

# Mariachi Vocalist Vie for 'Best' in the US. In Stiffest Competition

Vocal Competition held as part of  
14th Annual Mariachi Vargas  
Extravaganza

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Students from throughout Texas will compete in the largest and most competitive mariachi vocal competition of its kind in the country and the ONLY one judged by members of the world renowned Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlán.

Thirty-four mariachi vocal finalists will compete as part of the 14th Annual Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza. Students compete in 1 of 3 categories: elementary/middle School, high school and college/university.

First, second and third place winners are selected from each category and one student is named Best in the U.S. mariachi vocalist. The Best in the U.S. vocalist wins the honor of opening for the Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlán concert in San Antonio on Saturday, December 6.

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The Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza is a 7-day mariachi music festival held November 30 through December 6.

The festival attracts 20,000 people who participate in more than a dozen mariachi-related events that celebrate the Hispanic culture while promoting higher education among Hispanic youth.

Highlighting the 7-day music festival is a concert featuring the world-renowned and Mexico City based Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlán who performs at the San Antonio Municipal Auditorium on Saturday, December 6 at 7:30 p.m. with the University of Texas at San Antonio orchestra.

Selina Elizondo, Miembro del Mariachi del Colegio Comunitario San Antonio College, fue escogida por el Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlan, Jalisco, como la mejor Vocalista de Mariachi en el 2008. Ella cantando en su presentacion oficial en el Auditorio Municipal de la ciudad de San Antonio, Texas con la musica del Mariachi.



## Elementary/Middle School Category

First Name	Last Name	School	City
Samantha	Arizpe	MECA	Houston
Nizhoni	Begay	St. John Berchmans Catholic School	San Antonio
Maria	Cerda	Wesley Community Center	San Antonio
Bianca	Cortez	Cortez Music Studio	Edinburg

Angela	Darnell	Zapata Middle School	Zapata
Victoria	Kolesar	Viva El Mariachi Music Academy	New Braunfels
Luis	Longoria	Highland Hills Elementary-Wesley Comm.Ctr.	San Antonio
Beatriz	Lozano	MECA	Houston
Bianca	Lozano	MECA	Houston
Martin	Luevano	Fabra Elementary	Boerne
Angela	Mendoza	Poe Middle School	San Antonio
Samantha	Valadez	Zapata Middle School	Zapata

High School Category
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First Name	Last Name	School	City
Ariana	Arteaga	Del Rio High School	Del Rio
Cristian	Calderon	Highlands High school	San Antonio
Misty	Cuevas	Odessa High School	Odessa
Ashley	Flores	Zapata High School	Zapata
Clarissa	Franco	Central High School	San Angelo
Elizabeth	Garcia	Zapata High School	Zapata
Maria	Martinez	High School for the Performing Visual Arts	Houston
Andrea	Neira	Jefferson High School/International Academy of Music and the Arts	San Antonio
Izamar	Salinas Cantu	La Joya High School	Palm View
Abigail	Silva	La Joya High School	Mission
Sebastian	Vela	Premont High School	Corpus Christi
Enny	Velasquez	Memorial High School	Victoria
Sandrita	Yanez	Del Rio High School	Del Rio

College/University Category
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First Name	Last Name	School	City
Selina	Elizondo	San Antonio College	San Antonio
Renee	Ganceres	Texas A&M University-Kingsville	Kingsville
Alison	Garcia	San Antonio College/International Academy of Music and the Arts	San Antonio
Miguel	Ibarra	International Academ of Music and the Arts	San Antonio
Ruben	Luna	El Centro College	Dallas
Casandra	Marquez	International Academ of Music and the Arts	San Marcos
Vanessa	Moreno	Texas State	San Antonio
Marisa	Salinas	Texas A&M University-Kingsville	Kingsville
Amanda	Sanchez	Texas State	San Marcos