

“OPERACIÓN TRIUNFO”

“OPERACIÓN TRIUNFO” was an audience record-breaking reality TV show which succeeded in Spain for the three months it was on. Participants were young wannabe pop stars who competed to represent Spain in the Eurovision song contest.

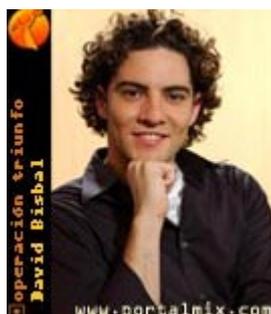
The programme began screening in Autumn 2001 and the 16 elected members went through the watchful eye of the TV cameras. They lived in a place they called the “academy”. They had singing and dancing lessons, Spanish and English lessons, and drama. They even had a psychologist to help them cope with the stress a singer has to learn to live with.

Viewers decided every week who had to leave the academy until the last six winners remained. They became national heroes:



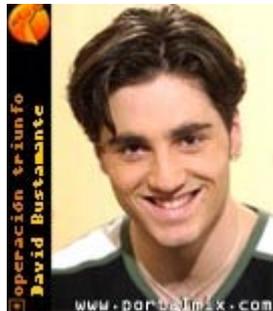
Rosa

She comes from Granada (Andalucía) in southern Spain.



David Bisbal

He comes from Almería (Andalucía) also in southern Spain.



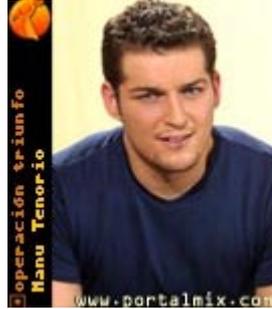
David Bustamante

He is the youngest of the group and comes from San Vicente de la Barquera, a little fishing village in our province, CANTABRIA. He dropped out of school at 16 and was working as a bricklayer when he joined the TV programme.



Chenoa

She was born in Argentina but came to live in Spain as a little child and has lived in Palma de Mallorca most of her life. Her real name is Laura, but everybody calls her CHENOA, which means “white cloud” in native American language.



Manu Tenorio

He comes from Seville (Andalucía), also in the south. He has beautiful blue eyes and speaks Spanish with a very southern accent which many people find very attractive.



Verónica

She comes from Elche (Alicante) and is a very sweet person who got on well with everyone in the group.

For these six young people the show has been a dream come true. They have recorded an album each and have sold many copies.

On the last programme viewers decided that ROSA would be representing Spain in ESTONIA on May 25th. She received 49.9% of the votes. The title of the song: “Europe’s living a celebration”.

All the 16 contestants have been touring Spain giving concerts in all the main cities in the country. The tour has been a total success and all the tickets were sold out days before the concerts.

During the weeks the programme was on “Operación Triunfo” was the main topic at school and all over the country for many young people.

MARC ANTHONY

His full name is Marc Anthony and his birthname is Marco Antonio Muniz. The reason why he later changed his name to Marc Anthony is to not be confused with the famous Mexican singer he was named after. His birthdate is September 16, 1968 in New York City. Marc's father is called Felipe Muniz and mother Guillermina. He married Dayanara Torres in May 9, 2000, it is the first marriage for both. Their son was born in February 5, 2001. Marc also has a daughter, „Arianna“, from a previous long-term relationship. He began singing as a child when he used to sing with his father Felipe, a musician for family and friends. Anthony also performed in an after-school program. His little professional interest in Salsa Music began as a youngster, when he started writing and singing background vocals for artists such as Safire, The Latin Rascals, and Menudo. His first professional break came when he collaborated with Louie Vega on the 1991 album „When the Night is Over“ which produced the hit single „Ride on the Rhythm“. This single made it to #1 on the Billboard charts. Shortly thereafter, Marc heard a song called „Hasta que te Conoci“ by Juan Gabriel and immediately fell in love with the song. He recorded this song on his first Salsa CD, which was released in 1993, titled „Otra Noche“. In 95 Marc's second Salsa CD was released, „Todo a su tiempo“. This was followed up by the „Best Tropical Latin



Performance“. In 99 he released an English language Pop CD self-titled, „Marc Anthony“. As of May 15, 2000, his CD was certified Double Platinum by RIAA. A compilation CD titled „Desde un Principio“ was released in 2000 & features some of Marc's greatest hits including „Preciosa“. On Sep. 13, 2000, he was awarded a Grammy's at the 1st Latin Grammy award for the Song of the Year, „Dimelo“(I need to know). He was also nominated for Record of the Year for DIMELO, Best Male Pop Performance by a Duo or Group with Vocal for „No me Ames“ (duet with J.L.O., appears on her CD; „on the 6“), Best Tropical Song for „Da la Vuelta“, and Best Music Video for the „No me Ames“ video. Marc is also an accomplished actor and appeared on Broadway in Paul Simon's „The Capeman“. His film credits include: Hachers (95); Big Night (96), The Substitute (96), East Side Story (97), Bringing Out the Dead (99) and also took part in „Robinita Hood“(2001)

By: Zeynep

WE LIKE IT PUNK WE LIKE IT ROCK WE LIKE IT PUNK ROCK



There are some groups which most teenagers don't know even if they have been on the scene for many years. These groups make punk and alternative music. They don't like making videos or interviews because they say that they don't want to sell themselves, they only want to give their energy and ideas to their fans. Their music is meant to show their disapproval of modern society.

Most part of the guys in these bands have had problems with their families and they have found their way singing and playing with a bottle of whiskey next to them. Most of them were poor and they had to work hard to be able to buy their instruments.

The one group I want to speak about is RANCID.

The group is formed of 4 members: Tim Armstrong (vocals and guitar), Matt Freeman (bass and background vocals), Lars Frederiksen (vocals and guitar) and Brett Reed (drums).

Tim and Matt have been friends since the age of 5; they formed a short-lived but very influential band, OPERATION IVY, in high school and in 1991 Matt and Tim formed RANCID. At the beginning the band was formed of 3 members: Tim, Matt and Brett, but then Lars joined the group. They recorded their first single with Lookout! Records - a very important label for the punk-rock.

In 1993 RANCID made a contract with Epitaph Records, and even if more important labels have asked RANCID to make a contract with them they prefer to remain with their label in favor of artistic freedom.

Here are two of their most famous albums: "...And Here Come The Wolves" and "Life Won't Wait". Listen to these albums if you want to hear some good music!!



And here are the lyrics of “Old Friend”, a song of 1995:

OLD FRIEND

Look up you're in Cleveland again a solid line that
never ends I've got stories you'll never realize and
I know it I wear it on my sleeve there must be
somethin' about you that I liked but right here in
the rain you know it just don't seem right I always
go out I never hide but in Cleveland I should have
stayed inside good morning heartache your like
an old friend come and see me again testify my
love

for you I know it runs deep through your body too
from the cold blacktop to the hot concrete the old
tan

van it ain't so sweet somewhere in America in the
city at night we were far from home but you know it
was gonna be alright the unfortunate get prayed
on by vultures eyes 86 cents in these pockets of mine



Maria Brijko

TOO MUCH TALK

By Luna Raksoun



There are many people
Very strange in this world
They chat here they chat there
They talk about him
They talk about her
Even though it's not their business

Too much talk
A pack of lies just nonsenses that's it
Anyway don't care
Anyway no matter what they say
'cos I know who I am
and I know what I do

sometimes I try my best
to understand what do they get of it
but I've never got it

too much talk
a pack of lies baby...

let them talk on and on
never be so insecure
but hold on go on
trust yourself
do what you wanna do
then, don't care
what they're gonna say on you

too much talk
a pack of lies...