

= Desde un Principio : From the Beginning =

Desde un Principio : From the Beginning is a greatest hits album from American recording artist Marc Anthony . The album was released on November 9 , 1999 by RMM Records & Video (RMM) . It was a result of Anthony leaving RMM Records and signing on with Columbia Records . The recording contains fourteen tracks from his years with RMM and " No Me Ames " by Jennifer Lopez and Anthony .

Allmusic 's Jose Promis praised Desde un Principio : From the Beginning , calling the album an " ideal introduction " to the artist , although he complained about the songs on it being " truncated " , particularly towards the end . The album received a Billboard Latin Music Award for Latin Greatest Hits Album of the Year . Desde un Principio : From the Beginning reached number one on both the Billboard Top Latin Albums and the Billboard Tropical Albums charts , and became the best @-@ selling album of 2000 on both charts . The album was certified gold by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) after shipments reached 500 @,@ 000 copies .

= = Background = =

After the release of Contra la Corriente in 1997 , disputes over certain business practices arose between Marc Anthony and RMM executive Ralph Mercado . Columbia Records had approached Anthony to sign a contract with their record label . However , Mercado would not allow Anthony to leave RMM Records because of an earlier contract committing Anthony to record two more albums for RMM . Anthony filed a lawsuit , and with the backing of Columbia Records , bought out the remainder of the contract . As part of the settlement , Anthony allowed RMM Records to release a " greatest hits " collection from his earlier records .

= = Content = =

Desde un Principio : From the Beginning includes a total of fifteen songs , most of which came from his recordings with RMM . Four songs were selected from each of his earlier albums (Otra Nota , Todo a Su Tiempo , and Contra la Corriente) . The opener , a tropical version of " No Me Ames " , is a duet with American singer and actress Jennifer Lopez ; she included the recording on her debut album On the 6 (1999) . " Vivir lo Nuestro " , featuring La India , was originally recorded on the RMM Records compilation album Combinacion Perfecta . " Preciosa " is a cover of the Rafael Hernández song which Anthony had recorded for a tribute album to Hernandez , Romance Del Cumbanchero ? La Musica del Rafael Hernández .

= = Commercial reception = =

The album debuted at number three on the Billboard Top Latin Albums on the week of November 27 , 1999 and reached number one the following week . The recording debuted atop the Billboard Tropical Albums chart on the week of November 27 , 1999 , and remained at number one for five consecutive months . Desde un Principio : From the Beginning peaked at number 151 on the Billboard 200 chart and became the best @-@ selling album of 2000 for the Top Latin Albums and Tropical Albums charts . It was then certified gold by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) .

= = Critical reception = =

Jose Promis of Allmusic gave the album 4 @.@ 5 out of 5 stars . He described it as a " superb collection " , and wrote that Desde un Principio " provides a wonderful introduction to the music of Marc Anthony , a singer that , undoubtedly , will one day rank among the best . " Promis also complained that the songs were " severely truncated " , especially near their end .

In 2001 , Anthony received a Billboard Latin Music Award for " Latin Greatest Hits Albums of the

Year " .

= = Track listing = =

The following track information is from Allmusic .

= = Chart performance = =

= = Album certification = =