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A Mexican and International Idol



José Pedro Infante Cruz was a Mexican actor and singer. He was born in Mazatlán, Sinaloa on November 18th, 1917. He died on April 15th, 1957, when he was 39 years old, in a plane crash.

When he was very young, his parents and siblings moved to Guamúchil, where he learned music and he was a carpenter apprentice during his childhood.

In 1939, the local radio station XEB, gave Pedro the opportunity to start a small career as a singer until 1943, when he recorded his first record. That same year, he started his acting career with a very small role, even though he was related to the world of music, where he was getting a little fame. He was hired to participate in the movie "La feria de las flores" to reinforce the voice of the main role, played by the actor Antonio Badú, when singing the song that gave name to the movie.

Pedro Infante played the main acting role in more than 60 movies between 1939 and 1957, which turned him into one of the biggest icons in the "Época de Oro del cine Mexicano", among these movies we can mention: "Nosotros los pobres", "Ustedes los ricos", "Pepe el Toro", "Los tres Garcías", "Vuelven los

García", "A todo máquina", "¿Qué te ha dado esa mujer?"

His movie Tizoc in 1956 with María Félix, was a total international success, and gave him the posthumous prize "Oso de Plata" in the Berlin Film Festival, for the best acting role.

Regarding his musical legacy, Pedro sang many musical genres such as waltz, regional music and bolero. However most of his most popular songs belong to the mariachi and regional music genre.

Some of his most popular songs are: "Amorcito corazón", "Cien años", "Te quiero así", "La que se fue", "Ella", "Paloma querida", "Maldita sea mi suerte", "Por un amor", "Mañana", "Que te ha dado esa mujer", "Mi cariñito", "Dicen que soy mujeriego".

"Amorcito Corazón" is possibly the most famous song of popular Mexican culture, and thanks to this song the regional bolero was born.

Likewise, the worldwide famous song "Bésame Mucho" whose composer was Consuelo Velázquez, was the only song that Pedro recorded in English and he sang in the movie "A toda máquina" with Luis Aguilar.

I. After reading "Pedro Infante's life", answer the following questions

- 1) When did Pedro die? _____.
- 2) In which movie was "Besame mucho" in English? _____.
- 3) Where did Pedro start his career as singer? _____.
- 4) Which is the most famous Pedro Infante's song? _____.
- 5) What was the movie where he started his acting career? _____.
- 6) Where was Pedro Infante born? _____.
- 7) Who was with Pedro in the movie "Tizoc" _____.

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II. How was your child hood? How much do you remember? Answer the following questions and write a short paragraph.

1. Where were you born? _____
2. Were you tall or short? _____
3. Were you thin, slim, skinny, tall, short, average height?

4. What was your favorite subject? _____
5. Where did you live when you were a child? _____
6. Who was your best friend? _____
7. What did he / she look like? _____



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