

= Magia (Shakira album) =

Magia (English : Magic) is the debut album by Colombian singer @-@ songwriter Shakira . It was released in June 1991 by Sony Music Colombia , with whom she signed a three @-@ album recording contract . The record is a collection of pop ballads Shakira wrote since she was eight years old , with themes inspired from the experience hanging out with males , adventure stories , and dreams of living on the coast .

The album 's live performances helped Shakira receive attention on Colombian media , and the LP earned her an award at the Viña del Mar International Song Festival . However , it was not a commercial success , with sales estimated at between 1 @,@ 000 and 1 @,@ 200 copies . By Shakira 's request , Magia and its follow @-@ up Peligro (1993) were removed from music markets . " Magia " was released as promotional single in 1991 .

= = Development and composition = =

Born in Barranquilla , Colombia , Shakira began writing songs at the age of eight years , her first one being " Tus Gafas Oscuras " . Her performances at local competitions led to a meeting with local theater producer Monica Ariza , who later held an audition for her in Bogotá . She performed three songs for executives of Sony Music Columbia , who were impressed enough to sign her , at the age of 13 , to record three albums , which were Magia , Peligro and Pies Descalzos .

The low @-@ budget Magia was put in almost three months of pre @-@ production , which involved choreography of live performances for the album , singing lessons for Shakira , and arranging the songs . The concept of the music still reflected her personality , despite the fact that it was managed by the record label . The tracks deal with emotions of a person 's first time falling in love , and range from a love poem (" Sueños ") to a celebration of dance (" Esta noche voy contigo ") . These were influenced from experiences with males such as her ex @-@ boyfriend Oscar Pardo , stories told by her father , and dreams of living on the coast . In the book Shakira : Woman Full of Grace , Ximena Diego wrote that the album " demonstrated her [Shakira 's] indisputable potential . "

Magia is a collection of songs written by Shakira between the ages of 8 and 12 , and mainly consists of pop ballads . It was produced by Miguel E. Cubillos and Pablo Tedeschi , and recorded at Aga Studios in Bogotá , when Shakira was 13 . A Sony Music Columbia representative said that the recording process was simple and went perfectly fine . But for Shakira , the process was problematic , as she had no ability to decide which tracks would be included and no input into the rhythmic structure or artistic production of the songs .

= = Release and promotion = =

To promote the launch of the album , as a suggestion from Shakira , live performances were held in locations such as Teatro Amira de la Rosa , Cartagena , Santa Marta , Riohacha , Medellín , Cali , Bogotá , and other various theaters and events , all of which received print , radio and television coverage . The performances featured additional dancers and background vocalists such as Cesar Navarro , Guillermo Gomez , Mauricio Pinilla , and Richard Ricardo . A music video was done for " Magia " , which Navarro also starred in . Navarro found working with Shakira enjoyable and relaxing , and recalled her as sensitive and energetic : " She was a tireless worker , but more than anything , she was a total blast . " The choreography for the performances was done by Gary Julio and Ray Silva . The album won an award at the Viña del Mar International Song Festival in 1991 , although Shakira was not able to attend the ceremony due to her age of under 16 years . Despite the live performances and the amount of media coverage , the LP did not fare well commercially ; between 1 @,@ 000 and 1 @,@ 200 copies were sold in her home country . Shakira has refused to allow the re @-@ release of both Magia and her next album , Peligro , because of their " immaturity " ; neither has ever been released in the U.S.

= = Track listing = =

= = Personnel = =

Credits from liner notes :

Shakira ? songwriter , vocals

Sergio Solano ? acoustic and electric guitars

Antonio " Toño " Arnedo ? saxophone

Miguel Enrique Cubillos N. ? producer , songwriter , music direction , artistic arrangement , vocal direction , chorus

Ana Maria González @-@ Liliana Avila ? chorus

Juanita Loboguerrero ? songwriter

Miguel E. Cubillos ? producer , songwriter , music direction , artistic arrangement , vocal direction

Pablo Tedeschi ? producer , songwriter , musical direction , arrangement , computer programming , synthesizer programming , drum programming

Alvaro Eduardo Ortiz Q ? design

Gabriel Muñoz ? general coordination

Luis Miguel Olivar ? sound engineer , mixing engineer

Leo Erazzo ? album artwork