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**GRAND OPENING GALA AT AGUA CALIENTE CASINO • RESORT • SPA
PROMISES TO HEAT UP THE NIGHT APRIL 18TH**

Opening will mark a major milestone for Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians

Rancho Mirage, Ca (April 4, 2008) – With just two weeks to go before the grand opening of the new resort-hotel at Agua Caliente Casino • Resort • Spa, final preparations are underway for a regal VIP celebration unlike any other this desert oasis has seen.

Thus far, the stunning, \$300 million resort-hotel has only been available for media tours. On April 18th, guests at the VIP grand opening will have the first, comprehensive look at the gorgeous, new 340-room hotel, spa, pool and conference center built adjacent to the existing casino, which was named “Best Casino” in a recent reader’s poll. The property is owned and operated by the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians.

The special, invite-only grand opening gala will feature a sensational combination of fine dining and exciting entertainment, plus a world-class fireworks show and a few surprises! This feast for the senses will allow guests to discover what it truly means to “redefine spectacular” in a way that will be absolutely unforgettable.

THE PARTY will include a colorful group of entertainers including traditional Cahuilla Bird Singers, Fire Dancers, Latin, Japanese and Calypso musicians, an internationally renown, interactive entertainment troupe, a fantastic water and laser show, plus a spectacular fireworks display all beneath a gorgeous desert sky! The celebration will also feature gourmet dining throughout the property, showcasing each of the resort’s delicious restaurants.

THE GUEST LIST includes more than 2,000 people, from state senators to local celebrities and government officials. Included in that list is beloved actor and resort spokesperson John O’Hurley who will serve as Master of Ceremonies for the evening. John O’Hurley developed a loyal following as “Seinfeld” character “J. Peterman” and later as a celebrity contestant on the hit reality show “Dancing with the Stars.” Over the next few weeks, a tuxedo-clad O’Hurley will be seen in a new television ad campaign for the resort.

The Grand Opening of Agua Caliente Casino • Resort • Spa as a full-service resort, hotel, conference center and spa is a major milestone for the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians. It is the first hotel-resort built by the tribe and will open exactly two years and one day after construction crews broke ground on the multi-million dollar project. The new hotel has created approximately 350 jobs and will also open a new headline entertainment venue later this year.

Agua Caliente Casino • Resort • Spa opens to the public April 19th. Reservations are now being taken, with rooms starting at just \$89*! Some restrictions apply. Call 1-866-923-7244 for more information!

To download a press kit, high resolution photos or to get media contact information, please go to www.HotWaterCasino.com and click on the News Room link at the bottom of the hotel web page.

Agua Caliente Casino • Resort • Spa is located at 32-250 Bob Hope Drive in Rancho Mirage, California; voted “Best Casino” in 2008, it’s home to more than 1,800 slots, a variety of table games and an 11-table poker room also voted “Best in the Valley” in a 2007 reader’s poll. The casino offers exciting entertainment plus award-winning dining. In April, the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians will open a new \$300 million, 16-story, 340-room luxury hotel beside the casino. Guests will be able to stay in style, enjoying deluxe rooms and suites, a luxury spa, pool and cabana complex, as well as a state-of-the-art conference center. In late 2008, a 2,000-seat entertainment venue will complete this world-class destination. For hotel reservations call: 1.866.923.7244, visit www.HotWaterCasino.com or for casino information: 1.888.999.1995.

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