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## **FIESTA ABRIENDO CAMINOS**

*Men Alive – The Orange County Gay Men's Chorus collaborates with local Latino performers in a gala celebration of the Latino influence in Orange County.*

**The performance will be held** at Festival Hall, 220 E. Third St., Santa Ana, Saturday, July 30 at 6:00pm. Following the performance, food will be served across the street in the plaza in front of The Yost Theatre to the strains of a Mariachi band. Admission is **FREE**.

**The program will include** Folklorico dancers, Mariachi, singers and storytellers. 80-90 members of Men Alive will perform songs from their Summer concert, *Greasy Hairspray* as well as some special Spanish songs. **David Hernandez**, the openly gay intern who helped save the life of Arizona State Representative Gabrielle Giffords, will make a special appearance.

**The FREE event is funded by grants** from The James Irvine Foundation and Union Bank, awarded to diversify Men Alive audiences in Orange County to better reflect the diversity of the chorus by offering programs with Latin-style music, and for developing partnerships with local Latino community groups for the purpose of promoting understanding and bridge-building between cultures, communities and individuals, including the LGBT and straight communities.

**About Men Alive – The Orange County Gay Men's Chorus:** Founded in September 2001 by Artistic Director Rich Cook, Men Alive is currently celebrating its 10th Anniversary Season. Focused on the vision of being a positive voice and musical influence in Orange County and Southern California, Men Alive is dedicated to the following mission: "Through music, men's voices unite as a vehicle to entertain, educate, bring healing, joy, community and build bridges to the public at large." Membership in the Chorus currently numbers more than 180 members with more than 120 singers. More information can also be found at [www.MenAliveChorus.org](http://www.MenAliveChorus.org).

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