



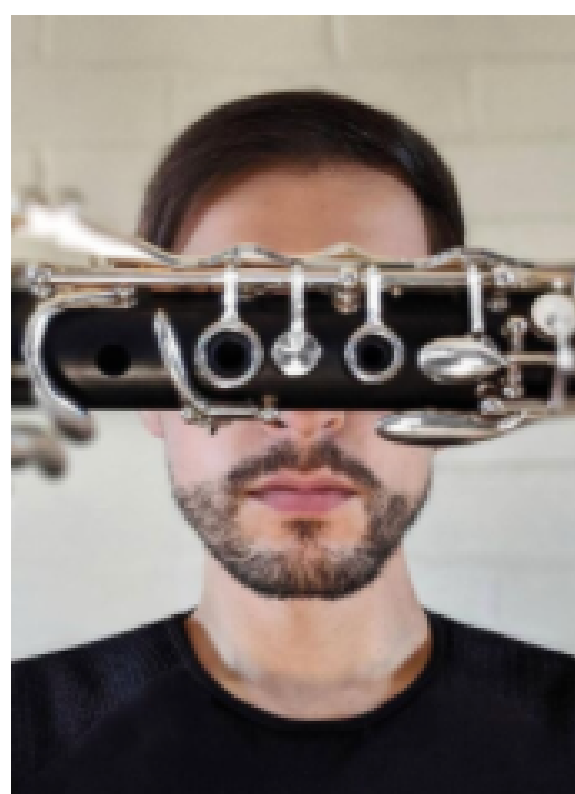
Happy Hispanic Heritage Month!

Huge props to everyone for sticking together throughout the challenging times 2020 has brought us. Whether it was a virtual graduation or a simple call, we found a way to remain connected. We saw Pixel become The Google Family Connector, fostering meaningful moments with our loved ones. Check out [this film](#) to see how this multigenerational LatinX family was able to stay close with the Family Connector despite their distance.

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, we're excited to spotlight our LatinX community and the importance of using this time to keep in touch with loved ones safely. #teampixel members [Tutes](#), [Ilitch Peters](#), [Marissa Daniela](#), [Flor Pereria](#), [Vince Dominguez](#), [Marisel Salazar](#), [Annie Vazquez](#), and [Ivan Meneses](#) shared some insight behind their journeys this year.



Meet our LatinX Community



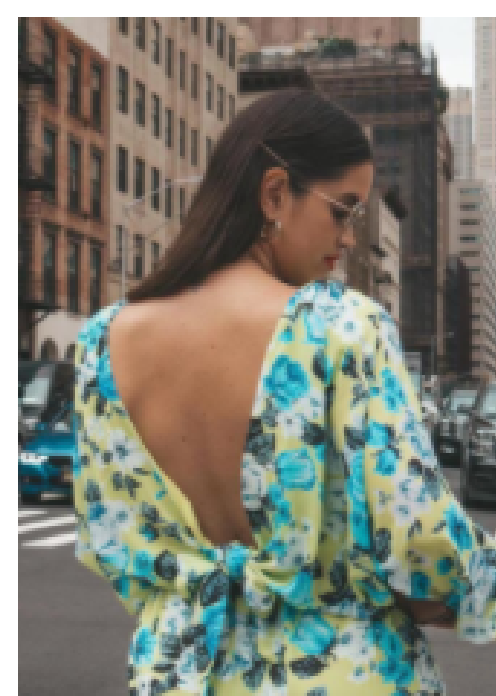
Vince

Dr. [Vince](#) Dominguez is an accomplished performer, recording artist, music educator, marketing creative, and activist for minorities in music. Originally from El Paso, TX, Vince completed his Doctor of Musical Arts degree at Arizona State University in April 2020 and is newly based out of Providence, RI. His doctoral recording project featured three new commissions for clarinet by Mexican composers Victor Ibarra, Hilda Paredes, and Juan Trigos, each dedicated and written in response to socio-political issues in LatinX America. During this time of social distancing, he has used digital media and design to amplify his music and share his art with family and loved ones across the miles. For more: [vincedominguez.com](#)



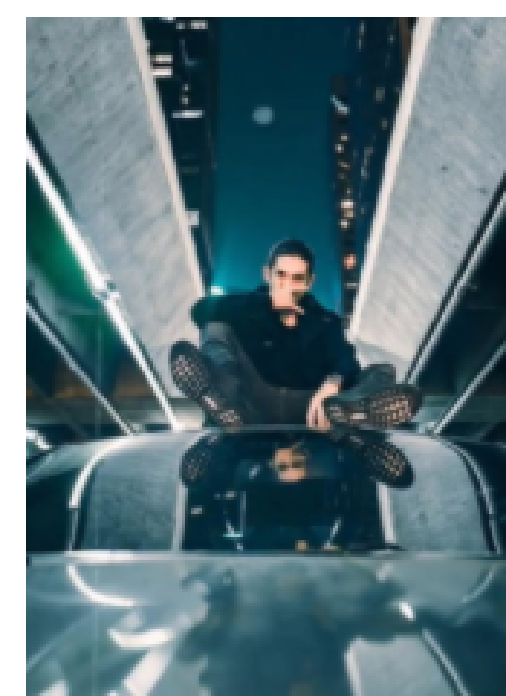
Marisel

[Marisel](#) is a food and restaurant writer/host who believes food goes beyond the bite — it is cultural, political, historical and more. As a Panamanian native with Cuban blood in New York, Marisel not only [covers](#) local NY eats but highlights her favorite Hispanic dishes and the restaurants that create this cultural food. She recently covered a story on [La Morada](#), a family-run Hispanic restaurant in the Bronx that is dealing with the harsh realities of COVID and also managing undocumented workers during a climate of increased racism. She is a frequent guest on [television segments](#) for her work on LatinX, immigrants, and undocumented restaurant workers. Currently in production is her documentary on how coronavirus has affected the restaurant industry. She is the host and co-executive producer.



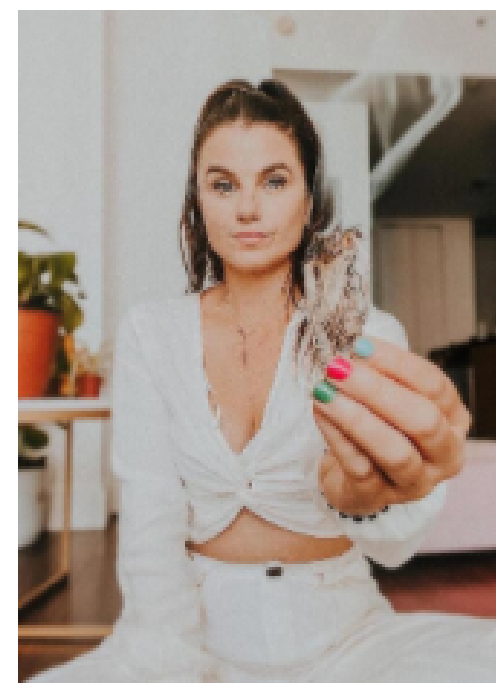
Flor

Being able to communicate in her native tongue with audiences around the world helps [Flor](#) to never lose touch with her Argentinian heritage. Her passion for beauty, fashion, and travel led her to create [Penny Lane Blog](#), a bilingual site for enthusiasts like herself.



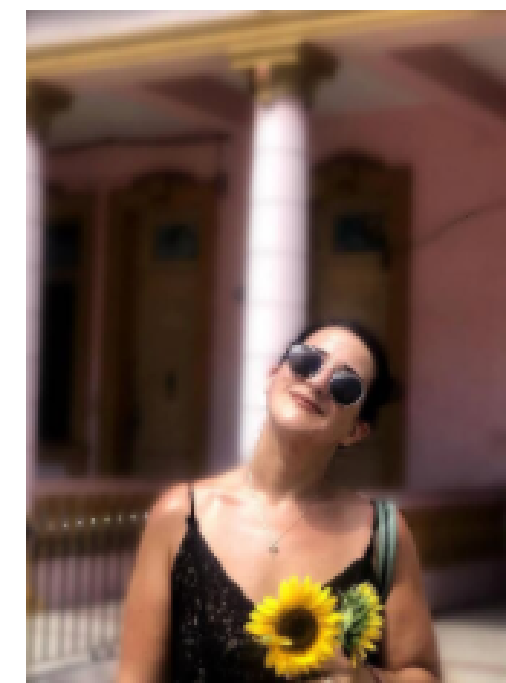
Ivan

[Ivan](#) uses photography to tap in with his friends and fellow community members in Los Angeles. Using this tool has allowed him to speak for the voiceless that are without a platform and to educate his audiences about issues in the Mexican and black communities.



Annie

[Annie](#) is a Cuban-American teaching wellness, good vibes, and body positivity. Annie sees herself as an ally to fellow Hispanic community members and other minorities facing injustice. A part of her wellness approach is endorsing equality and love.



Marissa

[Marissa](#) invites us into her world as a Cuban-American creator illustrating her past and present journeys between both countries. Hispanic Heritage month is incredibly important to her as her work is striving to create a bridge through the 90 miles of separation in the hopes to bring a different perspective of the once isolated Cuba back to its diaspora. COVID has significantly impacted her family in Cuba as the economic situation is dire because of it. She tries to communicate every day through video calls to make sure they are doing okay for the time being. Separation from her partner with no real knowledge of when they can be reunited is challenging.



Tutes

[Tutes](#) has channeled positivity despite the halt COVID has placed on his industry. Connecting with fellow creators, photographers, and friends to discuss ways they can use their platforms amidst struggle has been a major mainspring. Tutes' Ecuadorian heritage inspires every aspect of his work.



Ilitch

As a native New Yorker with Dominican roots, [Ilitch's](#) Afro-Latino Heritage has helped mold his mantra "create without compromise". He believes in exceeding expectations, without having to jeopardize his integrity when it comes to his culture and his art.

To continue the celebration, we ask that you show us how you're celebrating Hispanic and LatinX pride and tag: [@googlepixel](#), [#HispanicHeritageMonth](#), [#teampixel](#), and [#giftfromgoogle](#).

We can't wait to hear from you!