

CHINO ESPINOZA

los dueños del son

Vocalist Mirley Espinoza, known by his fellows musicians as "Chino El Sonero", was born in the city of Alajuela, Costa Rica, on July 22, 1967.

In 1990 he joined the Opa Opa International Orchestra and recorded his first CD production for Warner Brothers in 1995.

Chino moved on and performed with many other top musical groups, including the Malibu Salsa All Stars, The L.A. Jazz All Stars, The RMM All Stars Band of the west coast and the tribute band to Tito Puente with the Eddy Palmieri Orchestra.

Chino also performed with many orchestras formed to accompany top touring artist such as: Celia Cruz, Eddy Santiago, Rey Sepulveda, Tito Puente Jr, Tito Gomez, Jesus Enriquez, Miles Pena, Many Manuel, Domingo Quinonez, Tony Vega, Hernan Oliveira, Michael Steward and Jerry Medina.

Chino has also participate in many musical festivals where he has shared the stage with such great talents as Mark Anthony, Los Panchos, Charlie Zaa, El General, El Gran Combo de Puerto Rico, Los Hermanos Rosario, Sheila E and Pet Escobedo, Poncho Sanchez, Los Munequitos De Matanza, Oscar D'Leon, and others.

In 2000, Chino was an invited artist at The Alma Awards where he performed a tribute to Carlos Santana. In 2002, he returned to the Alma Awards and participated with singers Nelly Furtado and Juanes in the recording of a music video clip.

Chino has been featured on many sound recordings, including: Bobby Rivas, Bolivia, Mojaditicos, Pete Escobedo, Pete Escobedo, Bette Midler, Bette, Los Del Barrio, Rumba Grande, Produced by Charlie D'Calí where he sang with Camilo Azuquita, Cali Aleman and Bebo More, among others.



Furthermore, he realized a recording with the Colombian Orchestra Canizal on which he sang songs dedicated to the country of Colombia composed by Leon Venegas; these songs reflect a variety of musical styles such as cumbias, merengues, and salsas. For many years Chino was also the lead singer for the Orchestra Son Mayor.

As an actor, Chino was also in television productions including the PBS series ¡American Families where he acted with Edward James Olmos And Raquel Welch. He has also done various television commercials; the most recent of which was a Dr. Pepper commercial with the Mexican singer, Thalia.

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Chino currently resides in Los Angeles and together with Dimelo! Records has assembled a new big band salsa orchestra named "Los Dueños Del Son". The band is lead by Chino's brother Cesar Espinoza and their recording has been produced by Hector Manuel Rivera, (of Orquesta Tabaco Y Ron fame), "Pura Vida" is the first release under this dream team authority, and is already taking the Salsa Community by storm!

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