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“La Grande” Comes to life on Reyna’s newest CD

After his first No. 1 hit, and Mariachi Song of the Year win, Reyna covers Lola Beltran on his newest CD, “Homenaja a Lola La Grande.”

Albuquerque, New Mexico, March 23, 2021 – Mariachi Antonio Reyna is celebrating his 25th year as a professional mariachi vocalist in New Mexico with a new CD “Homenaja a Lola La Grande.” The new CD, out on March 24, is one of Reyna’s most ambitious projects to date and was recorded live under the direction of German Gutierrez Corona at his famed mariachi Internacional Guadalajara in Tlaquepaque, Jalisco, Mexico.

The new record is dedicated to the memory, and songs, of the great Lola “La Grande” Beltran, who died 25 years ago. Many of the songs on the record were made famous by Beltran, including “Paloma Negra,” “Cucurrucucu’ Paloma,” and “Tres Dias,” but are interpreted by Reyna and a world-class group of mariachi musicians.

“In 1995, I met Lola Beltrán for the first time in Albuquerque, thanks to my friend Noberta Fresquez. I met her again and spent more time with her at her home in Mexico City in 1996,” Reyna said. “One of the most important lessons I learned from that meeting was, there is nothing in the world I cannot do so long as I put my mind and heart to it. Something special clicked in my mind and in my heart at that moment. That meeting was symbolic and ultimately changed my life.”

“Lola owned a stage and she owned a song,” Reyna said. “I was drawn to that and the prestige of it. Man, she was elegant. When you put that mariachi suit on, everything just changes, so you know it means something special. I’ve always found that sacred to me. My connection has always been the lyric and those mariachi songs. I just stayed with it for 25 years.”

Reyna’s previous six albums have been a mix of contemporary and classical mariachi that harks back to the golden age of Mexican mariachi. His song “Ya Para Que” went to No. 1 on KDCE’s music charts, and the New Mexico Hispano Music Association named his version of the song “Otra Vez Me Enamore” Mariachi Song of the Year in 2019. Reyna has performed across the Southwest and in Mexico, and has garnered several New Mexico Music Awards trophies. Born in Gallup, he now lives in Rio Rancho, New Mexico.

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