

"¡Con Salsa!" 5.28.11 - Marc Anthony "Aguanile"

by [Con Salsa](#) José Massó on Saturday, May 28, 2011 at 4:08pm

Marc Anthony performed on the recent American Idol season finale singing "Aguanile" a song written and made popular by Willie Colón and Héctor LaVoe from their 1972 album "El Juicio" on Fania Records. With the dancing of Jennifer Lopez and the timbales of Sheila E, it was an electrifying performance by one of Salsa's most popular singers. His rendition of the song reminded me of a night at the San Juan Chateau dance club in San Juan, Puerto Rico on Friday, December 2, 1994 where he was sharing a bill with Domingo Quiñones. Divina and I were accompanying Rubén Blades for the first Carlos Baerga Celebrity Softball Game that would be celebrated the following day at the *Juan Ramón Loubriel* Stadium in Bayamón.

After dinner at the Dorado Beach Hotel, a group of us including Rubén, Carlos and his wife Myriam, Ozzie Guillen and his wife Ibis, Kenny Lofton, Cecil Fielder and others, traveled to San Juan to enjoy Marc and Domingo. Marc invited Rubén on stage to sing chorus on one song and eventually he wound up playing the congas when Marc lit into "Aguanile". It was a high energy marathon of a song that lasted quite sometime before ending the set. I was impressed that Rubén lasted that long and he commented that there was no way he would stop playing even though his hands were hurting.

Years later, Domingo would play the role of Héctor LaVoe in the musical play *¿Quién mató a Héctor LaVoe?* at the 47th Street Theatre in New York City. In 2007, Marc would also play the role of Hector LaVoe, this time in the movie "El Cantante" starring his wife Jennifer Lopez as Héctor's wife Nilda affectionately known as "Puchi". "Aguanile" was included in the soundtrack.



Bobby Allende, Marc Anthony, Rubén Blades, Marc Quiñones with Ozzie Guillen and Carlos Baerga in the back row.
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