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ARTS San Antonio presents
The Extraordinary 2011-2012 Season
Seven Performances

Soft Rock, Classical Music, Theatre, Salsa, Latin Jazz, Ballet and Traditional Irish Music
September 26, 2011 – February 29, 2012

Tickets on sale now.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS – ARTS San Antonio's Extraordinary 2011-2012 Season brings exceptional artists from around the world to San Antonio. ARTS San Antonio will present concerts by internationally acclaimed groups and world-famous musicians ranging from piano soloists, world-class salsa dancers to a celebrated actor in the role of a lifetime.

Three cost-saving series are available at discounted rates so that audience members can attend the entire season or buy tickets to several performances during the year. Performers were carefully chosen to capture the interest of San Antonio area performing arts patrons. Audience members have the opportunity to experience one or more exciting performances from around the world – from the best seats in the best venues in San Antonio – all at very affordable prices!

An Evening with Michael Bolton
Illusions Theatre at the Alamodome, San Antonio
Monday, September 26, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

Bolton has sold more than 53 million albums and singles worldwide, received two Grammys for Best Pop Male Vocal Performance, six American Music Awards and a Star

on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. As a songwriter, Bolton has earned over 24 BMI & ASCAP Awards, including Songwriter of the Year, nine Million-Air awards and the Hitmakers Award from the Songwriters Hall of Fame.

Bolton became a viral video sensation when he appeared on *Saturday Night Live* in May 2011 with The Lonely Island for the digital short, “Jack Sparrow,” that has been viewed over 30 million times on YouTube and was just nominated for a 2011 Emmy Award for Outstanding Original Music and Lyrics.

He recently released his 21st studio album, *Gems: The Duets Collection*, that features duets with such diverse and award-winning performers as country music superstars Rascal Flatts, English soul and R&B singer-songwriter Seal, Australian singer/actress Delta Goodrem and smooth jazz trumpeter Chris Botti. Tickets start at \$38. Discounts for ten or more tickets are available through ARTS SA.

Nobuyuki Tsujii

Gold Medalist of the 2009 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition
Acoustically Superb Ruth Taylor Concert Hall at Trinity University, San Antonio
Free Convenient Parking
Thursday, October 13, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

Gold Medalist of the 2009 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, Nobuyuki Tsujii is an expressive and passionate young pianist. Blind since birth, Tsujii, whom his friends refer to by the diminutive “Nobu,” believes that “there are no barriers in the field of music.”

He won the Beverley Taylor Smith Award for best performance of a new work for his interpretation of John Musto’s *Improvisation and Fuge*. He has the ability to learn challenging scores by ear and then interpret them in an eloquent and zealous manner that moves an audience. This performance is made possible in part by a generous grant from the Japan Foundation, New York. Tickets start at \$20.

Presented in collaboration with the San Antonio Public Library Foundation

Hal Holbrook in *Mark Twain Tonight!*

Laurie Auditorium at Trinity University
Free Convenient Parking
Sunday, November 6, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

Hal Holbrook has been performing his one-man show as Mark Twain since 1954 and has won an Emmy and Tony Awards for his performance. This production enjoyed three separate runs on Broadway in 1966, 1977, and 2005.

Holbrook has no set show, but arranges the program as he performs, thereby ensuring that each presentation is unique. Holbrook is a celebrated actor who has starred in such films as *Water for Elephants*, *All the President's Men*, *Wall Street* and *The Firm*. Tickets start at \$20.

The Kings of Salsa

Part of the ARTS San Antonio Salsa Project
Historic Majestic Theatre, San Antonio
Sunday, November 20, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

The Kings of Salsa will make their San Antonio debut featuring the very best of Havana's salsa and hip hop dance scene all backed by the eight-piece band Cuba Ashire with two vocalists. The nine-dancer troupe combines traditional Afro-Caribbean dance moves, world-class contemporary dance and the Cuban classic forms of Mambo, Rumba and the Cha Cha Cha. Tickets start at \$22.50.

ARTS San Antonio's Salsa Project is a collaborative community program of quarterly Salsa dance and music events including an annual **ARTS San Antonio Salsa Festival** in early February.

A Very Latin Christmas

with **Henry Brun and his full 11-member Latin Playerz Orchestra**
featuring Judi Deleon, Vocalist

Intimate Charline McCombs Empire Theatre, San Antonio
Friday, December 2, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

Grammy Award winner Henry Brun and the Latin Playerz are celebrating the season with taste, culture and infectious Latin Christmas music. In 1989, Henry created the Latin Playerz, an ensemble that incorporates a variety of Latin styles with Rhythm and Blues, Swing and Jazz. Brun's vivacious performances incite audiences to join in on his fun. Tickets start at \$22.

Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker*

Performed by Metropolitan Classical Ballet
with San Antonio Metropolitan Ballet
Newly renovated Lila Cockrell Theatre, San Antonio

Friday, December 16, 2011 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday December 17, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Sunday December 18, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

Take the family to enjoy a holiday-inspired ballet you will talk about for days after you leave the theatre. Set to the timeless score by Peter Ilych Tchaikovsky, Paul Mejia's choreography of *The Nutcracker* is both unique and captivating to the entire family. Tickets start at \$20.

The Chieftains 50th Anniversary Tour Concert

Newly renovated Lila Cockrell Theatre, San Antonio
Wednesday, February 29, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

Six-time Grammy winners and the world's most popular Irish traditional music group, the Chieftains, will visit San Antonio for their 50th Anniversary Tour Concert. The Chieftains celebrate their 50th Anniversary doing what they do best: delivering a concert experience filled with grace, humor, exceptional musicianship and the pageantry of visiting dancers and pipe bands.

The Chieftains have recorded many albums of instrumental Irish folk music, as well as multiple collaborations with musicians of many genres, including: Country music, Galician traditional music, Cape Breton music, and Rock and Roll! Tickets start at \$23.

Two Performance Series Packages

ARTS SA offers subscribers the opportunity to purchase a performance series package:

- **Whole Enchilada** (seven performances) – *An Evening with Michael Bolton*, Nobuyuki Tsujii in Recital, Hal Holbrook in *Mark Twain Tonight!*, *The Kings of Salsa*, Henry Brun's and the Latin Playerz's *A Very Latin Christmas*, *The Nutcracker* and The Chieftains 50th Anniversary Tour Concert. Tickets for these seven performances start at \$126.20.
- **Variety** (four performances) - Nobuyuki Tsujii in Recital, Hal Holbrook in *Mark Twain Tonight!*, *The Kings of Salsa* and The Chieftains 50th Anniversary Tour Concert. Tickets for these four performances start at \$68.70.

Purchase tickets by calling (800) 745-3000, by visiting Ticketmaster.com and at all Ticketmaster outlets. For more information about the performances or to purchase season or series tickets, call (210) 226-2891, visit the Majestic Theatre Tower Suite 400, 222 East Houston Street or visit ArtsSA.org.

ARTS SA is a leading non-profit presenter of performing arts in the South Texas region. ARTS SA performances are supported by the San Antonio Office of Cultural Affairs, San Antonio Express-News, Texas Commission on the Arts and theFund. ARTS SA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization dedicated to the education, enrichment and entertainment of the people, especially the children, of greater San Antonio. Net proceeds from these performances make possible ARtsTEach performing arts and ARtsTEach arts education workshops in area elementary schools.

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