

= Dicen Que Soy =

Dicen Que Soy (They Say That I Am) is the third studio album by Puerto Rican @-@ American recording artist La India released on September 20 , 1994 by RMM Records . The album was produced by American musician Sergio George , who chose the songs for India to record with an emphasis on feminism to suit with her voice . The production mixes salsa music with other rhythms such as funk and timba . Five singles were released from the record with " Nunca Voy a Olvidarte " and " Ese Hombre " topping the Billboard Tropical Songs chart .

Dicen Que Soy was well received by music critics for the arrangement and selection of songs for the album . The success of the record led to India receiving a Billboard Latin Music Award and a Lo Nuestro nomination . In the United States , it peaked at number four and one on the Billboard Top Latin Albums and Tropical Albums charts respectively , and has sold over 140 @,@ 000 copies as of 2000 .

= = Background = =

Following the release of her debut studio album , Breaking Night (1989) , La India went on to produce When the Night is Over (1991) , a collaboration between her then @-@ husband Little Louie Vega and Marc Anthony . Both albums were recorded at the time when freestyle music 's popularity was beginning to wane , and neither was a commercial success . India and Vega left Atlantic Records , as India wanted to pursue her singing career performing in Spanish . Three years later , American musician Eddie Palmieri , who had heard her singing on the radio , wrote and produced India 's first Spanish @-@ language record titled Llegó la India , via Eddie Palmieri (1992) . Although it was a commercial success , her high @-@ pitched vocals were criticized .

Subsequently , India was signed to Ralph Mercado 's record label RMM . Her first recording under the label was a cover of Basilio 's song " Vivir lo Nuestro " , a duet with Anthony for the RMM compilation album Combinacion Perfecta (1993) . It was released as a single where it peaked at number ten on the Billboard Hot Latin Songs chart . The record was produced by American musician Sergio George who picked the song for the duo as he felt it was the right track for them to perform , despite the pair not being close friends at the time . George said he took the recording as a " personal challenge " because he believed India 's voice was " extraordinary " .

= = Recording and musical characteristics = =

For Dicen Que Soy , George picked songs that had been previously recorded by female Latin singers such as Rocío Jurado and Lupita D 'Alessio , with a focus on feminist lyrics . George , India , and Shirley Marte also wrote love songs (" Dejate Amar " and " No Me Conviene ") for the album and added India 's cover of George Benson 's song " I Just Want to Hang Around You " as a counterbalance , in case the feminist songs did not prove popular . When describing the production , India said that " This is me , my flavor in a tropical way , and showing what I can do with my voice . " The theme of the title track 's lyrics revolves the singer being criticized by gossips without caring about their opinions . Puerto Rican singer Tito Nieves is featured on the song " No Me Conviene " and " Vivir lo Nuestro " was included as a bonus track for the album . Musically , the production mixes romantic and hard salsa music along with funk and timba . The record took four months to complete .

= = Singles = =

" Nunca Voy a Olvidarte " was the first single to be released from the album . It peaked at number 11 on the Hot Latin Songs chart and number one on the Billboard Tropical Songs chart . The second single , " Ese Hombre " , reached number 12 on the Hot Latin Songs chart and became her second number @-@ one song on the Tropical Songs chart . " Que Ganas de No Verte Más " peaked at number 24 on the Hot Latin Songs and number two on the Tropical Songs charts . " Dicen Que Soy

" and " O Ella o Yo " reached number five and seven respectively on the Tropical Songs chart .

= = Reception = =

Even without a formal review , an editor for the website Allmusic gave Dicen Que Soy four stars out of five . An editor for Latina magazine wrote a positive review for the album calling her cover of " Nunca Voy a Olvidarte " " sensational " and " Vivir lo Nuestro " an " explosive live recording " . India 's recordings of " Ese Hombre " and " Dicen Que Soy " have been noted to be " anthems for female salsa lovers " .

At the 6th Lo Nuestro Awards ceremony in 1995 , Dicen Que Soy received a nomination for " Tropical Album of the Year " , but lost to Siente el Amor ... by Olga Tañón . In the same year , the album won the award for " Tropical / Salsa Album of the Year by a Female Artist " at the second annual Billboard Latin Music Awards . In the United States , it peaked at number four on the Billboard Top Latin Albums chart and number one on the Tropical Albums chart . According to Nielsen SoundScan , Dicen Que Soy has sold over 144 @, @ 000 copies as of 2000.A

= = Track listing = =

All music composed by Sergio George .

= = Chart performance = =

= = = Weekly charts = = =

= = Credits and personnel = =

The following credits are from Allmusic and the Dicen Que Soy CD liner notes .

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A. ^ According to the Recording Industry Association of America , sales for many salsa albums went unreported because venues selling the discs did not report to monitoring services .