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Gina Chavez Performing Live at Mesa Arts Center
Austin's 2019 Best Female Vocalist of the Year and Best Latin Band
Saturday, March 30



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(Mesa, AZ) — Austin's Latin pop sensation Gina Chavez will bring sounds of the Americas to Mesa when she performs live at Mesa Arts Center Saturday, March 30, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. The bilingual songwriter is a 10-time Austin Music Award Winner. Tickets on sale now at mesaartscenter.com, at the Mesa Arts Center Box Office, or by calling 480-644-6500.

With her signature style of Latin folk-pop, Chavez takes audiences on a passionate journey through the Americas, blending the sounds and rhythms of the region with tension and grace. Her bilingual album *Up.Rooted* (2015) topped the Amazon and Latin iTunes charts following a national feature on NPR's *All Things Considered* and a Tiny Desk concert that made NPR's top 15 of 2015 and has more than 770,000 views. The album was hailed by the *Boston Globe*, *USA Today*, *Texas Monthly* and the *Austin Chronicle*.

"Siete-D," a Spanish-language anthem on *Up.Rooted*, won Chavez the Grand Prize in the 2014 John Lennon Songwriting Contest. "Siete-D" recounts her experience volunteering in a gang-dominated suburb of San Salvador, where she and her partner (now wife) Jodi Granado founded Niñas Arriba, a college fund benefiting young Latinas.

For her latest release, *Lightbeam* (2018), Chavez traded her acoustic guitar for a Gibson hollow body and worked with producer Dwight A. Baker (MISSIO, Josh Abbott Band, The Wind and the Wave). With classic hooks and a pop aesthetic, the five-song EP showcases Chavez's artistic

versatility and intensely personal lyrics that explore the journey and hardships she and Granado have undergone to publicly express their love for each other.

Chavez is an official SXSW artist for the sixth consecutive year, 2014 to 2019. When not touring the U.S., she and her band travel the world as cultural ambassadors with the U.S. State Department. Their most recent tour was in Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan. For more on Chavez, her music and the Niñas Arriba college fund, visit www.ginachavez.com.

“Her voice stops you in your tracks.” — NPR
Gina Chavez :: New album "Lightbeam" out now! Listen

Mesa Arts Center is located at One East Main Street in downtown Mesa.

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