

‘WOW!’: See Dua Lipa channel Gloria Estefan at concert in Miami

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Dua Lipa, FTW!
The British pop star brought the house down Friday night at the Kaseya Center pulling off the (close to) impossible.

In the second act of her concert, the first of two Miami shows on her Radical Optimism Tour, Lipa began to belt out a classic by a local legend. (The 30-year-old is known for doing covers of songs by artists from the town she’s visiting).

That would be Gloria Estefan’s 1985 hit “Conga.”

“Come on, shake your body, baby, do the conga, I know you can’t control yourself any longer,” sang Lipa, swiveling her hips in a black, lacy bodysuit. “Feel the rhythm of the music getting stronger. Don’t you fight it ‘til you’ve tried it do the conga beat!”

After the rousing show, Estefan re-shared a clip on her Instagram, giving it a rave review in both English and Spanish.

“WOW! I love Dua Lipa and was honored by her performance of #conga here in Miami!” wrote the Cuban icon, 68. “Thank you! I am a big fan!”

Fans flooded the comments section in agreement:

“When a Queen pays tribute to another Queen.”

‘Beautiful!!! Body, voice and attitude!!! The best!!

“Not easy to emulate Gloria ... but she was awesome!!”

And this, from someone who actually witnessed Lipa in all her glory: “I was there and I could feel how the WHOLE place screamed and vibrated.”



Dua Lipa



SCREENSHOT, INSTAGRAM

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Vanessa Pulgarín, a communications student born in Medellín, is the new Miss Universe Colombia and will represent the country at the Miss Universe pageant in Thailand on Nov. 21.

For the first time, the Miss Universe Colombia title was chosen through a reality show: *Miss Universe Latina: El Reality*, broadcast on RCN.

Pulgarín’s victory on Sept. 28 in Bogotá was not without controversy, which often happens at the start of beauty reigns when the public disagrees with the judges’ decision because they were rooting for another candidate.

The controversy centered on Pulgarín’s age, 34, which many pointed out exceeds the usual standards of other beauty pageants in Colombia, according to *Us Magazine*.

“She looks more like a Mrs. than a Miss,” wrote a commenter under an Instagram post by the Miss Universe Colombia organization.

“They put in 30 unattractive girls so this 34-year-old woman can win, be serious. A sure bet in Thailand,” said one commenter. Another said Pulgarin could be at a disadvantage “when she’s up against girls of 18-19 who give a good answer... they will make her cry.”

MISS UNIVERSE COLOMBIA CHOSEN IN A REALITY SHOW

Miss Universe Colombia’s reality show followed the format of “Miss Universe Latina: El Reality,” which Telemundo broadcast from Miami in July. That’s where Dominican contestant Yamilex Hernández was

chosen to represent U.S. Latinos at Miss Universe 2025.

Colombian network RCN bought the format from Telemundo and aired its own version as a nine-episode reality series. Contestants were evaluated on more than just their runway presence — they were judged on communication skills, language ability, etiquette and physical fitness.

The latter is one of Pulgarín’s strong suits. She often shares her passion for fitness and sports on social media, hoping to inspire other women.

“I think the most important thing is to use our platforms to inspire others. For me, that’s through sports and a healthy lifestyle,” Pulgarin said when asked about the difference between “a viral figure” and “a truly influential person on social media,” according to *El Tiempo*.

She also praised the reality show for the opportunities it gave her to learn and to connect with people along the way.

“This achievement comes from a dream I share with my parents and is strengthened by the love, dedication and commitment of an incredible team that supported me every step of the way. To all of you, thank you for believing in me and being part of this story,” said Pulgarin, who represented the department of Antioquia.

Speaking about her social project, Pulgarin — switching effortlessly to English — said she has traveled throughout Colombia meeting with vulnerable communities.

“I’ve done my part, and every time I did, I felt I received more than I gave,” she wrote on social

media.

AGE IS EXPERIENCE AT MISS UNIVERSE

In 2023 the Miss Universe pageant changed its rules to broaden the range of contestants, allowing new queens to be mothers and removing strict age limits. Previously contestants had to be 18-28, but now they only need to be adults.

Age has not stopped queens like Nicole Peiliker, 41 and mother of four, from representing the Caribbean island of Bonaire at Miss Universe.

Peiliker, the oldest contestant in 2025, is one year older than Beatrice Njoya, who became the oldest contestant at Miss Universe in 2024. Njoya, then 40, was Miss Universe Malta.

The story of Brazilian actress and model Cristina Leite is also inspiring: She became the first contestant over 50 in the Miss Universe Brasil competition.

Experience — and age — are very much on Pulgarín’s side: In 2017 she became Señorita Antioquia and later was the national runner-up, placing second in the Concurso de Belleza de Colombia in 2017. She then represented the country at Miss International 2017 in Japan.

Some followers of Miss Universe Colombia this year argued that if Pulgarin had already competed in several pageants and didn’t win first place in Colombia, there’s not much chance she’ll be among the favorites at the global contest.

“Vanessa has plenty of attitude, but at Miss Universe, I don’t know, I think she’s already used up her chance to go there,” said an Instagram user.

BIRTHDAYS

Biographical information from October 6 is from Encyclopaedia Britannica. Explore more at [britannica.com](#).

Hafez al-Assad, president of Syria (b. 1930).

Thor Heyerdahl, Norwegian ethnologist (b. 1914).

Carole Lombard, American actress (b. 1908).

Le Corbusier, Swiss architect (b. 1887).

Louis-Philippe, king of France (b. 1773).

ON THIS DATE

Historical events from October 6 are brought to you by Encyclopaedia Britannica. Explore more at [britannica.com](#).

2000: Near Sakaiminato, Japan, an earthquake of magnitude 7.3 struck, the most powerful earthquake since the devastating Kōbe earthquake of 1995, but damage and casualties were relatively low because the epicentre was in a sparsely inhabited area.

1993: Michael Jordan retired from professional basketball, saying “I don’t have anything else to prove,” only to return in March 1995.

1973: On this day in 1973, on the Jewish holy day of Yom Kippur, Egypt and Syria attacked Israel, which suffered heavy casualties, but Israeli forces successfully fought back, and the war eventually ended inconclusively.

1960: The American adventure film *Spartacus*, directed by Stanley Kubrick and starring Kirk Douglas, had its world premiere; it won several Academy Awards, including best supporting actor for Peter Ustinov.

1927: *The Jazz Singer*, starring Al Jolson, premiered in New York City, introducing the sound era of motion pictures.

1892: The English poet widely regarded as the chief representative of the Victorian Age in poetry, Alfred, Lord Tennyson, died at age 83.

891: Formosus was elected pope; his posthumous trial in 897 is one of the most bizarre incidents in papal history.

PRIME-TIME TELEVISION SCHEDULE								MOVIES	SPORTS	KIDS	NEWS			
	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM	12:30		
2 PBS	BBC News The Context	Check, Please! South Florida (N)	Antiques Roadshow "Vintage Raleigh 2025 Hour 2" (N)		Antiques Roadshow "Vintage Orlando Hour 2"		Independent Lens "Cracking the Code: Phil Sharp and the Biotech Revolution" (N) (SP)		Stroke: The Circle of Healing		Amanpour and Company (N)			
4 CBS	CBS Evening News Plus (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	The Neighborhood	The Neighborhood	FBI "A New Day"			Watson "Your Life's Work, Part 2"		CBS News Miami at 11PM (N)	(35) Colbert "Gavin Newsom, Priscilla Presley" Gavin Newsom, Priscilla Presley	(35) Comics Unleashed (N)		
6 NBC	NBC 6 News at 7pm (N)	Access Hollywood (N)	The Voice "The Blind Auditions, Part 5" The coaches seek America's next singing phenomenon. (N)			Brilliant Minds "The Pusher" (N)			NBC 6 News at 11pm (N)	(35) J. Fallon "Taylor Swift, Keri Russell; The Format" Taylor Swift, Keri Russell (N)	(35) Seth Meyers (N)	(35) Seth Meyers (N)		
7 FOX	Inside Edition (N)	Deco Drive	Name That Tune "Hip-Hop Hurray!" Guests Lil Jon (N)		The Weakest Link "Roastmasters" Guests Cedric the Entertainer, Lil Rel Howery (N)		Ch. 7 News at 10:00 (N)		Ch. 7 News at 11:00 (N)	Deco Drive	Inside Edition	Ch. 7 News at 10:00		
7.2 13 ABC	Extra (N)	The Perfect Line "All for You!"	NFL Football Kansas City Chiefs at Jacksonville Jaguars The Chiefs try to maintain their grip on the Jaguars with a ninth straight series victory. (N) (Live)					(15) ABC 7 News at 11 (N)	(50) Jimmy Kimmel Live! (N)	(50) Nightline (N)				
17 PBS	NOVA		Dalgliesh	(45) Dalgliesh	Ms. Fisher's Modern Murder Mysteries				Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby		NOVA			
23 UNI	Rosa "Mujer valiente" (N)		Con esa "La despedida" (N)		Los hilos "Lo que nos une" (N)		Amanecer (N)		Noticias (N)	SaborDe/ Noticiero	Contacto deportivo (N) (Live)			
33 IND	Family Feud (N)	Family Feud (N)	Penn & Teller: Fool Us "The Bill-In-Penn's-Head Trick"		Born Lucky With Leland Vittert and Bill O'Reilly (N)		CBS News Miami at 10PM (N)	TMZ (N)	Ghosts	Big Bang "The VCR Illumination"	The Neighborhood	The Neighborhood		
35 ION	Chicago P.D. "Rage"		Chicago P.D. "The One Next to Me"		Chicago P.D. "In the Dark"		Chicago P.D. "Burnside"		Chicago P.D. "End of Watch"		Chicago P.D. "Trust Me"			
39 IND	Young Sheldon "Memorir	Conners "Patriarchs and Goddesses"	Chicago Fire "Nemesis"		Suits "Bail Out"		Seinfeld "The Susie" "Seinfeld "The Cafe"		The National News Desk		GMFB: Overtime (N)			
51 TELE	Top Chef VIP (N) (SF)		Top Chef VIP "Tres platos hacia la victoria" Cuatro finalistas se enfrentan por el premio. (N) (SF)					Noticiero Tele (N)		(35) Noticias (N)	El pelotazo (N)	Me robaste el (N)		
A&E	Live PD: Greatest Shifts "Episode 3" (N)		Live PD: Greatest Shifts "Episode 4" (N)		Live PD: Greatest Shifts "Episode 6" (N)		Live PD: Greatest Shifts "Episode 7" (N)		(05) Live PD: Great. "Episode 5" (N)	(05) Live PD: Great. "Episode 5" (N)	(05) Live PD: Greatest Shifts "Episode 4"			
AMC	(5:30) *** House of Wax "05" Chad Michael Murray, Elisha Cuthbert.		*** Ghost Ship "02" Ron Eldard, Desmond Harrington, Julianna Margulies. Salvagers are trapped aboard a haunted oceanliner.		*** Thirteen Ghosts "01" Embeth Davidtz, Matthew Lillard, Tony Shalhoub. A family is trapped inside a mansion with vengeful spirits.		*** Thirteen Ghosts "01" Embeth Davidtz, Matthew Lillard, Tony Shalhoub. A family is trapped inside a mansion with vengeful spirits.		*** Jeepers Creepers "01" Justin Long, Jonathan Breck, Gina Phillips.		*** Jeepers Creepers "01" Justin Long, Jonathan Breck, Gina Phillips.			
AP	(6:00) Afraid "No Gear, No Fear"		Naked and Afraid "Toxic Redemption"		Naked and Afraid "No Legs, No Problem"		Afraid "Punished by the Prairie State"		Naked and Afraid "Toxic Redemption"		Naked and Afraid "Toxic Redemption"			
BRV	Below Deck "Raising the Bar-celona"		Below Deck Mediterranean "Stingled Out" (N)			The Real Housewives "Second Bloom"		Below Deck "Stingled Out"		Below Deck "Watch With Kate Chastain"		Below Deck		
BSN	Inside the Heat		NBA Basketball Milwaukee Bucks at Miami Heat (N) (Live)				Golic / Golic		NBA Basketball		NBA Basketball			
CNBC	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank			
CNN	Erin Burnett OutFront (N) (Live)		Anderson Cooper 360 (N) (Live)		The Source With (N) (Live)		CNN NewsNight (N) (Live)		Laura Coates Live (N) (Live)		Anderson Cooper 360			
COM	The Office (35) The Office		The Office (40) The Office		The Office (20) The Office "Moving On"		(55) The Office The Office		The Daily Show (N)		Family Guy Family Guy			
DSC	Street Outlaws "Call Me Captain" (N)		Street Outlaws: No Prep Kings "Prove Your Worth" Drivers from eight teams try to survive the qualifier. (N) (SP)		Street Outlaws "Prove Your Worth" Drivers from eight teams try to survive the qualifier. (N) (SP)		Street Outlaws "Prove Your Worth" Drivers from eight teams try to survive the qualifier. (N) (SP)		Street Outlaws "Don't Knock Doc"		Street Outlaws "Prove Your Worth"			
ESPN	(6:00) Monday Night Countdown		NFL Football Kansas City Chiefs at Jacksonville Jaguars From EverBank Stadium in Jacksonville, Fla. (N) (Live)					(15) Postgame (N)		SportsCenter (N) (Live)		SportsCenter (N)		
FNC	The Ingraham Angle (N) (Live)		Jesse Watters Primetime (N) (Live)		Hannity (N) (Live)		Gutfeld! (N)		Fox News at Night (N) (Live)		The Five			
FOOD	Beat Bobby Flay		Halloween Baking Championship "Engrossed With Ghosts"		Halloween "Messages From Beyond" (N)		Halloween Wars		Halloween Cookie Challenge		Halloween "Messages From Beyond"			
FX	***** Alien: Romulus (24) David Jonsson, Archie Renaux, Cailee Spaeny.					***** Aliens (86) Carrie Henn, Michael Biehn, Sigourney Weaver. Space Marines battle an army of deadly monsters.					***** Alien 3 (92)			
HBO	(20) Last Week Tonight With John Oliver		Task "Vagrants"		(05) ***** Bring Her Back (25) Billy Barratt, Sora Wong.		(50) Task "Vagrants" With help from an eyewitness, its' closer to solve the case.		(55) ***** Gone Girl (14) Rosamund Pike, Neil Patrick Harris, Ben Affleck.		(55) ***** Gone Girl (14) Rosamund Pike, Neil Patrick Harris, Ben Affleck.			
HGTV	Help-Wrecked "Empty Nester's Woes"		Help! I Wrecked My House "Family First"		Wrecked "Feeling Like Home Again"		Hunters "Fix Her? I Barely Know Her!" (N)		House Hunters House Hunters		Wrecked "Feeling Like Home Again"			
HIST	Ancient Aliens "Area 52"		Ancient Aliens "Egypt's Giant Tombs"		Ancient Aliens: Origins "Extraterrestrial Teachers" (N) (SP)		(05) Aliens "The UFO Superhighway"		(05) Aliens "The UFO Superhighway"		(05) Ancient "Extraterrestrial Teachers"			
LIFE	NCIS "Chasing Ghosts"		NCIS "Berlin"		NCIS "Revenge"		(05) NCIS "Double Blind"		(05) NCIS "Damned If You Do"		NCIS "Berlin"			
MSN	The Weeknight (N) (Live)		The Rachel Maddow Show (N) (Live)		Last Word With Lawrence (N) (Live)		11th-Stephanie (N) (Live)		The Rachel Maddow Show		The Rachel Maddow Show			
SYFY	(4:15) ***** Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" (02)		***** M3GAN (22) Violet McGraw, Ronny Chieng, Allison Williams. A robotic doll becomes violent and overprotective.					***** Child's Play (19) Mark Hamill, Gabriel Bateman, Aubrey Plaza. A woman unwittingly gives her young son an evil toy doll.					***** The Prodigy (19) Jackson Robert Scott, Peter Mooney, Taylor Schilling.	
TBS	(6:00) MLB Baseball Los Angeles Dodgers at Philadelphia Phillies (N) (Live)		MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee Brewers National League Division Series, Game 2. (N) (Live)				MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee Brewers National League Division Series, Game 2. (N) (Live)		MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee Brewers National League Division Series, Game 2. (N) (Live)		MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee Brewers National League Division Series, Game 2. (N) (Live)			
TCM	(5:45) ***** Local Hero (83) Peter Riegert, Denis Lawson, Burt Lancaster.		***** Francis (49) Patricia Medina, ZaSu Pitts, Donald O'Connor.		(45) ***** Francis Goes to the Races (51) Piper Laurie, Cecil Kellaway, Donald O'Connor. Francis comes to the aid of a debt-ridden horse breeder.				***** Francis Goes to West Point (52) Lori Nelson, Alice Kelley, Donald O'Connor.		***** Francis Goes to West Point (52) Lori Nelson, Alice Kelley, Donald O'Connor.			
TLC	90 Day: Other "Pillow Talk: Bon Bini"		90 Day: Other "A Dog's Breakfast" (N)		Seeking Sister Wife (N)		90 Day Fiancé: The Other Way (N)		90 Day Diaries		90 Day: Other "A Dog's Breakfast"			
TNT	(5:30) ***** Blue Beetle (23)		***** Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2 (17) Zoe Saldana, Bradley Cooper, Chris Pratt.					***** Battleship (12) Alexander Skarsgård, Rihanna, Taylor Kitsch.		***** Battleship (12) Alexander Skarsgård, Rihanna, Taylor Kitsch.		***** Battleship (12) Alexander Skarsgård, Rihanna, Taylor Kitsch.		
TRAV	(6:00) Mysteries of the Unknown		Mysteries-Unk. "Death of a Princess, Skin Souvenirs and the Silver Bridge" (N)				Mysteries-Unk. "Garden of Glass, The Delano Grape Strike and Dental Dilemma"				Mysteries of the Unknown			
TRUTV	(6:00) MLB Baseball Los Angeles Dodgers at Philadelphia Phillies (N) (Live)		MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee Brewers National League Division Series, Game 2. (N) (Live)				MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee Brewers National League Division Series, Game 2. (N) (Live)				MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee Brewers National League Division Series, Game 2. (N) (Live)			
USA	Law & Order: SVU "Poison"		Law & Order: SVU "Head"		Law & Order: SVU "Birthright"		Law & Order: SVU "Debt"		Law & Order: SVU "Outcry"		Law & Order: SVU "Doubt"			