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47th Annual Cabrillo Festival Brings History to Life **Saturday, September 25 – Sunday, September 26**

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA - *Cultures come together and history comes alive* at the 47th Annual Cabrillo Festival, one of the oldest cultural events in San Diego. Cabrillo National Monument Superintendent Tom Workman, Cabrillo Festival, Inc. President Ze Duarte, and Naval Base Point Loma Commanding Officer, Capt. Paul Marconi, announced today that the festival will take place on Saturday, September 25 and Sunday, September 26, 2010.

This year's festival opens with a 16th century Spanish Soldier's Living History Encampment, on Saturday September 25 from 11:00 AM until 4:00 PM, at Cabrillo National Monument, *San Diego's National Park*. The half hour National Park Service film, *In Search of Cabrillo*, will be presented in the Cabrillo National Monument auditorium at 10:00 AM, 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM. The *Juan Rodríguez Cabrillo and the Age of Exploration* exhibit will be open from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM at the visitor center. The festival continues with a concert by Navy Band Southwest Brass Ensemble, Kumeyaay Wildcat Songs by Jon Meza Cuero and the Aukas, and a Commemorative Ceremony and Wreath-Laying on Saturday, September 25 at 4:00 PM at the statue of Juan Rodríguez Cabrillo (Joao Rodrigues Cabrilho), located at Cabrillo National Monument. Dr. Antonio Costa Moura, the Consul General of Portugal in San Francisco, will give the keynote address.

Because September 25, 2010 is *National Public Lands Day*, a "Fee Free Day," no entrance fee will be charged at Cabrillo National Monument and all activities at the park will be free of charge. Beginning Saturday evening, the focus of the festival shifts from Cabrillo National Monument. The

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Cabrillo Discovery Celebration Dinner-Dance, sponsored by the Cabrillo Civic Club #16 and Portuguese American Social and Civic Club, will be held at the UPSES Hall, www.upses.com, 2818 Avenida de Portugal, in Point Loma, at 6:00 PM. Tickets are \$40 per person and may be purchased by calling 619-426-0769 or 619-221-8084.

The main event of the festival is the Open House on Sunday, September 26, from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM. For the fourth straight year, the Cabrillo Festival Open House will take place at Ballast Point, believed to be the actual location where Cabrillo landed on September 28, 1542. Ballast Point is located on Naval Base Point Loma, at the south end of Rosecrans Street. Admission is free.

The Cabrillo Festival Open House will feature colorful displays of dancing, storytelling and music from Mexico, Native America, Portugal and Spain. This event features Mexican, Native American, Portuguese and Spanish food; Kumeyaay basket weaving; a living history encampment, where 16th century Spanish soldiers demonstrate the arms, armor, implements and daily life; children’s activities, 2010 Miss Cabrillo Festival, Miss Alyssa Goncalves, 2010 Queen of the House of Mexico, Francisca Vargas, 2010 Miss Kumeyaay Nation, Rose Vasquez, and 2010 Queen of the Casa de España, Miss Carolina Stonehouse-Salinas.

The re-enactment of Cabrillo’s historic landing at Ballast Point, at 1:00 PM, is always a highlight of the festival. Re-enactors dressed as Cabrillo and crew will sail into San Diego Bay aboard *San Salvador* (the revenue cutter *Californian* from the Maritime Museum of San Diego, which is the official tall ship of the state of California), landing at Ballast Point and “claiming the land” for the King of Spain. The re-enactment will be narrated by Gary Correía.

Confirmed for the Open House are:

11:00 – 11:35 AM	Kumeyaay Bird Singers
11:40AM -12:10 PM	Danza Mexi’cayotl (Aztec Dance)
12:20 - 12:50PM	Actor, Historian, and Fulbright-Hays Scholar Abel Silvas (Juaneño/Diegueño Mission Indian) presenting his engaging, often tongue-in-cheek commentary as <i>Running Grunion</i>
1:00 – 1:30PM	Re-enactment of Cabrillo’s landing at Ballast Point
1:35 - 1:50PM	Color Guard, Anthems performed live by Portuguese Filarmónica of San Diego
1:55 – 2:25PM	Portuguese American Dancers of San Diego (Dances from the Azores, Madeira, and Portugal)
2:35 - 3:15PM	Ole Flamenco de Juanita Franco
3:20 - 4:00PM	Portuguese Filarmónica of San Diego

Throughout the day, there will be basket weaving demonstrations by **Eva Salazar** (San José de la Zorra Kumiai Reservation) and the **16th century Spanish Soldiers Living History Encampment with staff and Volunteers-In-Park (VIP) from Cabrillo National Monument**. Staff and volunteers from the **Barona Cultural Center and Museum** will be on hand, throughout the day, to tell about their programs and the peoples who inhabited the San Diego area before Cabrillo’s arrival and their descendents. The **Portuguese Historical Center** will have an exhibit on Portuguese history and geography. **High Tech High School** will have a display of maps, photos and books from their research about San Diego Bay and its peoples, past and present. Local artist and muralist **Carmen Linares-Kalo** will exhibit Aztec art.

The 2010 Cabrillo Festival Art Contest entries, including contest winner Catherine Benge, of Magnolia Elementary in Carlsbad, CA, are on display in the Cabrillo National Monument visitor center through the end of September.

Celebrating over 50 years of supporting Cabrillo National Monument interpretive, educational and scientific programs, the Cabrillo National Monument Foundation (www.cnmf.org) sells literature and related items about Juan Rodríguez Cabrillo, 16th century exploration, the Kumeyaay and San Diego regional history in the Cabrillo Store, located in the visitor center. Visitor center and Cabrillo Store hours are 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM daily.

Taken from the pages of history, the Cabrillo Festival brings to life the story of Juan Rodríguez Cabrillo, a conquistador and explorer in Mexico and Central America, who spent his youth in Cuba. Cabrillo sailed for the King of Spain in search of new lands and wealth and helped establish trade routes between Asia and the Americas, playing an important role in the beginnings of today's global economy. Traveling along the West Coast of Baja California, Cabrillo and his crew eventually reached what is now known as San Diego on September 28, 1542, where they were met by the native Kumeyaay/Diegueño Indians, also known as Iipay or Tipay. Unaware of the historical significance of his voyage, Cabrillo secured his place in history and now thousands journey to Cabrillo National Monument each year to commemorate the explorer who touched so many of the cultures of present day San Diego. For more information about the Cabrillo Festival, visit the Cabrillo Festival website www.cabrillofestival.org or the Cabrillo National Monument website at www.nps.gov/cabr/.

Cabrillo National Monument, located on Point Loma at the south end of Catalina Boulevard, is open daily from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM. For additional information call 619-557-5450 or TTY 619-222-8211, or visit our web site at <http://www.nps.gov/cabr/>.

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