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HOUSTON GRAND OPERA PRESENTS

To Cross the Face of the Moon/ Cruzar la Cara de la Luna The World's First Mariachi Opera Featuring Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlán

WHO: Houston Grand Opera (HGO)

WHAT: **Houston Grand Opera (HGO)** will present its forty-first world premiere, *To Cross the Face of the Moon / Cruzar la Cara de la Luna*, commissioned by HGO through its *Song of Houston* project. Music by **José "Pepe" Martínez**, music director of **Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlán**, with libretto by acclaimed Broadway director and author **Leonard Foglia**, the opera will be performed in concert by a cast that includes mezzo-soprano **Cecilia Duarte**, baritone and HGO studio alumnus **Octavio Moreno**, and Martínez, together with **Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlán**, on Saturday, November 13, 2010, at the Wortham Theater Center in Houston, Texas. This will be Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlán's only Houston performance in 2010.

To Cross the Face of the Moon/Cruzar la Cara de la Luna chronicles three generations of a family, divided by countries and cultures narrating the emotional and spiritual connection to one's country of origin, the challenges of being a stranger in a foreign land, and the very nature of home at the heart of the immigrant experience.

WHEN: Saturday, November 13, 2010

WHERE: Wortham Theater Center's Brown Theater, Texas Avenue at Smith Street, Houston, Texas.
(713)-228-OPERA

ARTISTS: Laurentino.....Octavio Moreno
 Renata.....Cecilia Duarte
 Lupita.....Vanessa Cerda Alonzo
 Chucho.....José “Pepe” Martínez
 Mark.....David Guzman
 Diana.....Brittany Wheeler
 Rafael.....Brian Shircliffe
 Victor.....Juan Mejia

Director/Designer.....Leonard Foglia
 Lighting Designer.....Michael Clark

LANGUAGE: *To Cross the Face of the Moon* will be performed in a mix of Spanish and English with Spanish and English Surtitles

TICKETS: Single tickets for *To Cross the Face of the Moon*, are on sale now.
 For tickets and general information, go to www.houstongrandopera.org or call (713)-228-**OPERA** or 1-(800)-62-**OPERA**

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