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MARIACHI CHRISTMAS AT BUFFALO THUNDER DECEMBER 19

SANTA FE, N.M.— Buffalo Thunder Resort and Casino will host a special holiday celebration, Friday, December 19, 2008, 8 p.m. *Mariachi Christmas*, with performances by Mariachi Tapatio and Ballet Folklórico Paso del Norte, will bring the magic, color and traditions of Mexico to Santa Fe.

These two companies will come together with song and dance, bringing musical gifts for holiday magic. The audience will experience the energy, passion and colors of Mexico.

Ballet Folklórico Paso del Norte, a dance troupe under the artistic direction of choreographer Rodolfo Hernandez, was founded in 1976 and is based in El Paso, Texas. The company has traveled extensively throughout the United States and Mexico, thrilling audiences at every stop. In 1992 they became the first American based group to be invited by the Mexican-North-American Institute of Cultural Relations to perform in Mexico City.

The second company, the award-winning Mariachi Tapatio, also from El Paso, will delight the audience with live mariachi music. Mariachi Tapatio, led by Amelia Garcia, was founded in 2006 by a group of friends that have been in the El Paso mariachi community for years. Mariachi Tapatio's gifted musicians range in ages from 13 to 34 and have come together to provide the public with a unique musical experience.



Mariachi Christmas will be narrated in English and will showcase the parade of colors of Chihuahua, Colima, Jalisco, Puebla and Veracruz, Mexico with seasonal selections of music and dance and is sure to be a festive and memorable experience for the audience.

WHAT: *Mariachi Christmas* at Buffalo Thunder
WHERE: Tewa Grand Ballroom at the Buffalo Thunder Resort & Casino, 30 Buffalo Thunder Trail, Santa Fe, NM.
Highway 84/285 in Pojoaque, only minutes from historic Santa Fe
WHEN: Friday, December 19, 8 p.m.
TICKETS: \$19 - \$39, www.buffalothunderresort.com, 800-905-3315. Tickets also available at the Buffalo Thunder Resort & Casino Box Office, located at the Casino Cage.

Buffalo Thunder Resort

Buffalo Thunder Resort offers a variety of world-class amenities: 395 luxury guest rooms, Hale Irwin-Bill Phillips designed golf course; full-service luxury spa; Mark Miller's signature Red Sage Restaurant; Blue Tower Lounge; Turquoise Trail Bar & Grille; two heated pools; tennis courts; walking trails; the official Indian Market Store and other retail stores. The property boasts 66,000 square feet of meeting and convention space.

Buffalo Thunder Resort & Casino is located in the heart of the Southwest, only 13 miles north of Santa Fe, off Highway 84/285 in Pojoaque, 75 minutes north of Albuquerque and 60 minutes south of Taos, New Mexico.

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