

JULIO IGLESIAS

BIOGRAPHY

Julio Jose Iglesias de La Cueva was born in Madrid, Spain, on September 23, 1943, to the eminent physician Julio Iglesias Puga and his wife, Maria Del Rosario de La Cueva y Perignat.

Julio's education steered far from music. He studied law in hopes of becoming a career diplomat, even though his first true love and ambition lied on the soccer field. A remarkable athlete, he later landed his dream job as a goalkeeper for the professional team *Real Madrid*. These dreams however, were soon shattered when a near-fatal car accident left him partially paralyzed and unable to walk for almost two years.

During his recuperation at Madrid's Eloy Gonzalo Hospital, Julio would listen to the radio and wrote poems, many of which were sad and romantic verses questioning man's mission in life. Slowly, he began to dress his poems with music as he strummed away on an old guitar his father's assistant had given him as therapy to exercise his fingers and pass the time. He soon discovered a new passion that since has taken over his life.

In 1968, Julio surprised everyone, including himself, by winning the most prestigious song festival in Spain, The Benidorm, with his own composition "**La Vida Sigue Igual**" (**Life Goes On**). This event marked the beginning of a serenade to the world that has never ended.

For the next fifteen years, Julio composed his own music and established himself as an international superstar. By 1971 he had sold his first million records. Shortly after, in 1973, he broke the mark of winning the most awards among any other music artist in Spain and Latin America. Equated to the numerous awards won were the number of times his concerts broke box office records. In Chile, more than 100,000 people attended his concert at the National Stadium of Santiago in 1977.

Julio continued to excel in this music career. In 1983 he received the first and only Diamond Record Award ever given to a performer by the Guinness Book of world Records, for selling more records in more languages than any other musical artist in history. His first English release in 1984, "**1100 Bel Air Place**", immediately went multi-Platinum and formed an all-important bridge between European and American Music. In 1985, a star with his name was unveiled on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

In addition to these honors, in 1989, UNICEF appointed Julio as Special Representative for the Performing Arts, a title he holds dearly to this date. He points out that **UNICEF** supplies an outlet for him to impact the lives of so many he is otherwise unable to reach. "The World has given me so much, it's important to give something back," he says.

The man who wrote his first hit thirty years ago has gone to earn over 2,600 platinum and gold records. Having now recorded 76 albums and sold over 250 million copies has been an achievement recognized by Billboard Magazine as being the most by an artist. A perfectionist at heart, he is his own worst critic and is always striving to improve his abilities. A record breaker as well as a record maker, Julio delves deeply into his heart and soul with each new project. Following the success of his 1998 album "**My Life: The Greatest Hits**", Julio released his new studio album "**Noche De Cuatro Lunas**" during the summer of 2000. In which time he started the promotion for said album and continued to do so in 2001.

In October 2001 he released a version of "**Noche De Cuatro Lunas**" in Italian, titled "*Una donna può cambiar la vita*". The following month he ended the version in Portuguese called "**Ao meu Brasil**".

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CHRONOLOGY

YEAR BY YEAR, STEP BY STEP

1959

- Is rejected by the chorus at his high school, Sagrado Corazones, in Madrid.

1968

- Wins the **Festival de La Canción** in Benidorm, Spain, on July 18th.
- Signs his first recording contract with Spain's Columbia Records Company.
- Records his first single: the award winning song and his own composition La Vida Sigue Igual, which instantly becomes number one in Spain.

1969

- Goes on his first international trip as a singer to participate in the *Viña Del Mar Festival* in Chile.
- Takes part in the *Festival of Brasov* in Romania.
- Records his first LP at Decca Studios in London.
- Tours Spain for the first time with his own repertoire of music.
- Makes the autobiographical film La Vida Sigue Igual.
- Participates in the *Festival San Remo*, Italy.

1970

- Wins the **Festival de la Canción** in Barcelona and represents Spain in the *Festival de La Canción Eurovisión*.
- Participates in Midem in Cannes.
- Is invited to the *Luxembourg Festival* and to the *Television Festival in Germany*.
- His song Gwendoline is number one in Latin America.
- Participates in the Festival of Osaka, Japan.

1971

- Sells his first million records.
- Marries Isabel Preysler Arrastria.
- Participates in the *Festival of Knokke* in Belgium.
- Tours Central and Latin America for the first time.
- Tours Spain and other European countries.
- His first child and daughter, Maria Isabel Iglesias Preysler, is born.

1972

- His song Canto a Galicia is number one in Latin America and Europe.
- Records his first LP in German.

1973

- Wins more awards than any music artist in Spain and Latin America, including the Gulaicaiuro de Oro in Venezuela, the Pueblo Popular in Spain, the Antena in Colombia, and the Heraldo in Mexico, among many others.
- Tours Latin America and Europe.
- His first son, Julio José Iglesias Preysler, is born.

1974

- His song Manuela is a major success around the world: number one throughout Europe, Latin America, Asia, Africa and Canada.
- Tours Europe, Latin America and Canada.
- Performs for the first time at the Carnegie Hall in New York City.

1975

- Tours Europe, Latin America, North Africa, Canada and the United States.
- His second son, Enrique Miguel Iglesias Preysler, is born.

1976

- Breaks box office records at New York's Madison Square Garden.
- Tours Latin America and Europe.

1977

- Breaks record in Chile: more than 100.000 people attend his concert at the National Stadium of Santiago.
- His album *El Amor* is number one throughout Europe, Latin America, Canada, the Middle East and Africa.
- Tours Latin America and Europe.

1978

- Signs a record deal with CBS International.
- Named **Artist of the Year** in France, Italy, and other countries.
- His album *33 Años* is number one around the world.
- Records his first album in French, *Aimer La Vie*, and his first album in Italian, *Sono Un Pirata, Sono Un Signore*.
- Tours Europe and Latin America.

1979

- Records his first album in Portuguese.
- The album *Emociones* is number one around the world.
- Tours Latin America, Europe, Israel, Canada and the United States.
- His marriage to Isabel Preysler is annulled.

1980

- Sings in front of the Pyramids in Egypt as a guest of President Anwar Sadat.
- His album *Hey* is number one worldwide.
- Tours Europe, the United States, Latin America, Asia and Africa.

1981

- Performs in Egypt, Israel, Australia, Europe and Latin America.
- Is invited by Princess Grace of Monaco to the Red Cross Gala in Monte Carlo.
- Performs at a benefit concert in the Wolf Trapp Theater in Virginia, in the presence of the First Lady of the United States, Mrs. Nancy Reagan.

1982

- Receives the **CBS Crystal Globe Award** in Paris.

- Is named **Brightest Hope – Male Vocalist** by Japan's national Hit Research Committee.
- Breaks record in Brazil: his album: *De Niña a Mujer* goes multi-platinum and more than eighty thousand people attend his concert at the Flamengo Stadium in Rio de Janeiro.
- Breaks record in Japan: *De Niña a Mujer* goes multi-platinum (within six months).
- His album *Momentos* is number one throughout the world.
- His song Begin the Beguine sung in Spanish is number one in England.
- A life-size statue of Julio Iglesias is unveiled at the Grevin Museum in Paris.
- Participates in the Birthday Tribute to Bob Hope in Washington, attended by President Ronald Reagan and his wife.
- Debuts in Las Vegas and is a sell-out at his first fourteen concerts there.
- Sells out five concerts at London's Royal Albert Hall.
- Tours Europe, Latin America and Africa.

1983

- On the day of his fortieth birthday, Jacques Chirac, mayor of Paris, presents Julio Iglesias with the **Medal of Paris** and with the **Diamond Record** from the **Guinness Book of World Records** for having sold more than 100 million records in six languages.
- Has six albums topping the American music charts simultaneously, a feat matched only by the Beatles and Elvis Presley.
- Sings with Willie Nelson at the Country Music Festival in Nashville.
- Participates along with President Ronald Reagan, his wife, and Andy Williams in a Christmas Show from Washington, D.C.
- Guest appearances on the Johnny Carson Show three times.
- Tours Japan for the first time.
- Tours Canada, the United States, Africa, Asia and Europe.

1984

- Releases his first single in English, To All The Girls I Loved Before, a duet with Willie Nelson.
- Records the song All Of You with Diana Ross.
- Releases his first English album, *1100 Bel Air Place*.
- Is invited to the White House for a state dinner honoring the President of France, Francois Mitterrand.
- Co-chairs SPRINT (Special Preventive Research, Intervention and New Technology for Children at UCLA), a charitable organization specializing in pre-natal surgery and research.
- Sells out eight nights at Radio City Music Hall in New York City in two hours.
- Sells out ten nights at the Universal Amphitheater in Los Angeles.
- Signs a worldwide publicity and promotional contract with Coca-Cola.

1985

- Receives a Star on the **Hollywood Walk of Fame**.
- Participates in a telethon in Los Angeles to raise money for the victims of the earthquake in Mexico.
- Organizes and participates in a telethon in New York to raise money for the victims of the Nevada Del Ruiz volcano disaster in Armero, Colombia.
- Starts a campaign against drugs in France.
- Sells out twenty concerts in Paris.
- Records the album *Libra* in the Bahamas.

1986

- Sings with Frank Sinatra at a benefit concert for the Cancer Hospital in Palm Springs, California.
- Performs at a benefit concert in Los Angeles for the Ford Foundation for abandoned children.
- Opens the Farm Aid Program with Willie Nelson in order to raise money for impoverished farmers in North America.
- Is honored for his contributions to the American Muscular Dystrophy Association.

- Performs with Placido Domingo, Charles Aznavour and Zubin Metha at the New York's Lincoln Center, in honor of the Centennial Anniversary of the Statue of Liberty.
- Coordinates and participates in a tribute to Pedro Vargas on the occasion of his eightieth birthday.
- Tours the United States for five months.
- Tours Japan.

1987

- Is named **Marshall of the Mardi Gras Festivities** in New Orleans.
- Records the album *Un Hombre Solo*.

1988

- Receives the **Grammy Award** from the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences for "Best Pop Latin Artist."
- Goes on his first promotional trip to China and becomes the first international performer to have his own TV Special broadcast "live" on the National Chinese Television Network in Beijing.
- Releases his second English album, *Non Stop*, featuring a duet with Stevie Wonder on the song entitled My Love.
- Supports the annual United Negro College Fund Drive with Lou Rawls.
- Performs at the Royal Command Performance in London attended by Queen Elizabeth II and Princess Anne.
- His concert officially opens The World Expo in Brisbane, Australia.
- Headlines an all-star cast in a worldwide televised event honoring the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul.
- Conducts a "Non Stop World Tour" including concerts in the United States and 22 other countries.

1989

- Is selected by UNICEF as **Special Representative In The Performing Arts**, which also includes performing fundraising concerts around the world.
- Is honored by The American Cinema Awards along with Clint Eastwood and Bette Davis as **Artists of the Year**.
- Performs at the 25th Crystal Ball held at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City to benefit the Mount Sinai School of Medicine.
- Is bestowed the title of **Honorary International Professor of Music** by The New World School of the Arts in Miami, with a scholarship in his name to be awarded to a student annually.
- Performs along side an all-star cast at the Inaugural Gala for President George Bush and Vice President Dan Quayle.
- The Scopus Awards honoring Johnny Carson features Julio In Concert.
- Records the song Soñadores De España with Placido Domingo.
- Releases the album *Raices*, featuring classic medleys in Spanish, Italian, French and Portuguese.
- Embarks on another worldwide tour including ten days in Russia, where he becomes the best-loved performer of the Russian people.

1990

- Receives the **Rudolph Valentino Award** with Robert Mitchum and Jane Wyman.
- Performs benefit concerts for UNICEF.
- Releases his third English album *Starry Night* to critical acclaim, which is followed by his first US television special on HBO.
- Appears on major television network shows in the United States, including "Oprah Winfrey," "Arsenio Hall," and "Live with Regis and Kathy Lee."
- Tours Asia.

1991

- Performs benefit concerts for UNICEF in Manila.
- Tours Asia, Canada, South America, and Europe.

1992

- His album *Calor* is released in Spanish, French, Portuguese, Italian and German, and receives numerous awards worldwide.
- Receives the title of **Universal Spaniard** in Florida.
- Is appointed **Ambassador of Galicia** to the world.
- Tours Central America, the United States and Europe.

1993

- Records the song Summer Wind with Frank Sinatra.
- Tours the United States.

1994

- Records the song When You Tell Me That You Love Me with Dolly Parton and the song Fragile with Sting.
- Releases the album *Crazy* to worldwide critical acclaim.
- Embarks once again on a major world tour performing in Ireland, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Belgium, Slovakia, Israel, Monaco, Denmark, Spain, Asia and the United States.

1995

- Releases the album *La Carretera* in French, Spanish, Portuguese and Italian.
- Is presented with the Excellence Award **Premio Lo Nuestro** by the Univision Network.
- Tours Europe, including 28 different countries in two months.

1996

- Is honored by the government of Beijing, China, as the first foreigner in the history of China to receive the prestigious **Golden Record Award**.
- His album *La Carretera* receives the **Billboard Pop Album of the Year** award.
- The album *Tango* is released with over 35 gold and multi-platinum awards worldwide.

1997

- Receives the **World Music Award** in Monaco for Best Latin Singer.
- Receives the **Pied Piper Award**, the most prestigious honor for entertainers and the first time it is awarded to a Latin artist.
- Receives the **Golden Medal** from the General Authors Society of Spain (SGAE).
- Receives a special **Radio City Music Hall Award** for becoming the foreign artist who has performed the most shows at Radio City.
- Performs at the Presidential Gala in honor of the President of the United States Bill Clinton.
- The Mayor of Miami declares September 8th **Julio Iglesias Day**.
- Miguel Alejandro Iglesias Rijnsburger, his first son with girlfriend Miranda Johanna Rijnsburger, is born.

1998

- Receives the **American Music Award** for Best Latin Artist.
- Is recognized by Billboard Magazine as the artist who has sold more records than any other in history.
- The album *MY LIFE: THE GREATEST HITS* is released in six languages and instantly goes multi-platinum around the world.
- Receives the title of **Ambassador of Valencia**.
- Is invited by The Recording Academy, organizers of the Grammy Awards, to participate in its "Grammy Sessions" in Los Angeles and in New York, where he addresses high school students about the importance of music education and shares his experiences in the entertainment industry.

1999

- Breaks yet another worldwide record and becomes the biggest foreign artist in the history of Brazil, performing before a crowd of more than 150,000 people at the country's most famous park, the Parque do Ibirapuera in São Paulo.
- Is invited by the Mayor of New York City, Rudolph Giuliani, to perform at the New Yorkers For Children Annual Gala benefit in tribute to Oscar De La Renta.
- His fifth son, Rodrigo Iglesias Rijnsburger, is born.

- His "MY LIFE WORLD TOUR" begins with concerts throughout the United States, South America, Europe, Asia and Australia.

2000

- His new album *Noche de Cuatro Lunas* is released on June 6th followed by a world tour including Europe, Central America, South America and North America.

2001

- Is named the 2001 Latin Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (LARAS) person of the year.
- Performs a benefit concert in April for those devastated by the earthquakes that hit El Salvador in January and February.
- His sixth and seventh children are born May 1st. Twin girls named Victoria and Cristina Iglesias Rijnsburger.
- In October released *Una donna può cambiar la vita* in Italian.
- In November released the album *Ao meu Brasil* in Portuguese.

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YEAR	ALBUM	LANGUAGE
2001	Ao meu Brasil Una donna può cambiar la vita	Portuguese Italian
2000	Noche De Cuatro Lunas	Spanish
1998	Mi Vida: Grandes Exitos My Life: Greatest Hits Minha Vida: Grandes Sucessos La Mia Vita: I Miei Successi Ma Vie: Mes Plus Grands Succes	Spanish English Portuguese Italian French Asian
1996	Tango	Spanish
1995	La Carretera La Carretera La Carretera/Julio La Carretera La Carretera	Spanish French Portuguese Italian Asian
1994	Crazy Crazy	International Portuguese
1992	Calor Calor Calor Engel Der Nacht Anche Senza di Te Nur Für Dich Schenk Mir Deine Liebe Ein Weihnachtsabend Mit Julio Und Das Meer Singt	Spanish Portuguese French German Italian German German German German
1990	Starry Night	English

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1989	Romances Raíces Latinamente	Spanish International Italian
1988	Non-Stop	English
1987	Un Hombre Solo Tutto L'Amore Che Ti Manca	Spanish Italian
1985	Libra Libra	Spanish Portuguese
1984	1100 Bel Air Place 1100 Bel Air Place	English Portuguese
1983	En Concierto - Double LP Pelo Amor de Uma Mulher Momentos Julio	International Portuguese Portuguese International
1982	Por Una Mujer Momentos Momenti Et L'Amour Créa La Femme Amor, Amor, Amor De Niña A Mujer Pour Toi	Spanish Spanish Italian French English Portuguese French
1981	De Niña A Mujer A Mis 33 Años Fidèle Begin the Beguine Zärtlichkeiten Minhas Canções Preferidas	Spanish Portuguese French International German Portuguese
1980	Hey Amanti Hey Sentimentale	Spanish Italian Portuguese French

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1979	América	Spanish
	Mi Vida En Canciones	Spanish
	Aimer La Vie	French
	A Vous Les Femmes	French
	Innamorarsi Alla Mia Età	Italian
1978	Emociones	Spanish
	The 24 Greatest Songs	English
	Mi Vida En Canciones	Spanish
	Da Manuela A Pensami	Italian
	Sono Un Pirata, Sono Un Signore	Italian
	Er War Ja Nur Ein Ziguener	German
	Soy	Spanish
	As Vezes Tu, Às Vezes Eu	Portuguese
1977	A Mis 33 Años	Spanish
1976	Si Mi Lasci Non Vale	Italian
	Julio Iglesias En El Olympia	Spanish
1975	El Amor	Spanish
	Corazón, Corazón	Spanish
1974	A México	Spanish
	A Flor de Piel	Spanish
*1973	Ich Schick' Dir Eine Weiße Wolke	German
*1972	Star Für Millionen	German
	Julio Iglesias	Spanish
1969	Yo Canto	Spanish