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Old Tucson Presents its 4th Annual Wild Wild West Days March 22 thru March 24, 2013

(TUCSON, AZ) Join Old Tucson for the 4th annual Wild West Days, an Old Tucson Signature Event, happening Friday, March 22 thru Sunday, March 24! See special guests demonstrating the skills the cowboys needed to survive and the contributions to the western way of life made by the cultures that left their marks on the American West. This three-day festival complements Old Tucson's focus on showcasing local History, Culture and Heritage in the western tradition.

This year, from 10:00 am to 12 noon on Saturday, March 23, ***The High Chaparral Reunion*** returns to the original ranch set. Old Tucson guests are invited to join fans, cast and crew to celebrate the ground-breaking, highly acclaimed NBC Western *The High Chaparral*. Series alumni scheduled to appear include Henry Darrow (Manolito Montoya), Don Collier (Sam Butler), Kent McCray (Producer), and Susan McCray (Casting) along with some special guests.

Throughout each of the three days of the festival, scheduled performances (schedules subject to change without notice) will include:

- **Loop Rawlins**, who will demonstrate his incredible trick roping, bull whip artistry and stunts, and fancy gun spinning that have thrilled thousands of audiences. This young man is the consummate cowboy showman dedicated to keeping the tradition of the Wild West Show alive. From performing with Cirque Du Soleil to high-end events to rodeos, Loop Rawlins does it all.
- **Sourdough Slim**, the accordion-playing, yodeling cowboy is back for his fourth consecutive year! His fast-paced stage show combines comedy routines, award-winning yodeling and catchy western tunes with self-accompaniment on accordion, guitar, ukulele and harmonica. A well-traveled veteran of stages ranging from The National Cowboy Gathering to The Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall, Slim transports audiences to a whimsically entertaining world where vaudevillian camp intermingles with cowboy lore to produce grins galore.
- **Gary Harper**, noted weapons expert, will demonstrate large and small arms and the Gatling gun, one of the best known early rapid-fire weapons and a forerunner of the modern machine gun. Gary has consulted with and provided historical military weapons for a number of film and television productions including *The Last Samurai*, *3:10 to Yuma*, *Deadliest Warrior*, *Sons of Guns*, and *True Caribbean Pirates*.
- **Cecil Manuel**, noted Native American Hoop Dancer, is scheduled to perform daily. On Saturday and Sunday, **students from the Ha:San Preparatory & Leadership School** will share the culture of the native Tohono O'odham via traditional song and dance as well as displays



and foods. Marana Future Farmers of America also are scheduled to inform guests about the region's ranching history.

- Additional special guests scheduled this weekend include vintage palm reader **Madame Zaronee** and **Buffalo Soldiers**. Listen to music and tap your toe to traditional Bluegrass music and song with high energy performances by Cadillac Mountain featuring Joel Leland, Rudy Cortese and Alvin Blaine on guitar, banjo, dobro, and mandolin. On Sunday, Tucson's all-girl Mariachi Viva La Mujer is scheduled for a special performance!

Wild West Days also showcases Old Tucson's full range of western entertainment including Living History presentations. Hear the stories of everyday life of Southern Arizona pioneers presented by vintage characters covering topics including *Schools on the Frontier*, *Sheriffs of the Old West*, *Travel by Stagecoach* and more. This entertaining yet educational experience allows guests a glimpse into what life was like on the western frontier.

Wild West Days is included in the regular Old Tucson Studios Admission price of \$16.95 for adults and \$10.95 for children (ages 4-11). Admission to this event is included with your Old Tucson Wagon Wheel Season Pass! Discounts are available – details on the www.OldTucson.com News & Events page.

*******SPECIAL INVITATION - FOR MEMBERS OF THE PRESS ONLY*******

Contact Old Tucson by Thursday, **March 21st** to arrange an appointment to:

- Interview Sourdough Slim, Loop Rawlins, or Gary Harper.
- Try your hand at roping, gun spinning, and bull whip handling.
- Take a seat at the Gatling gun.
- Or to discuss other ideas that fit your goals.

Photos of recent Wild West Days events are included, and more are available upon request.

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

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