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OLD TUCSON CELEBRATES 75 YEARS!

(Tucson, AZ) Casino Del Sol Resort presents Old Tucson's 75th Anniversary Reunion, an Old Tucson Signature Event, on March 15, 2014. The event celebrates the 75th Anniversary of the building of the original Old Tucson sets in 1939 by Columbia Pictures movie "Arizona."

In their desire to recall the Tucson of the 1860's, the set builders for Columbia Pictures enlisted the knowledge and skill of the builders of the original city—the Tohono O'odham (formerly referred to as Papago). Without the convenience of running water, the Tohono O'odham (People of the Desert) made more than 350,000 adobe bricks from the desert dirt and water to create a replica of early Tucson. The remains of those buildings, now affectionately referred to as the Arizona ruins, are testimony to the fine craftsmanship of the set builders and the beginning of the long film history of Old Tucson.

The 75th Anniversary Reunion also celebrates this enduring history and the men and women who have hosted millions of visitors over the years as entertainment, guest services, and support staff from the 1960s to today. Special activities to mark the occasion include:

- The big showdown – performances of an original story, "The Great Gold Robbery" to be performed by gunfighters who walked these legendary streets in the 1960s up to today. Two performances of this special Anniversary Reunion show will be presented.

The first gunfighter, Jack Young (87), is scheduled to be among the performers. Hired in 1962 by then-owner Bob Shelton, Jack was charged with putting together and performing in the original professional entertainment program for Old Tucson.

All Old Tucson employees and alumni from past and present are invited to return to Old Tucson to reminisce about their days in the Old West and cheer on those re-visiting their acting days. Old Tucson Alumni interested in participating in the 75th Anniversary Reunion may visit www.OldTucsonAlumni.com or the "Old Tucson Studios Alumni" page on Facebook for information.

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Casino Del Sol Resort, Spa and Conference Center, located in southwest metropolitan Tucson, Arizona, the Pascua Yaqui Tribe is a federally recognized tribe with more than 17,000 enrolled members. The Tribe owns and operates several enterprises including Casino Del Sol [Resort](#), Spa and Conference Center, Casino of the Sun and [Casino Del Sol](#). Non-gaming enterprises include the Anselmo Valencia Tori Amphitheater (AVA), a 5,000-seat open-air [concert](#) venue; and the Del Sol Marketplace, which includes a gas station, car wash, convenience store and smoke shop. For more information call 1-855-SOL-STAY (765-7829) or visit www.CasinoDelSol.com. Follow Casino Del Sol on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

Old Tucson is Southern Arizona's premier location and Hollywood's most famous western movie location and has been immortalized in over 300 feature films and TV Westerns since 1939. For more information about Old Tucson, Where the Spirit of the Old West Comes Alive, please visit our website at www.OldTucson.com or call us at 520-883-0100. Old Tucson is located at 201 S. Kinney Road, Tucson, Arizona 85735.