

# *Yulaysi Miranda wins Sondando en Cuba competition*

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The Cuban TV show *Sonando en Cuba* came to an end over the weekend with the final round and awards ceremony attended by Puerto Rican salsa singer, Victor Manuelle.

Winning the second season of the three- month Cuban TV competition was Yulaysi Miranda representing the Cuban western region who stood out with an thrilling performance on the final round showcasing the spirit of Cuban music, mainly that of Juan Formell and los Van Van band.

As part of the show's internationalization as it's been broadcast by Cuba's TV channel - Cubavisión Internacional - and the Puerto Rican division of the US Latin channel Telemundo, Miranda is scheduled to take Cuban tunes and rhythms to Puerto Rico during the next tour of that Caribbean island by famous singer Olgan Tañón, one of the competition's main prizes. The jury, made up of Cuba's Adalberto Álvarez, Argelia Frago and Diana Fuentes and US born Puerto Rican salsa star Víctor Manuelle, chose the repertoire of the western region's performer who was able to successfully sing many genres of popular Cuban dancing music.

Yulaysi will also have the opportunity to make her first album with the Cuban label RTV Comercial, while Cuban video maker Alejandro Pérez and his team awarded the winner with the production of the album's first video. For his part, Duani Ramos won the popularity award among the TV show's 24 competitors and sang his version of *Preciosa*, a tune made famous by Marc Anthony and dedicated to Puerto Rico.

Sonando en Cuba or Sounding in Cuba is a project created by Paulo Fernando Gallo, better known as, Paulito FG, one of the most popular Cuban music singers and band directors, joined this time by Mayito Rivera, former vocalist of Los Van Van orchestra, and popular singer Haila María Monpié as the mentors of the central and western region. The western region won the popularity award among the three regions in Cuba.

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