

HINOJOSA, TISH (1955–)

Born in San Antonio, the youngest of thirteen children of immigrant Mexican parents, Hinojosa created a unique musical style that crossed over genre, language, and borders. A staunch supporter of her cultural roots, she also believes that music should inspire listeners to address social issues. In her words, "Sometimes we get a really strange perception of the Mexican culture from things that make the news," she said, "about the whole border issue, about the poor people coming to look for work. Not taking away any of the seriousness of that issue"--about which Hinojosa has written eloquently in the past--"but...what I've always tried to explain or explore or express through my music is the depth of the cultural roots of this area."