



Mes de la Herencia Hispanica



Spanish Heritage Month

**DID YOU
KNOW?**

Michelle Morgan Pardo, a Canadian Screen Award-winning actress, writer, and director best known for her role as Lou Fleming on the CBC TV series *Heartland* is of Chilean origin?

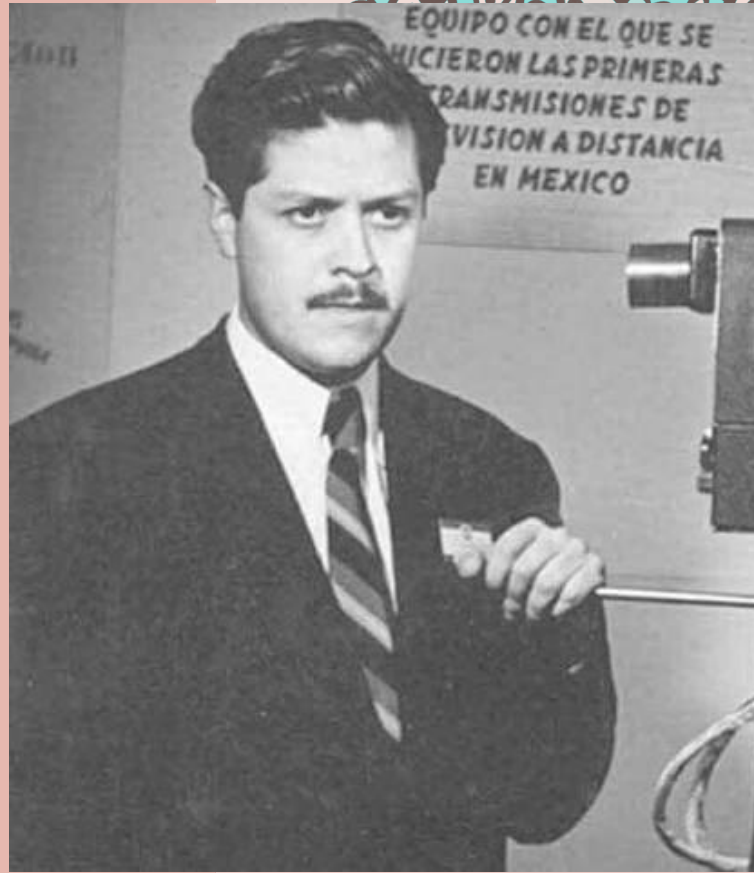
Her parents and direct relatives emigrated from Chile to Alberta in the 70s.

Michelle made history in 2025 by winning the *Directors Guild of Canada Award for Outstanding Directorial Achievement in a Family Series* for her work on *Heartland*.



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Guillermo González Camarena, was a Mexican scientist and researcher who invented color television in 1940 and moved to the United States in 1942. His technology was so efficient and cost-effective that NASA used a simplified version of his system decades later to transmit color images from space.





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Camila Gonzalez?

She is a Canadian television host, producer, and journalist known for her work across sports, soccer, entertainment and Latin media.

She was born in Cali, Colombia, and raised in Brampton, Ontario. She studied journalism at Toronto Metropolitan University and has worked in radio and television broadcasting in Canada since the age of 14.



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Aiona Santana is a Venezuelan artist, singer, songwriter, and actress whose life's work is rooted in a deep love for music, storytelling, and cultural connection. Born to Venezuelan parents who kept their culture alive at home despite the challenges of immigrating, Aiona was raised across Belgium, Venezuela, and Canada. Her parents worked tirelessly to give her and her sister a better life—and it's that foundation of sacrifice, strength, and heritage that gave Aiona the freedom to pursue her dream of becoming a singer.



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Jessie Reyez?

Jessica Reyez, a Colombian Canadian singer-songwriter born in Toronto, gained fame with her 2016 single "Figures" reaching #58 on the Canadian Hot 100. Her debut EP, Kiddo (2017), earned her the Breakthrough Artist at the 2018 Juno Awards, while her second EP, Being Human in Public (2018), won R&B/Soul Recording of the Year at the 2019 Juno Awards and was Grammy-nominated in 2020. Influenced by her Colombian parents and introduced to guitar by her father, she began writing music in high school after playing guitar as a child. She later moved to Brampton and attended St. Thomas Aquinas CSS where her musical career began.

