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Vicente Fernandez to Give Farewell Concert in Mexico City's Main Plaza

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The 74-year-old singer and actor, considered an icon of the ranchera music genre, said he was preparing for the concert with “much emotion.”

“I always said that I would like to say farewell there with all of my people,” the singer said in a statement.

Fernandez said it would be hard to select the songs for the concert, but he vowed to give fans an unforgettable performance.

“It is my farewell from the stage and I assure you that it will be something we are not going to forget,” Fernandez, who has been in poor health in recent years, said.

Fernandez, considered the top performer of mariachi music, said in early 2012 that he planned to retire after completing a farewell tour to spend more time with his family.

The singer, known for such hits as “Mujeres Divinas” and “El rey,” cancelled his concerts in the United States and Mexico in October 2012 after doctors found a lump on his liver that turned out to be cancerous.

The farewell tour, which was supposed to last one year, has been interrupted various times due to the singer's health problems.

Fernandez's farewell tour has taken him across Mexico, as well as to the United States, Spain,

Central America and South America.

Sony Music did not provide a date for the singer's final concert.

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