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News Release

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Sister Cities Celebrates Tlaquepaque, New Website

A delegation of mariachi performers, an artisan and group of city officials from Springfield’s sister city of Tlaquepaque, Mexico have arrived in Springfield and will take part in a number of activities this week.

Mariachi Femenil Nuevo Tecalitlan, an all-female mariachi group, makes its return to Springfield as part of the ArtsFiesta! celebration on Historic Walnut Street this Artsfest weekend. The band will perform on Artsfest’s main stage at 12:30 p.m. and from 5 – 9 p.m., Saturday, May 1 as part of ArtsFiesta! A number of other local Hispanic dance and performance groups will take part in the evening activities and Mexican food is available for sale. ArtsFiesta! admission is included with regular Artsfest admission, $5 at the gate; $3 in advance from area McDonald’s restaurants.

The group will continue its performance schedule tomorrow, Friday, April 30, with visits to area elementary schools; Missouri State University; and performance at Hammons Field, prior to the 7:10 p.m. Springfield Cardinals game. A free public performance is scheduled for 4:15 p.m., Monday, May 3 at the Busch Municipal Building, 840 Boonville Ave. The group will end its community performances with a visit to the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch, Central High School and Missouri Hotel on Tuesday.

*Media interested in covering any performances, contact Cindy Jobe, Sister Cities Coordinator, 417-353-6424

International Artist Hector Salgado makes a return to this year’s Artsfest event. Salgado is best known for his unique jewelry works of art that have a true sense of distinction and pride. Hector’s innovative designs bring life, warmth and joy to the lustrous silver and the richly colored stones he uses for his pieces. No two creations are exactly alike, as each flower is created petal by petal. Salgado’s work is available for sale at Booth #104 on Historic Walnut Street this Saturday and Sunday.

A delegation of Tlaquepaque City Officials will meet with their counterparts in Springfield early next week on a number of topics, including best practices for public land maintenance, emergency management and public outreach assistance programs.

Springfield Sister Cities Association’s new Web site also launched this week at http://peacethroughpeople.org. The site contains information on upcoming events, photo galleries and more. The SSCA office phone number is 417-864-1191.

For more information on the Springfield Regional Arts Council’s 30th annual Artsfest event, visit www.springfieldartsfest.org or call 417-831-6200.

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