

MARIACHI SPECTACULAR DE ALBUQUERQUE

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MARIACHI SPECTACULAR DE ALBUQUERQUE announces the 2011 inductee into its' International Mariachi Hall of Fame, **Ruben Fuentes**.

More than any other individual, Ruben Fuentes is responsible for shaping and evolving mariachi music into what it is today.

In 1944, at age 17, Fuentes joined Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlan as a violinist and was soon promoted to musical director of the group. From the late 1950's on, his arrangements for most of Mexico's renowned recording artists such as Lola Beltran, Jose Alfredo Jimenez, Miguel Aceves Mejia, Amalia Mendoza and many others, revolutionized mariachi music and set a standard that remains unsurpassed. It was under Fuentes' direction that Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlan became known as "EL Mejor Mariachi del Mundo", (The Worlds' Greatest Mariachi")

Although he retired from Mariachi Vargas as a violinist in 1958, Fuentes continued to collaborate with them extensively, and today he is the group's general director. Some of his more recent work includes arrangements and production for Vikki Carr, Linda Ronstadt and Lucero.

Mariachi Spectacular de Albuquerque proudly inducts Maestro Ruben Fuentes – the most important musical figure in the history of mariachi music – into its' illustrious Hall of Fame on Saturday July 9 @ 3:00PM at Sandia Resort. He joins 13 other mariachi music legends.

Admission is free however, reservations must be made to attend ceremony by calling 505 255-1501.