

Good evening. Tonight, we're here to celebrate a very important event - Cinco de Mayo, the annual celebration held on May 5 that commemorates the Mexican Army's victory over the French Empire at the Battle of Puebla, on May 5, 1862.

In the United States, Cinco de Mayo has become associated with the celebration of Mexican-American culture. These celebrations began in California, where they have been observed annually since 1863.

We'll begin our celebration with a song first recorded by the Duke in 1941. Its title is Spanish, and translated, means "lost." The song refers to a resort town in the Florida Keys.

Here we go with Duke Ellington's hit - "Perdido."