

Latin Grammys: J.Lo, Marc Anthony recreate iconic duet, share a sweet kiss

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Las Vegas – The most anticipated surprise of the Latin Grammys ended with a sweet kiss.

Marc Anthony shared the stage with ex-wife Jennifer Lopez for a rendition of a passionate 1984 classic, “Olvidame y pega la vuelta.” When the heartfelt performance was over, the entranced fans joined in a chorus to ask for a kiss – and the couple obliged.

The rumor mill that JLo would be making a special appearance at the annual music award show started working overtime when a fellow musician from “Gente de Zona,” a reggaeton group from Cuba, shared a photo of him with Anthony and Lopez.

Lopez called her ex-husband a “living legend.”

“He has given us so many classical (songs) that will stay forever,” the singer said in Spanish.

“Even with our own journey, we have learned a lot, we have grown so much and you will always be many things in my life -- a soulmate, a father and someone I love.” Lopez and Anthony have two boys together.

“He’s not only the person of the year, he’s the person of all time,” she said, alluding to the designation of Marc Anthony as the Latin Grammy “Person of the Year” the day before.

While Lopez and Anthony’s performance was definitely a highlight of the night, other bright parts included performances by Pharrell Williams and Rachel Platten, who teamed up with J Balvin and Diego Torres, respectively.

Williams and Balvin, who won his second Grammy for best urban album, performed their newest megahit “Safari” while Platten and Torres showcased a bilingual version of “Siempre Estare Ahi.”

“This shows that they are part of our culture and make it mainstream,” Balvin said backstage.

The night’s biggest winners included Carlos Vives, Fonseca, the late Juan Gabriel and newcomer Manuel

Medrano with two awards each.

Juan Gabriel had never received a Latin Grammy Award during his lifetime, but on Thursday, he became a posthumous indisputable winner. A video tribute showed highlights from his decades onstage, and the presenters of the night's final prize called on the audience to "applaud for the master."

Gabriel died in August at age 66.

Carlos Vives, whose duet with Shakira "Bicicleta" took home Record of the Year and Song of the Year, actually forgot to thank his compatriot during both of his speeches.

Backstage he revealed that he had written down her name, her children's names and even her partner's, Gerard Pique, to thank them.

"I really thank her for galling in love with the song," Vives said in Spanish.

Unlike 2015, politics did not take center stage, but it wasn't far from many people's minds.

When introducing Platten and Torres, co-host Roselyn Sanchez took a slight shot at President-elect Donald Trump's controversial immigration proposal.

"There should never been barriers or walls that separate us," she said in Spanish.

Brother-sister duo Jesse and Joy Huerta won their second Grammy for their album "Un besito mas" and dedicated their win to "all Latinos in the United States and all the minority communities."

"There is a movement that is going and our message is to keep very united," Joy Huerta said. "We are Mexican-American and I think our parents taught us to be anti-bullying and this is bullying to us, and we must use our microphone."

"While people want to build walls, music builds bridges and love," Jesse Huerta added.

The Latin Grammy Awards were presented at T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas and broadcast live on Univision.