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MEDIA ALERT

DATE: July 1, 2008

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WHO: Thirty Intermediate and Advanced Folklorico Dancers

**WHAT: Tasia Marie Silvas Folklorico Institute Corpus Christi Summer
Workshop Series**

**WHEN: Tuesday and Thursday-Saturday, July 1, 3-5
From 9-11 a.m. and 2-3:30 p.m.**

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

Folklorico Institute Holding Intermediate and Advanced Dance Classes at Antonio E. Garcia Arts and Education Center

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Around 30 intermediate and advanced folklorico dancers ages 12 and older will participate in the Tasia Marie Folklorico Institute through Saturday, July 5, at the Antonio E. Garcia Arts and Education Center, located at 2021 Agnes St.

Visiting instructors from Mexico will teach dancers intricate footwork native to the Mexican states of Veracruz, Jalisco, Tabasco, Guanajuato, Durango and Coahuila.

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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