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Lila Downs: Blending Pop with Traditional Mexican Music At the Pantages Theater March 31

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TACOMA, WASH. – Multi-Grammy Award winner Lila Downs captivates and inspires audiences with her soaring vocals, around which she mixes a variety of traditional Mexican music, Latin American hip-hop, jazz, blues, and klezmer influences. Downs will be performing at Tacoma’s historic Pantages Theater on Friday, March 31 at 7:30 p.m. [Tickets are on sale now, starting at \\$29.](#)

Lila Downs’ performances are always a colorful and unforgettable celebration of Mexican culture and arts. Downs grew up both in Minnesota and Oaxaca, giving her music and vocal artistry many influences - including the folk and ranchera music of Mexico and South America, as well as American folk, jazz, blues, and hip-hop. Many of her lyrics focus on issues relating to social justice, and often tell the stories of the workers who migrate from rural Mexico to work in the U.S.

Downs has topped the charts for over 20 years, and has been honored with multiple Grammy Awards. Her latest album, *Bailas y Chocolate*, won a Latin Grammy and was featured in The Sunday Times as one of their “100 Best Records of The Year.” With the collaboration of her husband, Paul Cohen, Downs has produced more than ten studio albums since 1994.

Lila Downs incorporates her roots into each performance for a culturally meaningful and musically brilliant show. The daughter of a Mixtec Indian woman, Anastasia Sanchez – who ran away from her village at 15 to sing in Mexico City cantinas – and a University of Minnesota professor Allen Downs, Lila’s upbringing exudes cultural and musical inspiration. Heavily influenced by migration and discrimination, Lila has written many lyrics – in English, Spanish and other native languages – concerning these issues, particularly in her album *One Blood* which received the Grammy Latino in the category of “Best Album of World Music” in 2005.

[Tickets for Lila Downs are on sale now, starting at \\$29.](#) To purchase tickets call the Broadway Center Box Office at 253.591.5894, toll-free 1.800.291.7593, visit online at BroadwayCenter.org, or in person at 901 Broadway in Tacoma's Theater District.

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