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Mariachi Divas

September 20, 2025

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Mariachi & Folklorico

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Mariachi Divas Is:

Cindy Shea - trumpet

Karla Rodriguez - guitarron

Desiree Rodriguez - vihuela

Valerie Carlos - guitar

Melinda Salcido - guitar/percussion

Yasmine Durazo - violin

Julissa Dominguez - violin

Dolores Rodriguez - violin

ABOUT CINDY SHEA

A multi-Grammy award-winning composer, arranger, engineer, producer, musician, actor and pioneer, Cindy Shea, is the founder of the celebrated two-time Grammy Award-winning Mariachi Divas, an all-female ensemble.

A successful artist, her vision and determination has led to Mariachi Divas de Cindy Shea being signed with ADA Latin, the Latin division of Warner Music Group's ADA Worldwide. Mariachi Divas recent collaboration with Becky G on the hit song "Bluetooth" has made an impact in the industry with its blend of pop and mariachi styles in which Cindy also participated as a composer.

As a distinguished trumpeter, early in her career, while studying music education at California State University, Fullerton – she was recruited by Latin Jazz icon Arturo Sandoval. He offered her a full scholarship to study jazz performance at Florida International University as his student for four years. While studying in Miami, Florida, she became immersed in the local music scene centered on Salsa music and Latin jazz. Through this experience, she gained a deep appreciation and love for Latino culture and music. From there, she would eventually have the opportunity to frequently accompany the legendary "Queen of Salsa," Celia Cruz.

By 1999, she was invited to join an all-female mariachi for a few concerts.

She instantly fell in love with mariachi music and, within that same year, decided to form her group, Mariachi Divas. With Italian and Irish heritage, it is not uncommon for audience members to wonder how Cindy became involved in mariachi music. Understanding that music has no boundaries and is not limited to age, race, or gender, her multicultural mariachi, comprising female musicians of diverse backgrounds, is unique. A year after founding Mariachi Divas, she was invited to join Joan Sebastian's touring group that performed palenques and jaripeos throughout the United States and Mexico. Joan Sebastian, known as "El Rey Del Jaripeo" (The King of the Rodeo), exposed Cindy to a wide range of regional Mexican music.

With over thirty years as a professional musician, Cindy Shea has worked with a wide variety of artists, including The Disney Family Singalong: Volume II aired (May 10, 2020) on Disney+. Coco's "Remember Me" performed by Christina Aguilera, Miguel, and Mariachi Divas, Alejandro Fernández, "Agridulce" on album Rompiendo Fronteras (2017), Ozomatli, single "Volver, Volver" (2017), Natalia Jiménez of La 5ª Estación and Sergio Vallín of Maná, single "Esa Soy Yo" (2009) to name a few.

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Additionally, Mariachi Divas has appeared in several music videos with major recording artists: OhNo's "Suavemente" (2019) and U2's "Song for Someone" (2016) Chiquis "Paloma Blanca" (2022), and "Bluetooth" with Becky G (2024).

With an established recording track record, their discography includes twenty-one professional full-length album released through Warner Music, ADA Latin, and her own record label "7th Avenue Records". Cindy also has her own recording studio 7th Avenue Studios where she not only works on her own recordings, but also film and TV recordings. Most recently Cindy was signed to Warner Chappell/Unlimited as a composer.

ABOUT MARIACHI DIVAS

With a career spanning 24 years, the critically acclaimed all-female Mariachi Divas de Cindy Shea specializes in providing professional mariachi music for live concerts, commercials, television, and film recordings. A two-time GRAMMY Award winner, with eight GRAMMY nominations and three Latin GRAMMY nominations, the ensemble continues to expand the scope of mariachi music, delighting audiences from around the world.

Founded in 1999 by musical director and trumpet player Cindy Shea, Mariachi Divas is celebrated for its innovative and eclectic array of music ranging from mariachi classics to jazz and pop. Mariachi Divas is known for its sophisticated, smooth, and refined, elegant musical style. Since 2003, Mariachi Divas has been the official all-female mariachi of Walt Disney Parks and Resorts, performing year-round at Disneyland, Disney California Adventure, and Downtown Disney in Anaheim, California.

The group is also the official mariachi for Disney Pixar's Coco inspired show at Plaza de La Familia/Día de Los Muertos celebration at Disney California Adventure.

Mariachi Divas is often sought after to appear in various television, film, and music video projects. They have performed, recorded, and collaborated with artists such as, Alejandro Fernández, "Agridulce" on the album Rompiendo Fronteras (2017), Ozomatli, single "Volver, Volver" (2017), Natalia Jiménez of La 5^a Estación and Sergio Vallín of Maná , single "Esa Soy Yo" (2009) to name a few.



ABOUT MV MARIACHI

MV Mariachi & Folklorico is the largest program of its kind in Western Washington, bringing together nearly 200 student musicians and dancers to celebrate and preserve Mexican traditions. Under the direction of award-winning educator Ramon Rivera, the ensemble has dazzled audiences across the region, inspiring pride, cultural connection, and community spirit. We are delighted to welcome this group back to Edmonds Center for the Arts for this special performance.



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