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MSU Cesar Chavez & Dolores Huerta Celebration

Documentary on the life of Chicano musician and activist Ramon "Chunky" Sanchez

"Singing Our Way to Freedom"



Photo by Vito Di Stefano

"SINGING OUR WAY TO FREEDOM chronicles the life and music of Ramon "Chunky" Sanchez from his humble beginnings as a farmworker in Blythe, California to the dramatic moment when he received one of his nation's highest musical honors at the Library of Congress in Washington DC. [I]n the 1970s, Chunky joined the picket lines in California and became Cesar Chavez's favorite musician. His journey is a remarkable lens on a time when young Mexican Americans became Chicanos. Chunky learned how to employ humor, honesty, and music to inspire folks to stand up and speak truth to power. His arc of transformation from marginalized farm kid to charismatic social activist shows how one person can mobilize people to change the world, reminding us that the battle for freedom has to be fought anew by every generation."

A recipient of numerous awards, Chunky was recognized in 2013 by the National Endowment for the Arts through its National Heritage Fellowship, the nation's highest honor in folk and traditional arts.

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6PM

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