20 Lesser-Known Facts About The Latino Star Enrique Iglesias

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The biggest heartthrobs of the aughts, Enrique Iglesias is now 42 years old and still the stud he was when he first won hearts with 'Bailamos'. Enrique has been in the spotlight for quite a few years now but there are still many interesting facts about the singer that not many people know. One of the facts is that he dislikes the way the press keeps putting him up against his father Julio Iglesias. Another interesting fact about the pop sensation Enrique Iglesias is that he doesn’t wear a watch but carries it on him.

Born as Enrique Miguel Iglesias Preysler on May 8th, 1975 in Madrid, Spain to Spanish singer Julio Iglesias and Filipino actress and journalist Isabel Preysler, Enrique is the baby of the family as he is the youngest of three children.

A singer, songwriter, actor and record producer, Enrique is widely regarded as the King of Latin Pop and today on his birthday we bring you some lesser-known facts about the king that not many are aware of.

#20 His first album ‘Enrique Iglesias’ earned him his first gold record.
This is no hidden fact that Enrique released his first self-titled album ‘Enrique Iglesias’ in the year 1995 when he was just 20 years of age and it sold more than a million copies within 3 months of its release. The interesting fact is that the same album earned him his first gold record in Portugal in just seven days.

#19 The year 1996 saw him collecting awards and recognition.
Enrique Iglesias won the 1996 Grammy for Best Latin Performer, 1996’s Billboard Artist of the Year, Billboard’s Album of the Year (Vivir, his second album), 2 American Music Awards, a World Music Award, 8 Premio Lo Nuestro awards, 2 awards for ACE Performer of the Year and ASCAP prizes for Best Composer of 1996 and 1997.

#18 Elvira is one woman he admires the most.
Elvira was Enrique Iglesias’s nanny and he dedicated his first album to her. Elvira, his nanny was the one who took care of Enrique and his elder brother and sister when their parents weren’t able to be with them and she is the woman Iglesias admires the most and now takes care of. Sweet, isn’t he?

#17 If given a chance, Enrique wouldn’t ever edit his past.
Here’s another Enrique Iglesias’ interesting fact that not many might know. He would never want to change anything in his past as Enrique believes that his mistakes were his lessons and he would never want to change any.

#16 Iglesias got burned in a bathtub.
When Enrique was just a kid, he got burned in the bathtub as there used to be gas boilers in those times. He was hospitalized and it is one of his earliest memories as a kid. He still has scars on his inner thighs. Nah, you wouldn’t be able to see them ever as Enrique would never pose in the nude. Sorry ladies!

#15 Enrique’s trademark mole proved dangerous to his life.
Many Enrique fans might remember the sexy mole on his right cheek that was a kind of Iglesias trademark but he got it removed as a doctor told him it could be cancerous. His on-screen debut ‘Once Upon A Time In Mexico’ was the last footage of him with his trademark mole.

#14 Enrique Iglesias will never marry girlfriend Anna Kournikova.
The Russian tennis player starred in Enrique's 'Escape' video in 2001 and since then Anna Kournikova and Enrique Iglesias have been a couple but aren't really bothered about marriage. “I've never really thought marriage would make a difference. Maybe it's because I come from divorced parents, but I don't think you love someone more because of a piece of paper. And nowadays it's not taboo to have kids and not be married. What makes a difference is that you're a good parent”, Enrique told a magazine during an interview.

#13 Iglesias became the first western artist to play a concert in Syria.
July 4, 2008, saw Damascus, the capital city of Syria swaying to Enrique Iglesias songs. Iglesias became the first western artists in three decades to perform for a sold-out crowd of 10,000 in Syria.

#12 The King of Latin Pop.
With over 36 Billboard Latin Music Awards under his belt Billboard has titled Enrique ‘The King of Pop’ and ‘The King of Dance’. His 2002 album ‘Escape’ saw him winning the Best Selling Pop Male Artist and European Male Artist World Music Award.

#11 Enrique has a fear of flying.

Every time Iglesias flies, he feels he’s closest to death and to overcome this fear he started taking pilot lessons in 2002. He is now a certified pilot but in Iglesias’s own words, “I tend just to get rid of the checklist – only when I fly by myself!”

#10 Iglesias holds records for producing most number one hits.
Enrique is indeed the ‘King of Latin Pop’ as he holds the record for producing 27 number one Spanish language singles, most number 1 hits and the longest running number 1 hit on the Billboard’s Hot Latin Tracks.

#9 Iglesias is a man in love and knows it needs nurturing.
“There’s no such thing as a perfect relationship. You go through ups and downs and it’s a lot of work, but when you get through that, the good times are really, really good”, says Enrique. He has a lot of love and respect for long-time girlfriend Anna Kournikova with whom he reportedly split and then got back together, “Firstly, she’s the coolest girl in the world. And she understands who I am, to the point where she’s willing to sacrifice her personal time with me and let me do my music. It’s a huge sacrifice and I respect that tremendously.”

#8 Enrique Iglesias’ net worth is estimated to be somewhere around $110 million.

That’s a huge figure, but yes Enrique Iglesias net worth in 2017 is estimated to be around $110 million and it includes stocks, properties and his luxury goods such as yacht and private airplanes.

#7 There are several humanitarian causes close to Iglesias’s heart.
Over the years Iglesias has supported many charities and time and again asked his fans and followers to do the same. Iglesias has supported the City of Hope, Habitat for Humanity, Help for Heroes, Live Earth, Muscular Dystrophy Association, Music for Relief, Special Olympics, The Salvation Army, and charitable causes like Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation and hunger relief.

#6 Enrique once threw an award he received into the audience.
Iglesias was given an award shaped as a seagull with open wings after performing at the Vina del Mar International Music Festival. Just to indulge his fans Enrique threw the award to the audience but the hostess of the Festival was shocked and urged the audience to return it back.

#5 Iglesias lives in a $26 million dollar waterfront mansion in Miami.
The Grammy Winner owns a lavish $26 million dollars waterfront mansion in Miami, Florida to which he recently moved. Apart from the six bedrooms, 5 baths, open space and swimming pool, the mansion sports an extravagant tennis court thoughtfully added by the artist for his beloved girlfriend or some say wife Anna Kournikova.

#4 Besides being a songwriter, singer, actor, producer Iglesias is a sharp businessman.
Iglesias has many brand endorsements under his belt including Azzaro Pour Home fragrances and Tommy Hilfiger’s True Star Men fragrances. Iglesias also produces and promotes some fine, luxury rums in partnership with Atlantico Rum. He also endorses the lip smacking crispy bites Doritos and has plans to introduce his own line of extra small sized condoms.

#3 Enrique’s success in India is phenomenal.
Here’s an interesting fact for Enrique Iglesias’s Indian fans, his official biography admits that Iglesias enjoys phenomenal success in India. His first two releases sold two lakh copies each and he is considered to be one of the largest selling international artists of all time in India.

#1 Iglesias has had his share of beauties and is a keeper.
The superhot Enrique has dated some beautiful ladies including Sofia Vergara, Christina Aguilera, Samantha Torres and the list doesn’t stop her. But ever since he started dating the talented and gorgeous tennis star Anna Kournikova, there has been no one else.