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**MUSIC IN THE GARDENS FUNDRAISER
FEATURES MUSIC BY INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED
HARPIST ALFREDO ROLANDO ORTIZ**

*Enjoy the beautiful sounds of the Paraguayan harp
to raise money for the Historic Heritage House Gardens*

Riverside, CA – Riverside Metropolitan Museum's Heritage House will hosts its 5th Annual Music in the Gardens Fundraiser on Sunday, May 31, 2009, 4- 7 pm, featuring music by internationally acclaimed harpist, Alfredo Rolando Ortiz. This exciting event hosted in partnership with Riverside Metropolitan Museum, Riverside Museum Associates, and the Heritage House Operations Committee, helps raise funds to support the heirloom gardens at Heritage House which are used in educational programs and tours.

The reception will begin at 4:00 pm with exclusive tours of the house and gardens, Cuban inspired hors d'oeuvres, and sangria. The musical performance will begin at 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$45 per person for members of the Riverside Museum Associates and \$50 per person for non-members. For tickets, call the Museum at (951) 826-5273. Make checks payable to RMA, Heritage House Operations or pay by Visa or Mastercard.

Last year's Music in the Gardens Fundraiser raised funds to create a shade, vegetable, and herb garden for a special gardening project in collaboration with local Girl Scout troops.

Built in 1891 for Catharine Bettner, this Victorian home now serves as a public museum offering free school programs and other educational events. As a City Landmark and a National Register of Historic Places property, the Heritage House site is an important part of Riverside and California history.

Special thanks

Special thanks to the Heritage House Operations Committee and Volunteers: Mollie Vanderzyl, Nancy Skilling, Sherry Collins, Cynthia Covert, Cindy McCabe, and Museum Staff Lynn Voorheis, Teresa Woodard, and Danielle Leland.

About the Musician

Alfredo Rolando Ortiz - Internationally acclaimed by the critics, soloist of the "arpa paraguaya" (Paraguayan harp), composer, author, educator, and recording artist. With a multicultural repertoire, which covers folk, classical, and popular music of many countries, as well as his original compositions, Dr. Ortiz has recorded over forty albums and is the winner of a Gold Record in South America. To listen to his music, visit: www.AROYmusic.com

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Calendar Editors Please Note:

What: Music in the Gardens Fundraiser featuring music by Alfredo Rolando Ortiz

Where: Riverside Metropolitan Museum's Heritage House

When: Sunday, May 31, 2009, 5:00 – 7:00 pm (Tours available 4 – 5 pm)

Cost: \$45 per person for RMA members; \$50 for non-members

Payment Information: Make checks payable to RMA, Heritage House Operations and note Music in the Gardens or pay by Visa or Mastercard. Call (951) 826-5273.

Public Information: Riverside Metropolitan Museum's Heritage House, 8193 Magnolia Ave., Riverside, CA 92504, (951) 826-5273, www.riversideca.gov/museum, The house is open Friday 12 – 3 pm; Saturday and Sunday 12 – 3:30 pm; closed July and August. School and Group Tours are available upon request.