

## C.Tangana - NPR “Tiny Desk Concert”

On April 20, C. Tangana became the third Spanish artist to participate in NPR's *Tiny Desk Concert* - series. Between drinks, tapas, and a very familiar choir, the 31-year-old rapper born Antón Álvarez Alfaro compiles some of the songs from the now historic 2021 album *El Madrileño*. and reveals an unreleased track with Antonio Carmona, making this 15-minute recording his first live performance of the album.

Betting on a traditional setting, with minimalist design and colors like a baroque painting, the artist invites us to La Casa Carvajal. Enjoying the moment of *la sobremesa*, he sits at a large table with space for different artists, his entire band, and even relatives like his mother and tía.

The performance starts with producer Alizzz singing accompanied by the vocoder but later are the palms, the choirs, and the remarkable voices taking the leading role in the premiere of the new track “Me Maten.” Carmona and he celebrate Spanish music while mixing Tangana’s contemporary vision of this music with this historic collaboration. It is practically impossible to enjoy the song without trying to follow the beat and the chorus looping in your head

“*Memamemá me maten...*”

After this, Kiko Veneno takes control with a new version of “Lo Tontos,” with an interlude that fuses the chorus of “Bizarre Love Triangle” by New Order.

Suddenly, we have a change of scene starring a string octet, and Antón is in charge of blowing up the stage with an impeccable performance of “Demasiadas Mujeres,” generating an atmosphere that gives you goosebumps. Closing with a flourish, “Tú Me Dejaste de Querer,” where La Húngara and Niño de Elche take protagonism and close this flamenco party, precede toast with the rapper and company.

The size of something does not always properly indicate its value, and C.Tangana proves the theory by converting this intimate online concert experience into an outburst of emotions. With more than 17 million views, the Spanish have connected cultures and languages, making you realize that we should celebrate the small things in life, the ones that we cannot buy, the ones that give you life: sing, drink and reunite with your loved ones.

- Camila Llorente