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#### **LA Artist/Muralist Juan Solis to Join Artisans at Kaleidoscope Art & Music Festival**

PALMDALE – Renowned Los Angeles based artist/muralist Juan Solis will be joining the roster of artisans who will be participating in the City of Palmdale’s new *Kaleidoscope: Music and Art Festival* coming to the Palmdale Amphitheater, 2723 Rancho Vista Blvd. on Saturday, Oct. 8 from 10 am to 6 pm. Admission and parking are free.

“We’re quite honored to have someone with Juan’s reputation and skill as part of our first Kaleidoscope festival,” said Palmdale’s Recreation Supervisor Annie Pagliaro. “He’s an award winning artisan who has works on display in galleries and high visibility locations in LA. Armando Duron, a prominent LA collector of Chicano art said ‘there is a reality about his work that puts it one step above the heroic images captured by other artists.’”

Originally from Jalpa, Zacatecas, Mexico, Juan Solis began painting at the age of 12. He spent eight years at the Academia de Arte Yepes of East Los Angeles, developing and creating his own distinctive techniques under the guidance of Chicano artist, George Yepes. In 1994 Solis was commissioned to design and paint his first large mural measuring 20’x 20’ at Mariachi Plaza in Boyle Heights. He has painted three murals at Mariachi Plaza, among them being the mural “La Virgen de Guadalupe”. The

wall where his mural exists is now part of the new Juan Solis Art Studio and Galeria Mijares.

Solis has exhibited in many galleries including Pico House at Plaza Olvera, Mexican Cultural Institute of Los Angeles, Chimaya, Plaza Alameda, Ave. 50 Studio, Galeria Mijares and Mary Paxton Gallery in Norwalk.

Solis has been the recipient of several awards including the “Angel Award” by former Mayor of Los Angeles, Antonio Villaraigosa, Certificates of Recognition by Councilmember (LACD14) Jose Huizar and Assemblymember Miguel Santiago, AD53, and many more.

“Be sure to stop by to meet Juan and all the amazing artisans who will be part of this unique event,” Pagliaro said.

Kaleidoscope: Art & Music fest will also feature stages of live music and visual and performing arts, artisan vendors and wares, food and craft beer.

Scheduled musical performers on the Tapestry Stage include The Sunday Night Singers, Paddy’s Pig, Phat Cat Swinger, The High D Boys and the L.A. Cast of Beatlemania.

“The Art of Brew” will feature local beer offerings from Transplants Brewing Company, Lucky Luke Brewing Company, Bravery Brewing and Kinetic Brewing Company.

Food will be available for purchase and will be provided by Vince’s Pasta & Pizza, Alex’s Fruits & Nuts, Couple Nuts (kettlecorn and funnel cakes), Zodiac Grill, and From Me to you Catering, specializing in BBQ meat and turkey legs.

“With a wide variety of music, artisans, performers, food and craft beer, there is something for everyone at Kaleidoscope,” Pagliaro said. “Free parking and free admission make this an affordable and fun day.”

Kaleidoscope is generously sponsored by American Medical Response, AVTA, Waste Management, Coca-Cola, Antelope Valley Mall, Valleywide Dental, Opportunities for Learning, Sierra Medical Group, AV Furniture & Mattress, Hilton Garden Inn, Lancaster JetHawks, Ventura Graphix and Vince’s Pizza & Pasta – Palmdale.

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