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48^h Annual Cabrillo Festival Brings History to Life Saturday, October 1 – Sunday, October 2

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA - *Cultures come together and history comes alive* at the 48th Annual Cabrillo Festival, one of the oldest cultural events in San Diego. Cabrillo National Monument Superintendent Tom Workman and Cabrillo Festival, Inc. President Zé Duarte announced today that the festival will take place on Saturday, October 1 and Sunday, October 2, 2011.

This year's festival opens with a commemorative ceremony and wreath laying honoring Cabrillo at the build sit of the *San Salvador* at Spanish Landing Park on North Harbor Drive. At 4PM, the ceremony kicks off with a concert by Navy Band Southwest Brass Ensemble and Kumeyaay Wildcat Songs by Jon Meza Cuero and the Aukas. Spanish Ambassador Enrique Ruiz Molero will deliver the keynote address.

The *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, 2818 Avenida de Portugal, in Point Loma, on Saturday evening at 6:00 PM. Tickets are \$40 per person and may be purchased by calling 619-426-0769 or 619-221-8084. More information is available at www.upses.com

The main event of the festival is the Open House on Sunday, October 2, from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM. 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

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soldiers demonstrate the arms, armor, implements and daily life; children's activities, 2011 Miss Cabrillo Festival, Juliette Simões, the 2011 Queen of the House of Mexico, 2011 Miss Kumeyaay Nation Olivia Barrett, and 2011 Queen of the Casa de España, Miss Carolina Stonehouse.

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.

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.

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.

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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