

Special Guest Emcee



Melinda Salcido



Melinda Salcido joins Mission San Juan Capistrano for her second time this year for the Battle of the Mariachis Festival. We welcome Melinda to the stage as our Special Guest Emcee to co-host the Thirteenth Annual event with Mission Executive Director, Mechelle Lawrence Adams.

Melinda was born and raised in the city of Fresno, California. She grew up with all genres of Mexican music in her household, and was singing by the age of two. At just seven years old, she began singing “The Star Spangled Banner” at Fresno State Bulldogs games. She attended Roosevelt High School of Performing Arts.

Melinda studied Vocal Performance at California State University Fresno and then relocated to Los Angeles to pursue a professional career in music. Melinda was a member of the Grammy-award-winning Mariachi Divas for 17 years as a lead vocalist. She was also a member of Mariachi Mujer 2000 and Mariachi Imperial de Mexico. In 2005, she sang “The Star Spangled Banner” at a Dodgers vs. Mets game at the Dodgers Stadium in Los Angeles.

Melinda continues to grow her career as a soloist and recording artist. She launched her first solo album *Chiquitita* in 2013. She specializes in vocal training and coaching in mariachi style, and offers workshops and lessons throughout Southern California and beyond.

To find out more about Melinda and to see upcoming workshops she offers, visit www.melindasalcido.com.

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