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HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

September 15–October 15

This week, we celebrate

Hispanics in Arts and Entertainment

Celia Cruz—The Queen of Salsa (1929–2003),

Celia Cruz was born in Havana, Cuba and began singing as a teenager and joined Sonora Matancera in 1950. She left Cuba a year after Fidel Castro came to power in 1960 and was an exile in the U.S for the rest of her life. A ten time Grammy nominee, Cruz sang only in her native Spanish language. A feisty performer who wore vivacious costumes and dashing blonde wigs, she sang in a number of genres, including Afro-Cuban songs, traditional Santería chants to popular mambos, cha-chas, and the salsa for which she was famous. She received a Smithsonian Lifetime Achievement award, a National Medal of Arts, and honorary doctorate from Yale University and the University of Miami. Cruz's trademark orange, red, and white polka dot dress and shoes have been placed permanently in the collection of the Smithsonian Institute of Technology. The Hollywood Wax Museum includes a statue of Cruz and a street in Miami was even renamed in her honor. An international star and icon to the Cuban-American community, she toured widely, sang in clubs and made over 70 recordings.

Other notable Hispanics in Arts and Entertainment:

**Julio Iglesias, Tito Puente, Marc Anthony,
Jennifer López (J-Lo), Christina Aguilera, Ricky Martin,
Carlos Santana, Selena, Shakira, Gloria Estefan**