

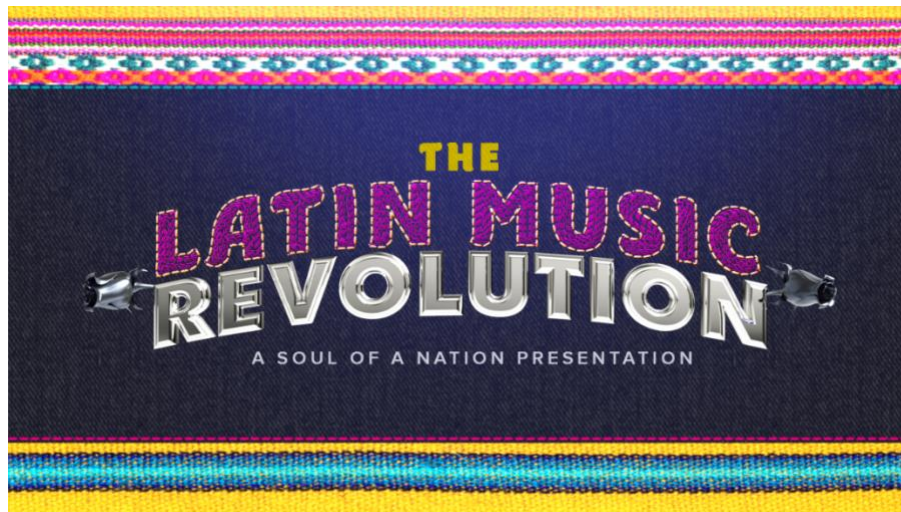
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ABC NEWS ANNOUNCES SPECIAL COVERAGE FOR HISPANIC AND LATIN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH, INCLUDING NEW ONE-HOUR 'SOUL OF A NATION' SPECIAL EXPLORING THE EVOLUTION AND POPULARITY OF LATIN MUSIC

'The Latin Music Revolution: A Soul of a Nation Presentation' Airs Friday, Sept. 15, at 8:00 p.m. EDT on ABC, Next Day on Hulu

ABC News Programs and Platforms To Feature Dedicated Programming Throughout the Month, Celebrating and Honoring Key Figures, Culture and History

ABC News Live Will Air Two Half-Hour Specials, 'Hispanic Heritage Month: Entre Nos,' on Thursday, Sept. 28, and Thursday, Oct. 5



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In honor of Hispanic and Latin American Heritage Month, ABC News will have dedicated coverage across programs and platforms, including a new primetime special from the Emmy® Award-winning ABC News Studios series **"Soul of a Nation."** The new one-hour special — **"The Latin Music Revolution"** — will explore the massive popularity of global Latin music and the young stars who are taking the industry by storm with chart-topping songs and record-breaking sales. **"The Latin Music Revolution"** will explore the roots and evolution of Latin pop music, the stars who are seeing mainstream success, breaking barriers, and creating a space for themselves and their music, including the difficulties of breaking through in the early decades, and how artists like Ricky Martin, Marc Anthony and Enrique Iglesias set the stage for the current moment.

The special will feature interviews with Colombian artist **Karol G**, whose new album debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard 200 this year, making it the first Spanish-language album by a woman to do so;

reggaeton and Latin trap artist **Nicky Jam**; Afro-Colombian singer and rapper **Goyo**; Mexican Latin pop group **RBD**; Dominican American Afro-Latina singer **Amara "La Negra"**; legendary singer **Linda Ronstadt**; and singer/percussionist **Sheila E.** and her father **Pete Escovedo**.

"**The Latin Music Revolution**" will showcase how the fusions, rhythms and sounds have deep roots in Latin and Caribbean cultures and communities and celebrate the power of music that builds a connection among people everywhere, with insight from **Edgar Barrera**, songwriter and producer; **Leila Cobo**, vice president at Billboard and author of "Decoding Despacito: An Oral History of Latin Music"; **Erika Ender**, singer-songwriter and prolific composer who co-wrote the worldwide hit "Despacito"; **Jennifer Mota**, a Dominican American multimedia journalist; **Katelina "Gata" Eccleston**, reggaeton historian and music critic; **AJ Ramos**, artist relations manager at YouTube; and **Vanessa Diaz**, Ph.D., co-creator of the "Bad Bunny Syllabus Project."

"**The Latin Music Revolution: A Soul of a Nation Presentation**" airs Friday, Sept. 15, at 8:00 p.m. EDT, next day on [Hulu](https://www.hulu.com).

Melia Patria and Catherine McKenzie are the executive producers for the special. Tine is the series director. David Sloan is the senior executive producer of ABC News Studios. ABC News Studios is led by Mike Kelley.

ABC News' coverage will also include a celebration of Hispanic and Latin American culture, figures and more across programs and platforms, including the following:

- "**Good Morning America**" will spotlight Hispanic and Latin American cultures, cuisines and communities throughout the United States while exploring various topics of prevalence among Latinos, including a look at the different Latin American dance styles, as performed by New York City-based Empire Dance Studio. Correspondent **John Quiñones** covers the evolution of the mariachi genre and how its rise in popularity has seen it embraced by students and school programs across the U.S.; "GMA" Saturday and Sunday co-anchor and transportation correspondent **Gio Benitez** reports on Latina lowrider clubs and their increasing influence on the once male-dominated industry; contributor **Maria Elena Salinas** shines a light on the leading health concerns impacting Hispanic women; and correspondent **Stephanie Ramos** meets with families whose children have grown up speaking predominantly English in their Hispanic households. "GMA" will also feature a cooking segment where chefs demonstrate the different ways to prepare a Latin dish utilizing rice as a key ingredient. Plus, the show will feature music performances by Latin GRAMMY® Award-winning artist **Maluma**, regional Mexican groups **Eslabón Armado** and **Grupo Frontera** and 11-year-old mariachi prodigy **Eduardo Trevino**.
- "**World News Tonight with David Muir**" will honor Hispanic and Latin American Heritage Month within its "America Strong" and "Made in America" segments, celebrating those across the country who are making an impact in their communities.
- "**Nightline**" will feature stories on notable figures in the Hispanic and Latin American communities. The program will take viewers behind the scenes with Karol G, as well as reporting from Salinas and segments from the "Soul of a Nation" special.

- **“GMA3: What You Need to Know”** will celebrate Hispanic people across the U.S. who are making a difference in their communities and career fields through their accomplishments and contributions, including Lt. Col. **Olga Custodio**, the first Latina U.S. military pilot; **Estela Morales**, who is breaking barriers for Latinas in golf; lifestyle and beauty expert **Milly Almodovar**; and award-winning chef and owner of the New York City-based Fonda restaurants, **Roberto Santibañez**; among others.
- **“The View”** will kick off Hispanic and Latin American Heritage Month with a visit inside Smithsonian museums to look at objects in their collection honoring Latino history, art and culture with **Taina Caragol**, curator of Latino art and history for The National Portrait Gallery. Throughout the month, “The View” will continue to highlight the histories, cultures, people and contributions of the American Hispanic and Latino communities.
- **ABC News Live’s** month-long coverage includes guest segments and features on Hispanic and Latin American people, culture, history, politics and more, including a look at the history of Chicanos through art; the new generation of Puerto Ricans spurring its recovery following Hurricane Maria; the international power of the Hispanic and Latina entrepreneurs, with correspondent **Mireya Villarreal** traveling to Jalisco, Mexico, reporting on the tequila industry; and the fight for a Latino museum and the growing political power of the Hispanic community with Salinas in Washington, D.C. Also, Ramos hosts a groundbreaking roundtable discussion around how people in the community choose to identify: “Hispanic” or “Latino.” The 24/7 streaming channel’s dedicated programming culminates with two half-hour specials, **“Hispanic Heritage Month: Entre Nos,”** airing Thursday, Sept. 28, and Thursday, Oct. 5, at 8:30 p.m. EDT.
- **ABC News Digital** will have dedicated video content and articles throughout the month on the new generation of Latin singers, the rise of Hispanic doulas, and a family’s business modernizing their elote tradition.
- **ABC Audio** will have extended coverage of **“The Latin Music Revolution.”** **ABC News Radio** will air special, dedicated segments throughout the month on the newsmagazine **“Perspective,”** which is also available as a podcast.

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