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## **Local Flavor and Local Talent Shines at Starr Pass**

*Tucson duo performs at resort bar and lounge*

**Tucson, AZ (9/18/09)** – At JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort & Spa, majestic mountain views and desert landscapes set the stage for a one-of-a-kind resort experience – an experience that not only embraces gracious amenities, but also local flavor and culture. On the expansive patio of Salud, Starr Pass Resort & Spa's guests not only take delight in the bar's remarkable tequila selection and delicious cuisine, they can also enjoy the musical talents of two local talents.

For a true Tucson experience, the patio at Salud is where it all happens. On most weeknights, Gabriel Francisco graces the resort lounge with his romantic modern Spanish guitar stylings. Francisco has been a guest favorite as his sounds represent the Spanish culture, yet are still relaxing and soothing in a resort environment. Several months ago, Salud server Samantha Gonzalez joined Francisco on the stage. As he plays the guitar, Gonzalez wows the crowd with a variety of Spanish songs.

Songs range from popular Spanish selections to lesser-known ballads. Though both Gonzales and Francisco are from the area and went to local high schools, it is at Starr Pass where these individuals have become stand-out talents in the local music scene.

The duo performs every Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and every other Sunday evening from 5 to 8 p.m. Mark your calendar for a fabulous evening of food, cocktails and entertainment in the most magical spot in Tucson.

Please visit [www.jwmarriottstarrpass.com](http://www.jwmarriottstarrpass.com) for more information on the resort and its dining venues.

### **About JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort & Spa**

Having been named to *Travel + Leisure* World's Best Hotels Top 500 List two years running (2008, 2009), Starr Pass draws on the beauty of its mountainous location. The resort incorporates the natural desert as

its landscape design theme. With 575 spacious guestrooms, 88,000 sq. ft. of meeting space, five restaurants, a 20,000 sq. ft. spa, four separate pools, a lazy river and water slide, the Audubon Certified Arnold Palmer Signature golf facility consisting of 27 holes and practice facilities, and 888 underground and covered parking spaces, the resort boasts of being not only the largest resort in southern Arizona but also the only true eco-resort in Tucson. This eco theme extends to its Primo restaurant that serves only organic and jet fresh fish, its Hashani Spa, which uses natural desert plant oils and its direct access to the Tucson Mountain Park for fabulous hiking and mountain biking trails. To quote Bill Marriott, "you can build all types of amenities but it would be impossible to duplicate what Starr Pass has, the Tucson Mountain Park." The JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort & Spa is located at 3800 W. Starr Pass and can be reached directly by calling (520) 792-3500. Please visit [www.jwmarriottstarrpass.com](http://www.jwmarriottstarrpass.com).

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