

# **Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi**

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## **MEDIA ALERT**

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**WHO: Thirty Young Dancers**

**WHAT: Tasia Marie Silvas Folklorico Institute Children's Workshop**

**WHEN: Wednesday, July 2, from 9-11 a.m. (ages 5-7) and 2-4 p.m. (ages 8-11)**

**WHERE: Antonio E. Garcia Arts and Education Center, 2021 Agnes St.**

## **Folklorico Institute Holds One-Day Children's Dance Workshop at Antonio E. Garcia Arts and Education Center**

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Visiting instructors will teach dances native to the Mexican states of Veracruz and Jalisco during the Tasia Marie Folklorico Institute children's workshop Wednesday, July 2, at the Antonio E. Garcia Arts and Education Center, located at 2021 Agnes St.

Maestro Miguel Angel Ruiz Cabrera of Veracruz, Mexico, will lead children ages 5-7. Maestra Judith Martin Martin of Jalisco, Mexico, will teach children ages 8-11. The sessions will focus on basic technique including choreography, footwork, skirt-twirling and proper posture.

The Institute in Beeville was created to honor the memory of Tasia Marie Silvas, a Corpus Christi folklorico dancer who passed away in 2005 at the age of 27 after battling a rare form of cancer. Before her death, she founded "La Feria de San Marcos," a folklorico event offering scholarship and educational opportunities for students of all ages, a tradition continued by the Institute through its folklorico program.

A closing reception showcasing the dances will be presented Saturday, July 5, at 7:30 p.m. at the Antonio E. Garcia Arts and Education Center. Performances are free and open to the public.

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