

# **Juan Seguin Festival del Mariachi Showcase & Adjudication**

## **Rules and Guidelines**

**June 3, 2026 7PM**

**Seguin High School Performing Arts Center - Seguin, TX**

### **Format**

- Each participating mariachi group will perform **one 10-minute set**.
- Performances must include:
  - A proper stage entrance and introduction (form is to be prefilled prior to getting on stage)
  - Musical selections within the time limit
  - A respectful stage exit

### **Time Limit**

- Maximum performance time: **10 minutes**
- Timing begins when the first musical note is played.

### **Group Requirements**

- Minimum number of performers: 8
- Maximum number of performers: 25
- All performers must be registered before the showcase.

### **Music Selection Rules**

- Music must reflect the traditions and style of Mariachi music.
- Each set **must include at least one Son Jalisciense**.
- Groups should demonstrate **contrasting musical styles and tempos** within the performance.
- Suggested variety:
  - Son Jalisciense
  - Son Huasteco
  - Ranchera Valseada/Lenta/Corrida
  - Bolero
  - Huapango
  - Joropo
  - Polka or modern arrangement
- At least one vocal selection is encouraged.
- No inappropriate lyrics or gestures.

### **Performance Expectations**

Judging may include:

1. Musical accuracy
2. Instrumental/Vocal quality
3. Technique

4. Intonation
5. Ensemble balance
6. Musical Expression
7. Stage presence
8. Audience engagement
9. Authentic mariachi style
10. Variety and contrast in musical selections
11. Professionalism and appearance

### **Attire**

- Traditional mariachi traje or coordinated formal attire is required.
- Groups should maintain a professional appearance throughout the event.

### **Equipment & Setup**

- Basic sound system and microphones will be provided.
- Groups must provide:
  - Their own instruments
  - Any specialty equipment
- Setup time is limited to 2 minutes.

### **Conduct & Etiquette**

- Respect toward judges, staff, and other groups is required.
- Misconduct may result in a removal from the showcase.

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