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**Coronado's Stories Told through Dance**

*Coronado School of the Arts Dancers Depict the History of Coronado*

Coronado High School Performing Arts Center

December 11-12, 7:00 p.m. and December 13, 2:00 p.m.

**Coronado, CA, December 4, 2008** – Watch as Coronado School of the Arts dancers communicate the rich history and themes of the island in “Coronado Stories.” Performances take place December 11-12 at 7:00 p.m. and December 13 at 2:00 p.m. at Coronado High School Performing Arts Center, 650 D Avenue. The production weaves together the colorful stories of Coronado in a kaleidoscope of dances.

“Coronado Stories” combines original pieces created by CoSA faculty, professional guest artists, and CoSA students. The natural elements of the island – water, birds, and wind – are depicted in a series of pieces beginning with “Water,” the show opener, choreographed by Betzi Roe, CoSA dance department chair. Daniel Marshall, founder of La Diego Dance Theatre and CoSA dance instructor, created an energetic contemporary ballet using the theme of sea gulls flocking, flying, and landing to the music of Palladis. Guest artist, Summer Jones’ “Water II” is a piece she originally created for California Ballet and set on the advanced students to the music of Philip Glass.

“Coronado Stories” delivers inspiring historical tales that hark back to yesteryear. Several of the dances showcase the central role the landmark Hotel Del Coronado has had in the city’s history, including the building of the hotel, tent city, the story of young Kate Morgan who committed suicide at the turn of the century at the hotel, and, of course, Marilyn Monroe’s famed filming of “Some Like it Hot.”

Dancers also present tales from days gone by of the legendary gambling ships off the coast and the orange groves down the main street. The emotional stories behind the military’s significance are shown through dances displaying love stories and the deployment of young recruits as well as women in the military. Students will also showcase experiences close to their hearts, with dancers conveying the apprehension and excitement of the first day of school at Coronado High.

“Coronado Stories” provides a refreshing twist on the city’s history. Enjoy this impressive performance in the comfort of the state-of-the-art Performing Arts Center on the campus of Coronado High School. Tickets are available at the door and cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. To learn more about the CoSA program, please call 619.522.4050, or visit [www.cosafoundation.org](http://www.cosafoundation.org).

**About Coronado School of the Arts (CoSA)**

CoSA is a public arts conservatory for high school students that embraces and encourages artistic creativity and academic excellence. This pre-professional arts program reaches out to talented students from all San Diego County, offering a nurturing environment focused on individual growth, opportunity, and diversity.

CoSA is made possible by the CoSA Foundation, whose mission is to perpetuate a regional public school of the arts at Coronado High School that offers the opportunity for the best possible arts education to all qualified students in San Diego County. The foundation is committed to inspiring broad community support and engaging other foundations, educational and arts institutions, and community organizations in partnerships to fulfill this mission.

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