

= Pies Descalzos =

Pies Descalzos (English : Bare Feet) is the third studio album and major @-@ label debut by Colombian singer @-@ songwriter Shakira , released on October 6 , 1995 , by Sony Music and Columbia Records . Its music incorporates Latin pop styles , additionally experimenting with pop rock elements . Looking to revive her struggling career after the commercial failures of her first two studio efforts *Magia* and *Peligro* , she assumed a prominent position in its production . As executive producer , Luis Fernando Ochoa co @-@ wrote and co @-@ produced each of the eleven tracks on the record with Shakira .

In retrospect , Pies Descalzos received generally favorable reviews from music critics , who complimented it as a strong debut showing . Commercially , the project became Shakira 's breakthrough record , with which she established notability throughout Latin America . It was awarded the " Diamond Prism " in her native Colombia , acknowledging one million copies sold in the nation . The album additionally peaked at numbers three and five on the US Billboard Latin Pop Albums and Latin Albums component charts , respectively . It was later certified platinum by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) . To date , the record has sold over five million copies worldwide .

Six singles were released from Pies Descalzos , all of which attained commercial success in the United States . Its lead single " Estoy Aquí " peaked at number 2 on the Billboard Latin Songs component chart , and was her first track promoted through an accompanying music video . Follow @-@ up singles " ¿ Dónde Estás Corazón ? " , " Pies Descalzos , Sueños Blancos " , " Un Poco de Amor " , " Antología " , and " Se Quiere , Se Mata " peaked within the top twenty of the chart . The record was additionally promoted through the Tour Pies Descalzos , which visited North and South America and Europe throughout 1996 and 1997 . The album was reissued as *Colección de Oro* in 2002 .

= = Background = =

In 1990 , a thirteen @-@ year @-@ old Shakira signed a recording contract with Sony Music . Her debut studio album *Magia* was released in 1991 , and largely consisted of tracks she had written since she was eight years old . Commercially , the project struggled , selling an underwhelming 1 @-@ 200 copies in her native Colombia . Her follow @-@ up record *Peligro* was released in 1993 , and suffered a similar failure . Consequently , Shakira took a two @-@ year hiatus , allowing her to complete her high school education . Looking to revive her struggling career , Shakira decided to make a major @-@ label debut studio album . Pies Descalzos was produced on a budget of \$ 100 @-@ 000 , since it was expected to only move 100 @-@ 000 copies .

= = Composition = =

It primarily focuses on Latin pop genres , though it experiments with pop rock styles . Assuming a prominent position in its production , she co @-@ wrote and co @-@ produced each of the eleven tracks included on the record . The album opens with " Estoy Aquí " (" I 'm Here ") , which sees prominent uses of guitar instrumentation . Lyrically , it discusses a willingness to correct a failed relationship . The pop ballad " Antología " (" Anthology ") notes an appreciation of the knowledge a lover has shared . " Un Poco de Amor " (" A Little Bit of Love ") states that Shakira is waiting to find someone who loves her . It became her first track to include phrases in English , performed by the uncredited Howard Glasford , and additionally experiments with elements of reggae music .

The guitar @-@ driven " Quiero " (" I Want ") explains Shakira 's happiness upon the return of a lover . Similarly , the mid @-@ tempo " Te Necesito " (" I Need You ") and the upbeat " Vuelve " (" Return ") describe her yearning for a romantic partner to re @-@ enter her life . " Te Espero Sentada " (" I Wait Sitting ") expresses a desire for a romantic partner to be aware of the sorrow his absence brings to Shakira . " Pies Descalzos , Sueños Blancos " (" Bare Feet , White Dreams ") suggests that one is happiest when living a carefree lifestyle , while " Pienso en Ti " (" I Think of

You ") notes that Shakira thinks more about a lover as times progresses . The penultimate track " ¿ Dónde Estás Corazón ? " (" Where Are You Love ? ") asks that her boyfriend comes back to her . The album closes with its eleventh track " Se Quiere , Se Mata " (" You Like , You Kill ") , which tells the story of expectant parents Braulio and Dana , and sees the usage of a harmonica during its chorus .

= = Singles = =

" Estoy Aquí " was serviced as the lead single from Pies Descalzos in 1995 . It was met with positive reviews from music critics , who recognized it as a stand @-@ out track from its parent album . Additionally , it became Shakira 's first recording to attain commercial success . The song peaked at numbers 1 and 2 on the Billboard Latin Pop Songs and Latin Songs component charts . " Estoy Aquí " became the first track by Shakira to receive an accompanying music video , and was directed by Simon Brand . The setting depicts a barn during the fall and wintertime , and shows a black @-@ haired Shakira performing the song with her guitar .

" ¿ Dónde Estás Corazón ? " was originally featured on a Colombian compilation album Nuestro Rock . After attaining success on the record , it was later released as the second single from Pies Descalzos , and was also embraced as a highlight from the record . The track peaked at numbers 3 and 5 on the Billboard Latin Pop Songs and Latin Songs charts , respectively . Its music video was directed by Gustavo Garzón , and shows various scenes of Shakira holding photographs , sitting in a red chair , and singing in the rain .

" Pies Descalzos , Sueños Blancos " was serviced as the third single from its parent album , and was praised for its melody and songwriting . In comparison to its preceding singles , the track slightly underperformed , reaching number 11 on the Billboard Latin Pop Songs chart . Its accompanying music video was directed by Garzón , and films Shakira singing while attending an upper class masquerade ball . " Un Poco de Amor " became the fourth single from the project , and was appreciated for its prominent reggae influences . It peaked at number 11 on both the Billboard Latin Songs and Latin Pop Songs charts . The music video was directed by Garzón , and depicts Shakira dancing with uncredited guest vocalist Howard Glasford , in addition to members of various ethnic groups .

The fifth single " Antología " peaked at numbers 3 and 15 on the Latin Pop Songs and Latin Songs charts , respectively . The track did not receive an formal music video , though a performance in the Netherlands during the Oral Fixation Tour was officially released to YouTube in 2007 . The sixth and final single " Se Quiere , Se Mata " reached numbers 1 and 8 on the Latin Pop Songs and Latin Songs charts , respectively . Its music video was directed by Juan Carlos Martin ; it tells the story of Braulio and Dana , who succumb to their sexual desires , resulting in Dana 's pregnancy . It concludes as Dana goes to abort her unborn child , and dies herself . To further promote Pies Descalzos , Shakira embarked on the Tour Pies Descalzos during 1996 and 1997 . By its conclusion , she visited ten countries and performed twenty @-@ one shows across two continents .

= = Critical reception = =

In retrospect , Pies Descalzos received generally favorable reviews from music critics , who complimented it as a strong debut showing . Carlos Quintana from About.com appreciated Shakira 's " combination of styles , well thought lyrics and music arrangements " , and placed it among her strongest bodies of work . Jose F. Promis of Allmusic opined that the record " [balanced] heartfelt , earnest ballads with catchy , jangly pop / rock " and was a " solid debut " . A reviewer from Billboard provided a positive review , opining that the record " [carries] passion , conviction , and honesty " . At the 1997 Billboard Latin Music Awards , the album received two awards for " Pop Album of the Year by a Female Artist " and " Pop Album of the Year by a New Artist " . It was also nominated at the 9th Lo Nuestro Awards in 1997 for " Pop Album of the Year " , but lost to Enrique Iglesias 's album Vivir . Shakira herself received the Lo Nuestro Awards for " Pop Female Artist of the Year " and " Pop New Artist of the Year " . In 2015 , Billboard listed Pies Descalzos as one of the Essential

Latin Albums of Past 50 Year stating that " Finally , Latin rock had found its muse " .

= = Chart performance = =

Commercially , the project became Shakira 's breakthrough record , with which she established notability throughout Latin America . In Argentina , it attained double @-@ platinum certification after passing 120 @,@ 000 in sold copies . In her native Colombia , the album was awarded the " Diamond Prism " by her record label , acknowledging sales of one million units . The record was certified platinum in Brazil ; in selling 900 @,@ 000 copies , it has since become one of the best @-@ selling albums in the country . It was additionally certified platinum in Chile . In Ecuador , Pies Descalzos , sales of 15 @,@ 000 copies earned the album a platinum certification .

In Peru , Pies Descalzos attained platinum certification after surpassing 10 @,@ 000 sold copies . It also was awarded platinum recognition in Venezuela . Elsewhere , the album peaked at number 71 on the German Albums Chart . In the United States , it failed to chart on the Billboard 200 . However , it reached number 34 on the Billboard Hot Heatseekers Albums component chart , and additionally peaked at numbers 3 and 5 on the Latin Pop Albums and Latin Albums charts . It was later certified platinum by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) for shipments of one million copies . As of 2008 , Pies Descalzos has sold over five million copies .

= = Track listing = =

Credits adapted from the liner notes of Pies Descalzos .

All songs written and composed by Shakira and Luis Fernando Ochoa .

= = Credits and personnel = =

Credits adapted from Allmusic .

= = Charts = =

= = Certifications = =