalupe Theater on the first Friday of every month. Each month will have a different theme and showcase various Mexican states including rarely performed regions accompanied by Mariachi Azteca de America.

The Guadalupe Dance Company, now in its 27th year, is led by Dance Company Director, Jeannette Chavez, who is producing each month’s showcase with the help of Education Director, Belinda Menchaca, both of whom have been dance company members for over 25 years. Other members have been with the company for over 10 years. Together, they have raised the level of showmanship by attending intensive training workshops across the country, bringing in leading choreographers, and partnering with established folk musicians. In addition, Dance Company members serve as instructors for the Guadalupe Academy dance program teaching the next generation of dancers and cultural performers.



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The Guadalupe Dance Company Continues Its Artistic Growth

“We are taking the Guadalupe Dance Company to the next level of professionalism as we continue to challenge our team and expand our repertoire,” said Chavez. “Each month’s show will surprise and impress audiences with beautiful set designs, live music by Mariachi Azteca de America and of course, new bold rhythms we learned from our Mexican mentors this summer.”

Performing the traditional music to accompany the dance company will be the award-winning Mariachi Azteca de America. Founded in 2006, Azteca is under the direction of the Guadalupe Academy’s Director of Traditional Music, Gino Rivera. Intense rehearsals will culminate in a spectacular live music and dance showcase series not seen in San Antonio in decades. Mariachi Azteca de America is the go-to San Antonio mariachi when major acts are in town. They have opened for La Arrolladora Banda El Limón, La Maquinaria Nortena, Los Huracanes Del Norte, and Los Recoditos for a record breaking 76,000 people. Azteca de América has shared the stage with Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlan, Mariachi Sol de Mexico and has accompanied Plácido Domingo, Aida Cuevas, Paquita La Del Barrio, Steeven Sandoval and many others. During the week, Rivera leads music classes at the Guadalupe Academy from single instruments to mariachi ensemble and music theory. General Admission ranges from \$10-\$25 and can be purchased online at www.guadalupeculturalarts.org. Tables of 4 are \$125 each and can be purchased over the phone at 210.271.3151 or in-person at 723 S. Brazos Street, San Antonio, TX 78207. Tickets may also be purchased at the door depending on availability.

WHEN: Friday, December 7, 2018

TIME: 8pm (Doors open at 7pm)

TICKETS: \$10 - \$25 | Table Seating For Up to 4 Guests Available at \$125

WHERE: Guadalupe Theater | 1301 Guadalupe St. SA, TX 78207

BOX OFFICE HOURS: Monday thru Friday | 1PM – 5PM

Call 210.271.3151 or visit www.guadalupeculturalarts.org for More Info

About the Guadalupe Dance Company

The Guadalupe Dance Company, based out of San Antonio, Texas, is the professional resident dance company of the Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center. The Dance Company’s home stage is the historic Guadalupe Theater on the city’s Westside. Unique among the nation’s dance ensembles, the Guadalupe Dance Company is one of the leading professional Folklorico and Flamenco companies. Founded in 1991, the unparalleled skill, choreography and costuming of its corps of dancers make for exceptional artistry that is both culturally enlightening and technically stunning in its execution. With artistic guidance of visiting artists, the Dance Company produces original contemporary and traditional dance productions throughout the year. In addition, company dancers are the lead instructors for the Guadalupe Academy which offers low-cost classes. Visit the Guadalupe Dance Company online at:

<http://www.guadalupeculturalarts.org/guadalupe-dance-company/>

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