

## CSN's Mariachi Plata to Debut at December 10 Concert

*The college students will be joined by high school & middle school performers*

December 3, 2019 – The College of Southern Nevada's newly formed competitive Mariachi Plata will make its local debut at 7 p.m. December 10 during a concert event featuring several popular local acts.

Mariachi Plata is comprised of students from CSN's mariachi courses, part of its fine arts music curriculum. They'll make their local debut fresh off competing at the Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza in San Antonio, Texas, along with three CSN students scheduled to compete in the vocal finals.

"This is incredibly exciting, not only for CSN and our students, but for the local community as well," said CSN President Dr. Federico Zaragoza. "There is a lot of interest locally in mariachi, and there is a strong desire among the Hispanic community for programs that recognize the importance of their cultural heritage."

Napoleon Buenrostro will act as master of ceremonies at the concert. In addition, the following are scheduled to perform:

- Mariachi Los Pumas of KO Knudson Middle School
- Ballet Folklorico of KO Knudson Middle School
- Mariachi Encendido of Del Sol Academy
- Mariachi Los Maestros (a group of local teachers taking CSN's class)
- Mariachi Plata of the College of Southern Nevada
- Special performance from local group Mexico Vivo Dance Company

Thousands of local students are involved in mariachi, but often are unable to pursue their interest once they enroll in college. Robert Bonora, CSN's Fine Art Department chairman, said expansion of classes at the college should help those students pursue their interests.

"We want to make sure CSN has something important and valuable to offer each and every student who wants to attend college," Bonora said. "We want to make CSN the next stop in a mariachi student's life."

**What:** CSN Mariachi Concert  
Tickets are \$5 for students & seniors and \$8 general admission

**When:** Reception 6 p.m. Tuesday, December 10  
Concert begins at 7 p.m.

**Where:** Nicholas J. Horn Theatre, CSN North Las Vegas Campus

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*About CSN: Founded in 1971, the College of Southern Nevada is the state's largest and most diverse higher education institution. CSN is accredited through the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities and specializes in two-year degrees and workforce development that lead directly to high-demand careers or transfer to a university. It also offers seven bachelor's degrees in specialized fields and is the state's largest provider of adult basic education and literacy training. CSN is a Minority Serving Institution and Nevada's first Hispanic Serving Institution. Our students create flexible schedules with day, evening and weekend classes taught on three main campuses and multiple locations throughout Southern Nevada or online. CSN is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action institution.*