

## Porque Because by Roberta M. Rosa



Bill Santiago - Comedian

I met one of the hottest Latino comediennes out there right now and his name is Bill Santiago. Yeah I know, there are no Mijas named "Bill Santiago." Let's just say he is one of the few Mijos in the Mija Magazine family.

It was one cold, snow flakey day in downtown Cleveland, Ohio at a comedy club called Hilarities. I got there 10 minutes before show time and sat waaaay in the back - not by choice. I purchased a top of the line chocolate martini as the lights dimmed.

I looked at my ticket and it had the names of Bill Santiago and a guy by the name of Craig Ferguson. "Who the heck is Craig Ferguson?" I said to myself. I soon found out later, but I wasn't there to see him, I was there to see the Boricua from Manhattan.

Bill Santiago was called to command the stage and command the stage he did. While performing stand up, Bill tackles issues such as growing up Latino, Spanglish speakers, entertainment, politics, day-to-day life, religion and chanclas. His delivery is in Spanglish. (English & Spanish) It is not the type of Spanglish to discourage ones in the audience that may not have experienced Spanglish speakers. Ones in his audience that are not Latino will learn to embrace the Latino culture through laugh. You may even add a few new words to your vocabulary by the end of the show! It's a PG 13 show as well, which is good. The only "F word" I heard in his show was "Feng-Shui."

Bill Santiago is intellectually giving all that appreciate and love comedy, a breath of fresh air. Who else can talk in two languages to an evenly mixed crowd without having one lose interest? You be the judge.

I highly recommend Bill Santiago as a must see. He was a huge hit on Comedy Central's Premium Blend. He pimped a raft on Conan O' Brian and has appeared on the Tonight Show with Jay Leno. Please check out [www.billsantiago.com](http://www.billsantiago.com) to see if he is coming to your neck of the woods.

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