

= MTV Unplugged : Los Tigres del Norte and Friends =

MTV Unplugged : Los Tigres del Norte and Friends is a live album by Mexican recording artists Los Tigres del Norte . It was recorded before a live audience at the Hollywood Palladium in Los Angeles , California , on February 8 , 2011 and released by Fonovisa Records on May 24 , 2011 . The album includes featured performances by Andrés Calamaro , Calle 13 , Zack de la Rocha , Juanes , Paulina Rubio and Diego Torres .

The album became a commercial success peaking at the top of the Mexican Albums Chart , entering the top five on the Billboard Top Latin Albums in the United States , and also being the twenty @-@ third number 1 album by the band in the Regional Mexican Albums chart . It was certified Diamond + Gold by the Mexican Asociación Mexicana de Productores de Fonogramas y Videogramas . To promote the album , Los Tigres del Norte released " Golpes en el Corazón " , first included in their album El Ejemplo (1995) , and re @-@ recorded for the live album with fellow Mexican singer Paulina Rubio . " La Jaula de Oro " (featuring Colombian singer @-@ songwriter Juanes) and " América " (featuring René Pérez of the band Calle 13) , were released as second and third singles , respectively .

Hailed as the first MTV Unplugged recording for the Regional Mexican genre and as a significant release for the Mexican music scene , the album earned a Latin Grammy Award for Best Norteño Album at the 12th Latin Grammy Awards , and a Grammy Award for Best Banda or Norteño Album .

= = Background = =

In December 2010 , Jason Lipshutz of Billboard magazine reported that Los Tigres del Norte was set to record a MTV Unplugged album for MTV Tr3s . The album was to be taped in the first quarter of 2011 , and would feature special guests including Juanes , Calle 13 , Andrés Calamaro and Zack de la Rocha . By February 2011 , it was announced that Paulina Rubio and Diego Torres would join the band for the album recording session . For the band this presented a unique opportunity to re @-@ invent their music and share the stage with talented performers . " When MTV invited us to record the show , we were a little tense , this was something different for us because Unplugged albums on MTV are usually recorded by artists from different genres from us , " the band said about the recording . Jesús Lara of MTV Tr3s called the production " historic " , since the band has been culturally a part of the life of the Hispanic community in Mexico and the US .

= = Recording , repertoire and release = =

Los Tigres del Norte recorded their performance on February 8 , 2011 , at the Hollywood Palladium in Los Angeles , California . Invitations to the event were issued to fans through MTV 's website starting January 27 , 2011 . The audience waited four hours before the show started . In preparation to the show , the band sent a list of their songs to the featured performers and asked them to choose the song that better fit their own repertoire . The band performed twenty songs during the show , releasing only twelve on the standard edition of the album , and thirteen on the deluxe version .

The first song was " Jefe de Jefes " , followed by " Camelia La Texana " , " Señor Locutor " , " Contrabando y Traición " and " Cuestión Olvidada " . When the band started to play " Mi Curiosidad " and " Una Camioneta Gris " , Jorge Hernandez , the band lead member , asked the audience to clap their hands . Paulina Rubio was the first guest to appear and perform " Golpes en el Corazón " , with an orchestral arrangement . Diego Torres joined afterwards to share lead vocals on " Mi Buena Suerte " . " La Puerta Negra " , " Prisión de Amor " and " Lágrimas del Corazón " followed .

The band and Andrés Calamaro recorded two tracks : " La Mesa del Rincón " and " Quiero Volar Contigo " , the former to the rhythm of tango (with three violins and a cello) , and for the latter , Calamaro played marimba and changed the original rhythm of the song to cha @-@ cha @-@ cha . This performance had to be re @-@ taped since there was a technical failure . Zack de la Rocha performed " Somos Más Americanos " , while Juanes played guitar on " La Jaula de Oro " , a song

he had to " rehearse many times " . De la Rocha recorded his part twice , incorporating more Spanish lyrics on the second take . Juanes and De la Rocha were the only featured performers selected for their work for immigration rights in the United States , a social cause important to the band . The final song recorded was " América " ; the band shared the stage with Calle 13 who , by request of their lead member René Pérez , changed the instrumentation , quickened the tempo and added trumpets and violins . The costumes the band wore on the show were donated to the Hard Rock Cafe in Los Angeles after the show .

= = Singles = =

The new recorded version of the song " Golpes en el Corazón " , featuring Paulina Rubio , was selected as the first single from the album and was released on April 19 , 2011 . The original version of the track can be found on the Tigres ' studio album *El Ejemplo* (1995) . Upon release it peaked at number 2 in the Billboard Top Latin Songs . The version featuring Rubio was named " one of the most pleasant songs " included on MTV Unplugged by About.com. The Los Angeles Times referred to it as a " sea of lush Latin pop " , with Rubio sounding like Julieta Venegas in a " parallel universe " . This version became very successful in Mexico , peaking atop the Monitor Latino general charts and the Mexican Airplay Chart from Billboard International . The track also reached number 39 on the Billboard Top Latin Songs , number 31 on the Regional / Mexican Airplay , and was the first song by the band to appear on the Latin Pop Airplay chart , reaching number 29 . At the 12th Latin Grammy Awards , the song received a nomination for Record of the Year , losing to Calle 13 's " Latinoamérica " . Rubio joined the band at the Latin Grammy ceremony to perform the song .

" La Jaula de Oro " was selected as the second single from the album . The track , recognized as one of the band 's signature songs , features Colombian singer Juanes performing and playing guitar and was named " one of the best tracks and guest performances in the whole album " by About.com. With this release the record label sought to reach a younger audience for Los Tigres del Norte . " América " was the third single released which reached number five on the Monitor Latino general chart .

= = Critical reception and accolades = =

An advance copy of the performance was sent to the media a few days before the first showing on MTV Tr3s . Spanish news agency EFE announced that the band was celebrating " Latino pride more vigorously than ever . " Another positive review came from the Los Angeles Times , which awarded the album three out of four stars . At the review , the newspaper named the album " one of the most anticipated Latin albums of the year " , highlighting that it is the first MTV Unplugged album of the Regional @-@ Mexican genre . They also praised the band for their performance on the first track , " Jefe de Jefes " . About the guest performances by Andrés Calamaro , Juanes and Diego Torres , stated that they were " intriguing " . Carlos Quintana of About.com hailed the show as an important music event for the Latin music , emphasizing that this recording would allow Regional @-@ Mexican music to gain new audiences around the world . Allmusic reviewer Mariano Prunes named bassist Hernán Hernández , the " musical heart of the band " , especially when joining Zack de la Rocha , playing the riff of Rage Against the Machine 's " Killing in the Name " . He also praised " América " for the participation of Calle 13 with their " razor @-@ sharp rap " intervention . Prunes also stated that MTV Unplugged would get Los Tigres a deserved recognition outside their own community . The participation by De La Rocha was also subject of a negative review by Oscar Barajas of The Young Folks . Barajas noted that De La Rocha sounded " out of place " on " Somos Mas Americanos " , trying to turn the track into a rendition of his own song " Bulls on Parade " . Barajas also was critical of the song selection , but eventually lauded the album for being " lean and mean " , with a musical urgency almost comparable to the Ramones .

MTV Unplugged : Los Tigres del Norte and Friends earned the Latin Grammy Award for Best Norteño Album at the 2011 ceremony . The album also was awarded the Grammy Award for Best Banda or Norteño Album at the 54th Grammy Awards , and the awards for Best Popular Album and

Best Norteño Album at the Mexican Premios Oye ! .

= = Track listing = =

This track listing adapted from the liner notes .

= = Commercial performance = =

The album debuted and peaked at number 3 on the Billboard Top Latin Albums chart , behind Maná 's Drama y Luz and Prince Royce 's self @-@ titled debut album . MTV Unplugged became the band 's twenty @-@ third number 1 album in the Regional Mexican Albums chart . In the Mexican Albums Chart the album debuted at number 92 , before jumping to number 2 , behind Lady Gaga 's Born This Way . The following week the album surpassed Gaga 's set and peaked at number 1 in Mexico and also reached the top of the charts in Colombia . The album spent seventeen consecutive weeks at the top of the Mexican chart , received a Diamond + Gold certification by the Asociación Mexicana de Productores de Fonogramas y Videogramas and ended the year as the best @-@ selling album of 2011 in Mexico . The album was certified gold in Colombia by the Asociación Colombiana de Productores de Fonogramas .

= = Charts and certifications = =

= = Personnel = =

Los Tigres del Norte ? main performers , producers , vocals
Gustavo Borner ? producer , recording engineer , mixing , mastering
Ezequiel Alara ? musical director , piano
Miguel Ramirez ? percussion
Karl Perazzo ? percussion
Enzo Villparedes ? trumpet
Arturo Solar ? trumpet
Roberto Incelli ? sax
Humbero Ruiz ? trombone
Edwin Blas ? trombone
Peter Kent ? violin
Sharon Jackson ? violin
Jessica VanVelzen ? viola
Giovanna Clayton ? cello
Ricky Perry ? graphic design
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