

## FAMILY AND MUSIC

**ACTIVITY 1:** Read about the Montaner family and answer the questions TRUE or FALSE



**Héctor Eduardo Reglero Montaner** (born September 8, 1957), better known as **Ricardo Montaner**, is an Argentine-Venezuelan singer and songwriter. Since starting his career in the late 1970s, he has already released more than 24 albums, and many successful singles. He has sold an estimated sales of 100 million records worldwide, making him one of the best-selling Latin music artists.

Montaner is married to Marlene Rodríguez Miranda, the daughter of shareholder and owner of the former Venezuelan record company Sonorodven, where Montaner started his career. He has three children with Marlene: Ricardo Montaner, Mauricio Montaner and Evaluna Montaner. He also has two older sons from a previous marriage with Ana Vaz: Alejandro Reglero, and Héctor Reglero Jr.. All of them are singers.

Evaluna Montaner, actress, Youtuber and singer. Evaluna was born in Caracas, Venezuela. She later settled with her family in Miami, Florida, United States. Since childhood she has learned piano, harp and various types of dance. She has lived in Venezuela, Colombia, Italy and the United States. In 2020, she married her boyfriend of five years, the Colombian singer Camilo Echeverry.

Mauricio and Ricardo are in a band together, **Mau & Ricky**, a Venezuelan Latin pop and reggaeton duo. As composers, they have written songs for several singers including Chayanne, Thalía, Leslie Grace, Miguel Bosé, Diego Boneta, Cristian Castro, Ricky Martin, Karol G and Ednita Nazario.

Some of their music compositions include diamond selling tracks among which are "Ya No Tiene Novio" (Sebastián Yatra, *Mau y Ricky*), "Sin Pijama" (Becky G, Natti Natasha), "Vente Pa'Ca" (Ricky Martin, Maluma) and "Pa'Dentro" (Juanes).

1. Ricardo Montaner is from Argentina. TRUE FALSE
2. He started his career in Buenos Aires. TRUE FALSE
3. He has three children. TRUE FALSE
4. Evaluna Montaner is an actress, a Youtuber and a singer. TRUE FALSE
5. The band Mau & Ricky sing folklore songs. TRUE FALSE

**ACTIVITY 2:** Look up one of the songs of any member of the Montaner family. Choose 5 phrases and translate them into English.

SONG(S):	
SPANISH	ENGLISH

**ACTIVITY 3:** Answer these personal questions. This can be done ORALLY.

1. Which song do you like best?
2. What kind of music do you usually listen to?
3. Are there any members of the same family in your favourite bands?
4. Does anyone in your family play a musical instrument or sing?