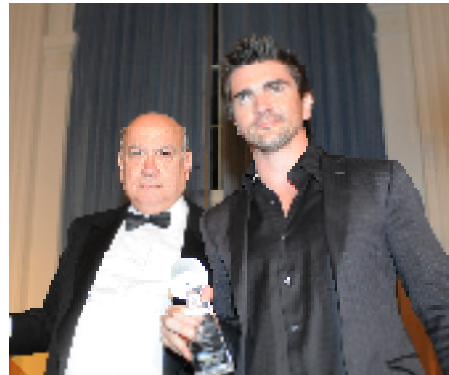




PRESS RELEASE

THE TRUST FOR THE AMERICAS PRESENTED ITS FIRST HUMANITARIAN AWARD TO JUANES

Washington D.C., November 25, 2008. The Trust for the Americas, a nonprofit affiliate of the Organization of American States (OAS), presented its first **Humanitarian Award** to seventeen-time LATIN GRAMMY Award winner **Juanes**. The Award was given by the OAS Secretary General, Jose Miguel Insulza, at the **Trust/OAS Gala** on November 20th in Washington, DC.



Ambassadors Carolina Barco and Camilo Ospina from Colombia were present as well as Senator Lisa Murkowski from Alaska. They were joined by other Ambassadors to the U.S. and OAS from throughout the Americas, corporate executives and senior OAS officials, who gathered to recognize Juanes for his efforts to help landmine victims in Colombia through his organization, Fundacion Mi Sangre.



Juanes accepted the award, saying “I would like to thank the Trust for the Americas and recognize the work of the Trust in our country [Colombia] through social programs like POETA.” To celebrate the occasion, Juanes played two songs, “Odio por Amor” and one of his biggest worldwide hits, “A Dios le Pido.”

About the Trust for the Americas:

The Trust for the Americas is a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization affiliated with the Organization of American States (OAS) and was established in 1997 to promote private and public sector participation in projects that reflect the main goals of the OAS. The mission of the Trust is to execute capacity building programs, both for individuals and organizations. The Trust implements its programs through local partner organizations, with support from over 200 public and private sector partners in more than 20 countries throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

About the Trust Humanitarian Award:

The Trust Humanitarian Award was established to recognize the contribution of an artist to improve the lives of disadvantaged communities in Latin America and the Caribbean.

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