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National Hispanic Heritage Month

Meet 8 incredible women that made a difference in the
Hispanic & Latinx Community!





Sylvia Del Villard

Sylvia Del Villard was an influential activist who established the Afro-Boricua El Coqui Theater to celebrate the Black Puerto Rican culture. In the 1970s, she was a passionate supporter of Black artists and fought against biased casting and inadequate opportunities for Black actors.



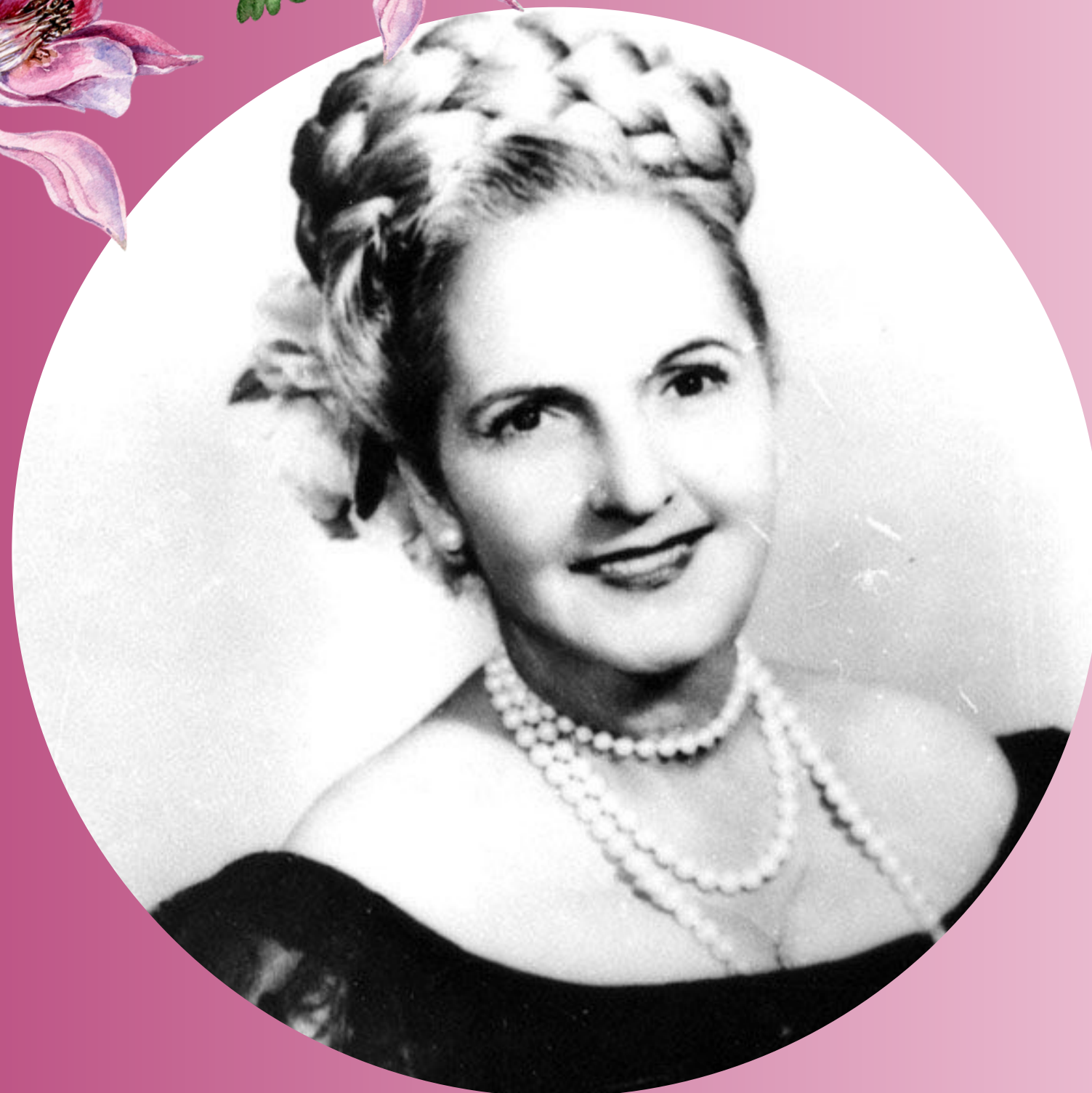
Nely Galán

Galán's creativity goes beyond her role as an independent producer. While serving as President of Entertainment at Telemundo, she created and produced *La Cenicienta*, a reality TV show that included English subtitles, making it accessible to both Spanish and English-speaking viewers. This groundbreaking move resulted in the program becoming one of Telemundo's highest-rated shows in its 50-year history.



Claudia Paz Y Paz

Paz y Paz achieved a groundbreaking feat in Guatemala as the first woman to hold the position of Attorney General. Her notable accomplishments include prosecuting a leader for genocide in a national court, which earned her global recognition in 2013. Her significant contributions were so impactful that she was even considered for a Nobel Peace Prize nomination.



Felisa Rincón de Gautier

Known as Doña Fela, she was the first woman to be elected as mayor in San Juan, Puerto Rico, which made her the first female mayor in the Americas. She participated in the suffragist movement and transformed San Juan.



Dr. Antonia Novello

Dr. Novella created history in 1990 by becoming the first woman, person of color, and Latinx to hold the esteemed position of U.S. Surgeon General. Her appointment by George Bush was a significant landmark in American history, and she served in that capacity for a period of three years.



Sonia Nazario

Throughout her career at the Los Angeles Times, a journalist who won the Pulitzer Prize dedicated herself to covering social justice and immigration issues. She focused specifically on the impact of these factors on children who immigrate to the United States from Central America.



Dolores Huerta

Dolores Clara Fernández Huerta played a pivotal role in co-founding the United Farmworkers Association alongside Cesar Chavez. Their joint efforts were aimed at championing the rights of farmworkers and promoting social justice. Even today, her legacy serves as a source of inspiration for activists.



Irma Gonzalez

Irma Gonzalez was a trailblazing female wrestler who made history in the male-dominated sport in the 1970s. Known as "La Alondra de la Frontera," she quickly gained a reputation as a fierce competitor with her signature moves and incredible athleticism. Despite facing discrimination and prejudice, Irma remained dedicated to her craft and paved the way for future generations of female wrestlers.