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FIRELAKE GRAND CASINO GETS ROYAL TREATMENT WHEN PAUL RODRIGUEZ COMES TO SHAWNEE

SHAWNEE, OKLA. April 25, 2007—FireLake Grand Casino in Shawnee, Okla. will celebrate Cinco de Mayo like royalty when they welcome one of the original Latin Kings of Comedy, Paul Rodriguez, to their stage on May 5 at 8 p.m.

Rodriguez has been making a name for himself in the comedy world, and paving the way of other Latino performers, for over twenty years. He has had a steadfast commitment to the Latino community and has worked to break down cultural barriers. Although the series proved to be unsuccessful, Rodriguez brought the first Mexican American family to mainstream TV with his series, "a.k.a Pablo." The effort earned him a place in the Smithsonian.

Rodriguez has done a number of other television series including, "Trial and Error," "Grand Slam," and six HBO comedy specials.

Not only a stand-up comedian and TV actor, Rodriguez has also earned roles in over 30 films including the high profile "Ali," in which he played fight physician Freddie Pacheco. Other film credits include, "The Price of Glory," "Tortilla Soup," "Crocodile Dundee in LA," "Rat Race," and "Chasing Papi," among others.

Known as a leader in the Latino community, Rodriguez is heavily involved with many civic and educational groups, including the National Hispanic

Scholarship Fund (NHSF). He has also worked with USO for several years in the Middle East with at least three trips to Iraq.

“Paul Rodriguez really embodies the spirit and vibrancy of the Latino culture and is truly a role model for today’s society. We are excited to have him here and look forward to a celebration like no other,” Brad Peltier, marketing and public relations director for FireLake Grand Casino, said.

Tickets to see Paul Rodriguez live in concert are on sale now at the FireLake Grand Casino gift shop, or by calling 405-96-GRAND. Tickets are \$24 to \$64. Doors open at 7pm, the show starts at 8pm.

About FireLake Grand Casino

FireLake Grand Casino opened its doors in October 2006. The casino was designed by Yates-Silverman, Inc., a Las Vegas-based casino interior design firm with 40 years of experience in the gaming industry. Attention to quality and detail is evident throughout the casino’s interior, which features a dramatic two-story tall glass and light sculpture representing fire.

The all new FireLake Grand Casino features:

- 125,000 square feet of gaming space
- More than 1,800 of the newest Class 3, Vegas-style compacted gaming machines
- A variety of exciting table games including Blackjack, Poker, Ultimate Texas Hold `Em, Three Card Poker, Craps, and Spinnette
- A multi level Hot Rewards Players Club where players can earn rewards and comps for casino play
- Multiple kiosks for cashing out slot tickets, exchanging bills and redeeming points, as well as check cashing and credit/debit services.
- An event center for concerts, sporting events, entertainers and major casino contests such as the World Poker Tour
- Upscale and casual dining options including the Embers Steakhouse and Lounge, the Grandstand Sports Grille, the Roasted Bean Cafe and The Grand Buffet.
- A cocktail lounge overlooking the gaming action at the Fire & Ice Lounge on the casino’s second floor.

FireLake Grand Casino is open 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. It is located in Shawnee, Oklahoma, 777 Grand Casino Boulevard, I-40 at Exit 178. For more information, the public may call 1-405-96-GRAND or go online to www.firelakegrand.com.