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HILL COUNTRY LOOK...WORLD-CLASS SOUND!

BOERNE, TX – April 24, 2011. Boerne Champion High School will be one of two Texas venues (Houston being the other) presenting the legendary Doc Severinsen...whose big band trumpet blast was the landmark of late night television for three decades. Doc, Ed McMahon, and Johnny Carson ruled the night air for thirty years with The Tonight Show. When the show ended in 1992, Doc began his new career performing around the world instead of on the set in the television studio.

The perfect "prescription" for the Ultimate Mother's Day Celebration is a concert featuring "DOC" SEVERINSEN. The "Doctor" is in...and he will be performing a Mother's Day Cure for Whatever Ails you!!! "Doc" has the best stage presence of anyone out there and can blow the roof off with a trumpet solo...a high note virtuoso, a genuinely funny man, and always a fashion fiend.

Severinsen's accomplishments began in his hometown of Arlington, Oregon, population: 600. Carl H. Severinsen, born July 7th, 1927, was nicknamed "Little Doc" after his father, Dr. Carl Severinsen, a dentist. Little Doc had originally wanted to play the trombone, but the senior Severinsen, a gifted amateur violinist, urged him to study the violin. The younger Severinsen insisted on the trombone, but had to settle for the only horn available in Arlington's small music store...a trumpet.

A week later, with the help of this father and a manual of instructions, the seven-year-old was so good that he was invited to join the high school band. At the age of twelve, Little Doc won the Music Educator's National Contest, and while still in high school, was hired to go on the road with the famous Ted Fio Rito Orchestra.

His stay with the group was cut short by the draft. He served in the Army during World War II and following his discharge, landed a spot with the Charlie Barnett Band...followed by tours with the Tommy Dorsey and the Benny Goodman bands.

Ask Doc about retirement and the answer you will get leaves you with a very clear impression: he is not ready to hang up his horn or his traveling shoes. Since moving to Mexico at the end of 2006, Doc has kept a busy performance schedule and made new discoveries in very talented musicians from Mexico...The San Miguel 5. Virtuosos themselves, Guitarist Gil Gutiérrez, Violinist Charlie Bisharat, Jimmy Branly on Percussion and Kevin Thomas on Bass...the quintet combine classical Spanish with a jazz flair, gorgeous ballads, and gypsy jazz.

Somewhere along Doc's journey from Oregon, to New York, to the upcoming performance in Boerne, the "Little" was lost, but "Doc" remains ageless. He continues to be a favorite of audiences across America.



Tickets (\$25-\$35-\$45) for Doc Severinsen and the San Miguel 5 are available now at www.kpas.org and www.tix.com. The two performances will be held on Sunday, May 8th and Monday, May 9th at Boerne Champion High School at 7:30pm. Boerne Ticket Outlets include: Boerne Convention & Visitors Bureau and Hearts' Home Acoustics. If you would prefer to order tickets by phone, please contact the KPAS Message Center at 830.896.5727.

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