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Three Weeks and Counting: **Sunday, April 5, 2009** **16th De Colores Art Show & Festival**

De Colores Art Show & Festival ~ Artists Union Gallery, Ventura

The 16th art show will have on exhibit over 30 Latino artists or artists with an affinity for Latino Art. A special artists' reception is being organized by the Gallery on Saturday March 28, 6pm to 9pm. Xavier will be playing the harp at this special event. Those attending will get a special preview of the art before the festival on April 5. Admission is free, there is nominal parking fee. Refreshments will be served. For more detailed information, please visit www.venturaartistsunion.org or call (805) 805-643-3012.



My last month's e-newsletter, we featured Carmencristina Moreno. In this newsletter, we bring you *Conjunto Hueyapan* and *MEXIKA: Ancient Sounds of Mexico*.



De Colores Art Show & Festival Featuring:

Conjunto Hueyapan

Performing at 4:00 pm

One of Oxnard's treasures, the Herrera Family has deep roots in Oxnard, California. Tomás and Concepción Herrera settled here in 1943. Three decades later, their children formed Conjunto Hueyapan, which now includes grandchildren as well. Conjunto Hueyapan is nationally renowned as a group of family members who are dedicated to the performance of son jarocho the music of the Veracruz region of Mexico. Professor Fermín Herrera of the California State University, Northridge founded Conjunto

Hueyapan in 1973. Conjunto Hueyapan consists of four brothers (Fermín, Andrés, Jorge and Tomás Herrera), one sister (María Isabel Herrera) and Fermín's two sons (Xocoyotzin and Motecuhzomah). The family ensemble has dedicated itself to the performance and research of the son jarocho.

Conjunto Hueyapan has conducted several important research projects that have resulted in the documentation and preservation of the son mexicano in general and of the son jarocho in particular. It has performed in colleges, universities, and concert halls throughout the US, Mexico and Europe. Group members learned to play jarocho music in their native California and perfected their skills under the guidance of master musicians in Mexico City and Veracruz such as Lino Chaves, Mario Barradas, and others. Performance credits for Conjunto Hueyapan include the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C., the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, President Reagan's 1985 Inaugural Ball, the Hollywood Bowl, the Greek Theater in Hollywood, and numerous other venues and television programs throughout the US and Mexico.

To read more about *Conjunto Hueyapan*, please log on our their webpage on the De Colores Art Show website, <http://www.decoloresartshow.com/performers/hueyapan.html>.



De Colores Art Show & Festival Featuring: Mexika: Ancient Sounds of Mexico

Performing at 1:15 pm

MEXIKA performs exciting “traditional and new music with the ancient, exotic and cosmic sounds of the instruments of ancestral México!” MEXIKA brings a virtual museum to performances, performing on a vast array of such cool instruments as Gourd Water Drums, Bamboo and Stone Marimba, Clay and Bamboo Flutes and Ocarinas, Sea Shell Trumpets, Eagle Whistles and more! Each member of MEXIKA always takes time to explain their music and demonstrate instruments. They teach culture to audiences and ask them reflect on their own roots. Their heritage is Mexican but are mostly native Americans, whose ancestors were among the first settlers of the Americas, possibly over 60,000 years ago! MEXIKA has performed throughout Southern California and in Seattle Washington.



For information about MEXIKA, their instruments, future performance dates, and other info please log-on to their website at www.martinespino.com.



Festival Program:

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| 11:30am to 12noon | Aztec Blessing ~ Danza Mexica Cuauhtemoc |
| 12noon to 12:15pm | Opening Remarks by Emcee Roberto Vargas |
| 12:15pm to 1:00pm | Grupo de Colores with special guest, Delia Gonzalez |
| 1:15 pm to 2:15 pm | Mexika--Ancient Sounds of Mexico , with special guest, poet Luzmaria Espinoza |
| 2:30 pm to 3:15 pm | Carmencristina Moreno |
| 3:15 pm to 4:00 pm | Conjunto Xi |
| 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm | Conjunto Hueyapan Ballet Folklorico Mestizo de Oxnard College |

5:00 pm to 6:00
pm

[Mariachi Aguilas de Mexico](#), with special guest, [Daniela Flores Palomino](#)
[Ballet Folklorico Mestizo de Oxnard College](#)

In our next newsletter, we will highlight other performers. Remember, the *De Colores Art Show Festival* is on **Sunday, April 5**; the art exhibit will be at the Artists Union Gallery at 330 South California Street; the festival will be on the California Street Plaza and Promenade just outside the Gallery. Additionally, we will have arts & crafts vendors, artists booths, and a special jewelry beading activity for children by *Sada Bolaños*. Please visit our website to view more information about each performer and a listing of the exhibiting artists.



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