

May 2010

Queridos Fiesteros,

Once again, as the Fiesta season approaches, we extend to you an invitation to perform at Las Noches de Ronda, the Court House Sunken Gardens Variety Show. This year, shows will be held **August 5-7, THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY evenings at 8:00 PM.** Las Noches de Ronda is an all-volunteer activity and is an official Old Spanish Days event.

As a celebration of our Spanish, Mexican and Early California Heritage, all performances must have a **Latin theme**- but variety provides the "SPICE", jazz, ballet, and vocalists are welcome as long as the **Hispanic or Latin theme** is honored, and all instruments and accompaniments are compatible with the Noches sound system.

AUDITIONS for NEW PERFORMERS and DRESS REHEARSAL for returning performers will be held on MONDAY EVENING, AUGUST 2. Please come to the Figueroa Street entrance of the Court House.

Once again this year, PRE-ASSIGNED REHEARSAL TIMES WILL BE USED for the tenured dance groups. Five dance groups at a time will rehearse per hour beginning at 6:30 pm. Schedule is on the next page.

PERFORMERS, PLEASE ARRIVE 30 MINUTES BEFORE YOUR ASSIGNED TIME, DRESSED, READY TO PERFORM AND CD CUED.

FIRST TIME AUDITIONING PERFORMERS PLEASE ARRIVE BY 8:00 pm. Santa Barbara News Press photographers and reporters cover the Noches dress rehearsal night, collecting material for the entire week. Those not in costume will not be photographed for the newspaper.

There is an excellent sound system and extraordinary technicians who will make your **CD** sound its best. Or if you are a singer, our system will allow you to sound at your very best. Please see our technicians as early as possible, even before 6 PM, at Monday's Audition if you have any special needs.

The Tarde de Ronda Show, on Saturday afternoon, August 7 at 1:00 PM, is a show for performers age 13 and under. No rehearsals are held and the performing order has been schedule and is available by calling OSD. Again, a **Latin** theme is required. **If performers dance on the night shows, they are not eligible for Tarde.**

Please read the information sheet, part 2 of this packet, for specific details about Noches de Ronda Shows. The actual Performers Application form for Noches and the "Hold Harmless Form" are to be downloaded at the Official Old Spanish Days website: www.OldSpanishDays.org Please mail the completed packet to: Maria E. Cabrera, Noches Chair, Old Spanish Days, P.O. Box 21557, Santa Barbara, CA 93121-1557 prior to Monday, August 2 or bring the completed forms with you on Monday night to Noches audition/dress rehearsal. Come join the fun and share your talents with the community. We look forward to seeing you on Monday night. Viva la Fiesta!

Maria E. Cabrera, Chair, and Committee of Las Noches de Ronda