

CSN Mariachi Plata Takes Top Honors at National Competition

Student group celebrates back-to-back wins at the Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza Festival

November 21, 2022 –The College of Southern Nevada Mariachi Plata music troupe won top honors for the second year in a row at the 2022 Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza in San Antonio, Texas.

CSN students secured four of the final 10 slots during in the individual vocal competitions. Michael Padillo placed second overall in the vihuela, vocals competition and Deborah Carrillo places third overall in the violin, vocals competition.

Considered the most prestigious of all mariachi competitions, Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza saw CSN compete against long-established mariachi from the top schools in the country. Mariachi Plata began competing in 2019.

CSN Mariachi Plata will perform at the CSN Mariachi Fall Band Concert, 7:00 pm, Wednesday, December 7 at the Horn Theater on the CSN N. Las Vegas campus. Tickets are available now, \$8 general admission, \$5 discount tickets available for students and seniors. Visit csntickets.universitytickets.com in advance or purchase at the box office.

About Mariachi Plata

Mariachi Plata is comprised of students from CSN mariachi music courses, as a part of the Fine Arts Music curriculum. CSN Department of Fine Arts Chair, Robert Bonora formed the group in 2019 and the group won the collegiate category of the Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza festival just two years later in 2021.

About Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza

The Mariachi Extravaganza is a multi-day music festival celebrating the culture and history of Latin music annually in San Antonio, Texas. Now in its 28 consecutive year the festival utilizes the mariachi music platform to promote higher education and cultural preservation among Hispanic youth. The festival hosts a concert with world-renowned musicians and winners of the highly competitive National group and vocal competitions.

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