

President Ronald Reagan's 1985 visit to Chicago Heights Illinois at Bloom High School



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With PEPE AGUILAR at Miami 2007 Premio lo Nuestro Awards
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bLPvsGw79BY> At the 1 hour, 10 minute, 50 second mark

2009 Las Vegas Latin GRAMMYS®

JUAN GABRIEL
 JESSICA AGUILAR
 DAVID MORENO



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Juan Gabriel CON MARIACHI GRAMMY LATINOS 2009 - Bing video

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Founded in 1982 by Master Maestro Jose L. Ovalle. MFDC is the oldest Mexican Folkloric troupe in Chicago.

MISSION: To perpetuate the traditional dance, music, song, dress and history of Mexico.

To increase the Mexican progeny's knowledge and the public's awareness of such heritage.

BIO: MFDC showcases the richness of Mexican culture and heritage through festive dancing, diverse musical melodies and breath taking costumes. Suites reflect pre-Columbian indigenous, Spanish Colonialism, French Intervention, other European and Eastern cultures, Caribbean, Southwestern United States and the 1910 Mexican Revolution. The mixture of all these elements served to develop the present dance and music culture that is "Just Mexican" and unique. Performances are fast-paced and non-stop with many quick costume changes.

Since 1983 MFDC has received 366 Awards, Grants and Recognitions and has toured nationally and internationally in Mexico (1988) and Ireland (2007 and 2009). NOTABLE EVENTS ARE:

1985 For **President Reagan's** visit to Chicago Heights, IL at Bloom High School. See picture.

1987 Opening performance for **Steve Lawrence** and **Eydie Gorme** at **The Chicago Theater**.

1987 For the **Pan Am Games** in Indianapolis, IN with Vice President **Bush** in attendance.

1987 For **Governor James Thompson** at **Orchestra Hall** accompanied by **Chicago Symphony Orchestra**.

1987 For **Mayor Harold Washington** at **Fiesta del Sol**.

1988 Tours Mexico and receives rave reviews from Mexican media and TV interview.

1988 For the **Tribute to Katherine Dunham** at The New Regal Theater, Chicago.

1992 Dances during **Chicago Bulls** halftime in the old **Chicago Stadium**.

1994 **World Cup** in Soldier Field before 42,000; **President Clinton** is keynote speaker.

1994 Jose L. Ovalle selected to emcee for **Amalia Hernandez** at the **Mexican Fine Arts Center Museum**.

1999 Company receives a **4 Star review** from the Green Bay Press Gazette for performances in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

"Dazzles" "Wow" "Spectacular" "Feet smoked" etc. read the review.

2001 For Mexican President **Vicente Fox's** visit to Chicago.

2001 FEATURED on IAC "CENTER STAGE ARTS ACROSS ILLINOIS" program by **WTTW TV CH-11**.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uyZqBhoYpDo>

2003 For the grand opening of The **Concordia Theater** in Cicero, IL.

2003 For the gala opening of the **Joan W. and Irving B. Harris Theater** in **Chicago Millennium Park** "Rollicking and colorful" wrote The Chicago Tribune, "Spirited" wrote The Chicago Sun-Times.

2004 Performs with **Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlán** at Disneyworld for UNIVISION first Mariachi Festival.

2005 Performs with **Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlán** at Disneyworld for UNIVISION second Mariachi Festival.

2005 Review of 23rd anniversary show at Concordia Theater "Extraordinary" "Beautiful" reported ABC WLS CH-7

2005 WTTW CH-11 Chicago Tonight show by IAC on immigration dilemma in Beardstown, IL "Critically Acclaimed" stated the host View <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ki4tzLj4P8g&t=67s>

2006 Participates in Smithsonian Folklife Festival, with Sones de Mexico, in Washington, D.C. as representative for Chicago Mexican Music & Dance Exhibit that will be part of the **Smithsonian library for posterity**.

2006 Jose L. Ovalle moderates a "Fireside Chat" with **Salvador Lopez**, director of **Ballet Folklorico de Mexico de Amalia Hernandez**. Fireside Chats are held, for patrons only, before shows at the Auditorium Theater.

2007 With **Pepe Aguilar** at Premio lo Nuestro Music Awards Miami, FL

See picture and video link at left.

2007 At the Festival of World Cultures in Dun Laoghaire, Ireland.

See picture on reverse page

2008 Again with **Pepe Aguilar** at Premio lo Nuestro Music Awards Miami, FL

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2008 CANAL ONCE from MEXICO CITY tapes a story of MFDC adding to its international stature.

2009 Dances for **Chicago Bulls** halftime in United Center. Also for Chicago White Sox pre-game entertainment

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2009 With **JUAN GABRIEL** in Las Vegas at Latin GRAMMYS®

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2014 Featured on WGN TV Performing Arts

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DUN LAOGHAIRE IRELAND 2007

At the 2007 Festival of World Cultures in Dun Laoghaire, Ireland on Sat. and Sun. Aug 25 and 26. It is the largest festival in Ireland with over 800 artists in 200 groups. The festival committee selected MFDC



because of its "stunning professionalism" and international reputation, having toured Mexico and receiving rave reviews from the Mexican media. Also for prestigious events as listed herein. MFDC now into its 29th year, is the oldest Mexican folkloric troupe in Chicago. Pictured in Matachines costumes are L – R, Ricardo Lemus, Jessica Aguilar, David Miranda, Daniel Garcia, Arturo Bucio and Elizabeth Tapia. Front L – R are company president Jose Luis L.Ovalle and executive director Henry A. Roa being interviewed on Ireland television station RTE.

DUN LAOGHAIRE IRELAND 2009

At 2009 Festival Aug. 27 – 31. Front row:

Jose L. Ovalle-president, Marlen Jimenez, Marisol Bucio, Jessica Aguilar, Lorena Barron, Mati Ovalle-vice president. 2nd row: David Ovalle, Genesis Martinez, Jasmine Rodriguez, Carolina Ibarra. 3rd row: Jaime Jimenez Jr., Carlos Bucio, Arianna Gonzalez, director. 4th row: David Fuentes, David Moreno, Amel Yacef-Ireland artist liaison. **View Picture Slide Shows at :**



<http://www.flickr.com/photos/polassery/sets/72157622074713323/show/with/3869049626/>

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/42052292@N07/show/>
2008 Again with PEPE AGUILAR Premio lo Nuestro Awards

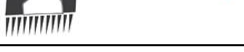
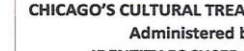


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Slide to 1 hr, 10 min 50 sec



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Jarabe Tapatio

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- Two Time GRAMMY® Nominee
Sones de Mexico Ensemble www.sonesdemexico.com
- Cuerdas Clasicas www.cuerdasclasicaschicago.org



NOTABLE EVENTS CONTINUED

- 2014** Featured on VEMEO WGN TV Federal Plaza Chicago <https://vimeo.com/102800197>
- 2015** Featured on WGN TV CH-9 newscast <http://wgntv.com/2014/08/01/midday-fix-the-living-loop-performing-arts-festival/>
- 2015** Included WTTW TV Documentary "Chicago's South Side Neighborhoods" <http://interactive.wttw.com/southside/watch>
- 2016** Featured on WGN CH-9 TV Cinco de Mayo morning newscast.
- 2016** Featured on WLS TV CH 7 Hispanic Heritage Month by Hosea Sanders
<http://abc7chicago.com/entertainment/mexican-folkloric-dance-company-lights-up-%20%0dstage-at-%20south-suburban-college/1553878/http%3A%2F%2Fabc7chicago.com%2F1553878%2F> **Need to locate new link**
- 2016** With Los Tigres del Norte and Mariachi Flor de Toloache at Ravinia Park in Highland Park, IL.
- 2016** At the Auditorium Theatre, Chicago with Lila Downs and Mariachi Los Camperos de Nati Cano
- 2017** With Los Tigres del Norte and Natalia Jimenez at Ravinia Park in Highland Park, IL.
- 2018** With Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlan & Graciela Beltran at Copernicus Center, Chicago. It is the 3rd time that MFDC has performed with Mariachi Vargas.
- 2018** With Los Tigres del Norte and Mariachi Flor de Toloache at Ravinia Park in Highland Park, IL
- 2019** Ravinia Park, Highland Park, IL
- 2021** Carbondale, IL Festival
- 2022** Athenaeum Center for the Arts
- 2023** Pritzker Pavilion, Millennium Park
- 2023** Fiesta Ravinia with Reik. Ravinia Park, Highland Park, IL
- 2023** Athenaeum Center for the Arts with Sones de Mexico Ensemble
- 2024** Athenaeum Center for the Arts with Sones de Mexico Ensemble
- 2024** Fiesta Ravinia, with Julieta Venegas, Ravinia Park, Highland Park, IL
- 2024** Chicago Symphony Center with Lila Downs.
- 2025** Kehrein Center for the Arts with Sones de Mexico Ensemble and Cuerdas Clasica's

Promo list of internet links shows some of MFDC's PROMOTION.

<https://ilpresenters.org/mexican-folkloric-dance-company-of-chicago/> **ILLINOIS ARTS COUNCIL ARTS TOUR PAGE**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bu8-pZCbgvY> **DEMO VIDEO 1**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0tFkFY46mpw> **DEMO VIDEO 2**

2016 JUAN GABRIEL DEATH TRIBUTE WITH MEXICAN FOLKLORIC DANCE COMPANY OF CHICAGO.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VPgF0JVP6eg&t=286s> AT THE BEGINNING, MFDC <http://www.mexfoldanco.org>, APPEARS BRIEFLY AT THE 6TH SHORT CLIP, THEN AT THE 4:25 MARK, MFDC APPEARS FOR OVER A MINUTE. OTHER PERFORMANCE SEGMENTS APPEAR FOR JUST A FEW SECONDS BUT MFDC APPEARS THE LONGEST FOR OVER A MINUTE. IT WAS THE 2009 GRAMMY AWARDS IN LAS VEGAS BELOW:

PERFORMING WITH THE LATE JUAN GABRIEL EL DIVO DE JUAREZ

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PH9DCrQez0c>

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bLPvsGw79BY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e9ZqjN1JGtE> DANCING WITH THE TRINIY IRISH DANCERS

SLIDE TO THE 2:50 MARK

“EL JARABE DE RIO VERDE” (SPANISH TITLE), “THE IRSH WASHER WOMAN” (ENGLISH TITLE). SHOWING THE SIMILARITY BETWEEN MEXICAN AND IRISH MUSIC AND DANCING.

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Arts Partner in Residence Program-Application-2018.pdf (chicagoparkdistrict.com)

<http://www.mexican-folkloric-dance-chicago.net> 43 YEAR HISTORY

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ki4tzLj4P8g> WTTW “Arts Across Illinois”

**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iG_Ie1XCjTQ Beardstown, IL WTTW
documentary on immigration dilemma and how one town benefited.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6RpdS-9XnIU> NBC NEWS OF PANDEMIC AFFECT ON MFDC

**<https://video.wttw.com/video/dance-company-celebrates-mexican-tradition-qf9olx/> WTTW NEWS PANDEMIC AFTER AFFECT
Interview with Henry A. Roa**

**INCLUDED IN THE OFFICIAL WEB SITE OF THE ILLINOIS OFFICE OF TOURISM
IN SEACH BOX ENTER “MEXICAN” AND MFDC WILL COME UP**

SITE 1. https://www.enjoyillinois.com/plan-your-trip/things-to-do/arts-and-culture/?cities=3840&offset=8®ions=1&sort=Price%3AASC&fbclid=IwAR0stNbfHMx8qMRdnIbYasMz_OiyrzF2sXCRnJBpy0dQIq3>IfUJVZvBFEU

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SITE 2. https://www.enjoyillinois.com/explore/listing/mexican-folklore-dance-company-of-chicago?fbclid=IwAR2oqJvSxzLETO5oPO6sFSf42jYchsWvi6tW_Q3uKC2Fj40ZzfSkSFFYZo0

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X2slcka9ac4> 2003, 1st Mariachi Festival Epoc Disney World
Orlando Fl. with Mariachi Vargas, Mariachi Cobre and Mariachi Los Camperos.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CkMG6VpDin0>

**2004 Epoc with Anna Barbara, Mariachi Vargas, Mariachi
Cobre and Mariachi Los Camperos**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GETL77xmaLc>

WTTW TV Studios Chicago, with Sones de Mexico Ensemble

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=otNEiajarik> Millennium Park: "Huapangos Medley" with two time GAMMY® nominee Sones
de Mexico Ensemble, Irish Music School of Chicago, Alex Chavez & Chicago Classical Brass Ensemble. MFDC dance Irish Jig at end**

<http://abc7chicago.com/entertainment/mexican-folkloric-dance-company-lights-up-stage-at-south-suburban-college/1553878/http%3A%2F%2Fabc7chicago.com%2F1553878%2F> **WLS TV CH 7 PSA with Hosea Sanders**

<http://wgntv.com/2014/08/01/midday-fix-the-living-loop-performing-arts-festival/> **WGN TV Studios, Jarabe Tapatio**

<https://vimeo.com/102800197> **VEMEO WGN TV Federal Plaza Chicago The 3 company groups perform.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qYILuXuUGms> **1989 Mexican Civic Society of Chicago Reyna Banquet**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4bLIKvU1xdc> **LA CALACA WITH CUERDAS CLASICAS**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=otNEiajarik&ebc=ANyPxKobS7XzfEGW2L7-SMsDGHcKWvFcVceipgWm3PTtccvP1ZMZ54mgoHV-bptIPpeBit_fSAvymQgl7u-SabEEJf-vU3Dqeg **Huapango with Sones de Mexico Ensemble**

<https://www.facebook.com/QueBuena1051/videos/1145875212136643/> **Mariachi Festival at Millennium Park, Chicago**

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL57D6FB70D56245DF> **YOU TUBE (old)**

<https://www.facebook.com/mexicandance/?fref=ts> **MFDC Facebook Many pictures**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=boewGo73qJg> **May 10, 2008 Harris Theatre. Encanto Folklorico**

Two time Grammy® nominee Sones de Mexico Ensemble www.sonesdemexico.com accompanies the following 6 sets :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6DKTHS21Ljw&feature=youtu.be> **Harris Theatre Norte dance**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kuO_zGasYAM **May 11 2013 Harris Theatre. Alum dance Zapateado**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VbOVh1b3Ka0> **May 11 2013 Harris Theatre Veracruz dance**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ybvzf8I9RRg> **May 11 2013 Harris Theatre Alum dance Guerrero**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WzFpoZ2nu-Q> **May 11 2013 Harris Theatre Campeche dance**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vvex1OWd5oc> **May 11 2013 Harris Theatre Tamaulipas dance**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u2ntnPAhcQ4&t=5372s> **Same as Harris Theatre Norte above. Different angle.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BubpkJaL3Rc> **Oct 2, 2018 South Suburban College**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vOiZE2iEpew&t=1013s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u2ntnPAhcQ4&t=5372s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jRZODRfOmIM&t=6s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ySoc8j5Cg9E&t=64s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=otNEiajarik>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9tU09WCJb_Q&t=1000s

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cgBQVmzlA7M>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vOiZE2iEpew&t=1282s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m41AkoFCesA&t=127s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ki6pd7uVI3c&t=2s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NCjgEB9XeiY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-rRZOjhdgO4>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W9-Cl6h1Clk>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b20CuLRK9G0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eljGmYgZii4>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=boewGo73qJg>

Nov 23, 1997 Forest View Educational Ctr. Arlington Hts

Around the late 1990s

3/31/2018 Copernicus Center with Mariachi Vargas

March 1999, Museum of Science and Industry

Sept 3, 2014 Millennium Park

May 9, 1999

1993, Mexican Fine Arts Center Museum W/Cuerdas Clasicas

1997 Forest View and Museum of Science and Industry

Feb 9, 2015 Sones de Mexico Ensemble 20th Anniversary

Sept 17, 2017 Fiesta Ravinia highlights. Ravinia Park

Sept 17, 2017 Fiesta Ravinia 1

Sept 17, 2017 Fiesta Ravinia 2

Sept 17, 2017 Fiesta Ravinia 3

Sept 17, 2017 Fiesta Ravinia 4

Sept 17, 2017 Fiesta Ravinia 5

May 10, 2008 Harris Theater