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HPR 2009 Membership Drive Festival

Celebrating diversity with ethnic dance, song, food, and cheer

San Diego, CA – Friday, March 13, 2009 — The International Cottages at Balboa Park are offering San Diego another full day of world-class music and dance performances from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 21st. Performances will be held on the Spreckels Organ Pavilion stage as part of Balboa Park's First Annual Family Day. The House of Pacific Relations-International Cottages invites you and your family to enjoy traditional and multi-ethnic entertainment and join your favorite cottage. Our volunteers will be happy to answer questions and provide applications for membership in the ethnic cottage of your choice. *From our family to yours: Welcome!*

Argentina • Austria • China • Colombia • Czech and Slovak Republics • Denmark • England • Finland • France • Germany • Hungary • India • Iran • Ireland • Israel • Italy • Lebanon • Lithuania • Mexico • Norway • Palestine • Panama • Peru • Philippine Islands • Poland • Puerto Rico • Scotland • Spain • Sweden • Turkey • Ukraine • USA

HPR invites all families to our:

- * Multicultural performances at the Spreckels Organ Pavilion
- * Information booths from a number of member houses - *Get to know us!!*
- * Many cottages will be open to welcome you!
- * Look into joining an HPR house and share the richness of our cultures

Joining us will be San Diego's own, **Chris Springer**, from JAZZ 88.3FM and DJ **Rick Chriss** as Masters of Ceremonies. Additionally, to add to the celebration, we will have the groups **NovaMenco** and **Viva Puerto Rico** featuring Manny Cepeda and Gene Perry. Eleven other ethnic performances will delight all.

A full schedule of performances is available on the HPR website www.sdhpr.org.

HPR's President, Hannu Mikkonen, extends an invitation to all: *"Peace, Goodwill and Understanding are the principles upon which the House of Pacific Relations is built. We are the largest multi-cultural organization in the United States with 32 ethnicities or countries represented in our membership. Please, come and enjoy the enthusiasm that our members experience and join us as we celebrate our cultures."*

About the House of Pacific Relations

The House of Pacific Relations (HPR), founded in 1935, is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit community organization dedicated to furthering cooperation and understanding between national groups in the United States. For further information and a schedule for the event, view HPR website: <http://www.sdhpr.org>.

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