



Greetings Friends!

We are excited to announce that **FESTIBA 2026: UTRGV Mariachi Festival** will take place on **February 27 & 28, 2026**! Registration forms are now available on the [UTRGV | FESTIBA Mariachi Festival](https://www.utrgv.edu/festiba) website.

Please submit completed registrations by **February 17, 2026** to festiba@utrgv.edu.

This year's theme, **Echoes of Identity: Voices Through Time and Culture**, invites us to explore how literature, music, and the arts capture personal and collective identity, echoing stories passed down through generations and across borders. It invites reflection on heritage, language, tradition, and the evolving narratives that shape who we are.

Registration Fee: \$50 per student

Registrations submitted after February 17: \$60 per student

Includes: All workshops, music booklet, participation in the Group Competition/Showcase, Free Admission to the Group Competition/Showcase and Vocal Competition
Directors can attend these events at no cost.

Grand Concert Fee for students and directors: \$20

Vocal Competition Fee: Additional \$20 per student

Online vocal submissions are due February 15.

We are thrilled to welcome our **FESTIBA 2026 Special Guests — Mariachi Los Camperos!** Founded in 1961 by Natividad "Nati" Cano, the Grammy Award-winning ensemble has played a pivotal role in elevating mariachi music worldwide. From becoming the first mariachi group to perform at Carnegie Hall to collaborating with Linda Ronstadt, Mariachi Los Camperos continue to honor tradition while shaping the future of the art form. Today, under the direction of Jesús "Chuy" Guzmán, their legacy lives on through rich, elegant, and inspiring performances.

Plan to join us at FESTIBA 2026!! Experience outstanding workshops, exciting competitions, and an unforgettable concert.

Register early and guarantee your spot — we look forward to celebrating with you!

Warmest regards,
Francisco & Clyde