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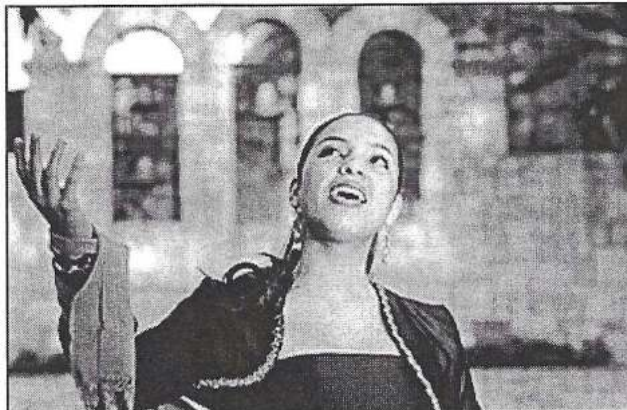
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Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza vocal announced

The 12th annual Ford Motor Company's Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza showcases a wide variety of elementary to university student talent. The festival caps off tonight with a performance by the **Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlán** at Municipal Auditorium. Rivera will perform tonight at the Mariachi Vargas concert along with the three first place winners of last night's group competitions.

In vocal competition held today, the winners were:

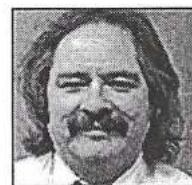
2006 Best Mariachi Vocalist in the U.S.: **Fabiola Rivera**, a high school student at Vidal M. Treviño School of Fine Arts in Laredo, Texas.



Elementary/Middle School
Selina Elizondo, a senior at Madison High School, was among the students competing and winners in the voice competition at the Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza. (Helen L. Montoya/Express-News)

1st: **Karenn CQ Lazo**, 13, student from Roma Middle School in Roma, Texas. She sang "Mi Juramento."
 2nd: **Miranda Vigil**, 12, from Stinson Middle School in Helotes. She sang "A La Luz de Los Cocuyos."
 3rd: **Enny Velasquez**, 12, from Patti Welder Magnet Middle School in Victoria, Texas. Her song was "La Cigarra."

High School
 1st: (a tie) — **Selina Elizondo** from Madison High School in San



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Antonio. She performed a medley called "Serenata Huapanguera."
1st: (tie) **Fabiola Rivera** from Laredo's Vidal M. Treviño School of Fine Arts. She performed "Tata Dios."
2nd: **Esteban Velasquez**, 17, from Odessa High School in Odessa. He performed "Mal de Amores."
3rd: **Peggy Wells**, 16, from Taft High School in San Antonio. She performed "El Pastor."

College/University

1st: **Stacey Mazuca** of San Antonio. She's a first-time competitor at the Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza. Stacey attends Palo Alto College and won with her rendition of "Guadalajara."
2nd: **Cesar Galaviz** from Texas A & M-Kingsville. This was also his first time competing in the Extraganza Vocal Competition. He performed "Granada."
3rd: **Marisa Christina Salinas** from Texas A & M Kingsville. She performed "El Aguacero."

(Thanks to festival promoter **Muñoz Public Relations** for providing the winners lists.)

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