

# Las Estrellas de Ayer ~ Las Tesoros de Hoy

The Stars of Yesteryear ~ The Treasures of Today

## CD Release and Concert

The Esperanza Peace and Justice Center presents *Las Estrellas de Ayer ~ Las Tesoros de Hoy* (The Stars of Yesteryear, the Treasures of Today) CD release and concert on Sunday, February 7, 2016 at 3 PM and, again 6 PM at the center at 922 San Pedro Ave, San Antonio, TX.

Las Tesoros de San Antonio are four mujeres who were each individually renowned performers in the 1940s, 50s, and 60s. All grew up in the Westside of San Antonio and enjoyed incredible singing careers regionally, nationally and internationally. The Esperanza brought these four musical tesoros (treasures) out of retirement to sing and perform again in 2006.

Las Tesoros include Rita “*La Calandria*” Vidaurri, Beatriz “*La Paloma del Norte*” Llamas, Blanca “*Blanquita Rosa*” Rodriguez, and Janet Cortez “*Perla Tapatía*” (now deceased)—four strong mujeres who helped build the foundations for San Antonio’s rich musical cultura in spite of the male dominated music industry and patriarchal families that they came from.

The new CD, “*Las Tesoros de San Antonio: Las Estrellas de Ayer*,” that features original rancheras and boleros compiled from early recordings of each of the four mujeres is dedicated to Perla Tapatía, an original member of Las Tesoros who died on August 24, 2014 and was known for singing in her later years in spite of a tracheostomy.

The Esperanza, producer of this CD, has also produced CDs

of Rita Vidaurri and Beatriz Llamas in recent years.

Las Tesoros are part of Esperanza’s *Arte Es Vida* project, that seeks to present and affirm the rich cultura and history of San Antonio’s Westside often overlooked in official accounts of the city. They came together after an event honoring the late, great Lydia Mendoza where Rita Vidaurri appeared unexpectedly to dedicate a song to Lydia. Rita’s powerful stage presence and voice eventually led to the realization that other elder mujeres in the community existed who still were capable of performing at their advanced ages.

During this concert, Las Tesoros de San Antonio will each sing their songs featured on the new CD and will also sing together as an ensemble. They will be accompanied by *Mariachi Aguilas*, headed by Henry Gomez.

People attending the CD release will have the opportunity to view a special exhibit of original photos, posters and memorabilia of Las Tesoros and aquellos tiempos, the times of their youth.

There will be an opportunity to buy the CD and have the mujeres sign CDs and other mementos at the performance. The *Estrellas de Ayer* CD will be sold for \$15.

Tickets will be sold at the door for \$5. Seating is first come first served.

For more information or to book interviews please contact Gianna Rendon at (210) 228-0201 or email [esperanza@esperanzacenter.org](mailto:esperanza@esperanzacenter.org)



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Blanca

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Rita

Beatrice