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AGUA CALIENTE CASINO • RESORT • SPA REDEFINES SPECTACULAR WITH OUTSTANDING GRAND OPENING GALA

Opening marks a major milestone for Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians

Rancho Mirage, Ca (April 18, 2008) – Exactly two years and one day after officially breaking ground on its new resort hotel, the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians marked a major milestone in their history with the spectacular grand opening of the new Agua Caliente Casino • Resort • Spa in Rancho Mirage, California.

Nearly 3,000 guests gathered beneath a starlit desert sky to celebrate the opening of the new \$300 million resort hotel, which was built next to the tribe's wildly popular casino. It is the first hotel the tribe has ever built.

"This is a triumph for our people; a dream of epic proportions that through many years of hard work has finally come true," said Tribal Chairman Richard M. Milanovich. "We are so pleased to share this evening with our friends, colleagues and the community."

The special, invite-only gala was filled with a fantastic array of entertainment, fine dining and tours of the exquisite 340-room resort hotel and spa. Beloved actor and casino spokesman, John O'Hurley, served as Master of Ceremonies, keeping the party in laughter throughout the evening.

"I am addicted to three things: ambiance, elegance and humor," O'Hurley said. "With the creative team of Agua Caliente I have found a home for all three."

The opening ceremony began with a traditional performance by the Tribe's Cahuilla Bird Singers and was followed with remarks by Tribal Chairman Milanovich; Chief Operating Officer David Fendrick; Mayor of Rancho Mirage, Ron Meepos; and Congresswoman Mary Bono Mack. After a few more words of thanks and welcome, Tribal Chairman Milanovich officially launched a whirlwind of sensational entertainment.

An internationally renowned, interactive entertainment troupe took to the stage next to a fantastic water and laser show. An incredible fireworks display followed, delivering on the resort's promise to "redefine spectacular."

The transformation of Agua Caliente Casino • Resort • Spa into a full-service resort, hotel, conference center and spa is a major milestone for the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians. It has created approximately 350 jobs and has raised the bar on luxury gaming in Southern California. In late 2008, the resort will open a 2,000-seat headliner room, completing the resort's comprehensive offerings.

Agua Caliente Casino • Resort • Spa opened to the public April 19th. Special grand opening rates are available, with rates starting at just \$89*; some restrictions apply. Call 1-866-923-7244 for more information.

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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, adjacent to its gorgeous new \$300 million luxury hotel. Guests can now stay in style in one of 340 deluxe rooms and suites, enjoy a relaxing 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. Agua Caliente Casino • Resort • Spa is owned and operated by the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians.