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“La Revancha will open for Grammy winning® headliner at LatinoFest 2004”

La Revancha’s energetic sound, is hard to describe – It’s not totally rock, folk, blues or jazz, it’s just a big mix.

Watch the popular music group La Revancha on Saturday, June 12 at 7:30 p.m. in Promenade Park in downtown Toledo, Ohio. They will be the opening act for Jimmy Gonzalez y Grupo Mazz, who just won for Best Tejano album at this year’s Grammy® Awards.

“We’re very excited to be sharing our music at LatinoFest,” says lead singer/rhythm guitar player Leonardo Ruiz. “I have been very pleased to see people reacting to La Revancha’s music. Our band has so much fun up there that I think it is kind of contagious.”

La Revancha’s new album, “El Zarape”, is already receiving airplay from radio stations. La Revancha relocated to Bowling Green, Ohio from Los Angeles, California in January 2003 after recording an EP called “Locura” in late December 2002.

In just over a year La Revancha has developed into a solid local sound, performing at Campus-Fest 2003 and the Diamante Awards 2003, a gala Dinner for over 400 people including the Mayor of Toledo. La Revancha has played at a variety of night clubs, rallies, marches, belly dancing competitions and other venues, including the El Zarape restaurant, which their current album is named after.

“Everyone in the band has so many different backgrounds,” adds Ruiz. “You have a percussion player (Francisco Cabanillas) with the Caribbean beat of Puerto Rico, influenced mostly by salsa, merengue & Cuban music. Then you have a drummer (Elijah Vazquez), a violinist (Kathleen Jara) and a bass player (Josh Smith) that are working on their degrees of music performance and that frequently play in orchestras. An electric guitar player (Mike Dooley) that has played with hard core metal bands all his life; a trumpet player (Joe Zimmet) heavily influenced by blues and jazz; an acoustic guitar player (David Olivarez) doing melodies and rhythm with the taste of the folk music in Mexico and a rhythm guitar and singer (Leonardo Ruiz) that likes to get heavy on the instruments and to play with the voice to create new arrangements for songs.”

Find more information about La Revancha’s history, lyrics, music and shows at [www.larevanha.com](http://www.larevanha.com).

The growing popularity of the fourth annual LatinoFest expanded into a two day event this year. On Friday, June 11, the festivities start at 5:00 p.m. and end at 10:00 p.m. On Saturday, June 12, events begin at 11:00 a.m. and finish at 11:00 p.m. This special event

features Latino musical performers, artists and dancers along with various activities and vendors. The price is \$7 per day per person and children 12 & under get free admission.

Jimmy González joined with singer Joe López to form a band called Grupo Mazz, a popular Tejano music group, playing private parties and special events. After lead singer Joe López left in 1999, Jimmy González y el Grupo Mazz began. At the 2001 Tejano Music Awards, they won Album of the Year for “Quien Iba A Pensar”, featuring the hit single "A Pesar De Todo."