

# JChris

**Musician and Grammys Voting Member  
For The Recording Academy**

## Biography

Urban Latin singer-songwriter, pianist, and producer Chris Urquiaga, known as JChris, is lauded for his high energy Spanish-English performances and smooth voice. His music transcends boundaries, infusing Latin, Afro and Brazilian influences and exploring themes of gender fluidity and queer culture. Metro Weekly magazine featured Chris on the cover, calling him "...the next big thing" and describing him as an artist with a "potent, sweet, and rich voice [with] songwriting skills to match." He is currently working on new music and music videos with record label Undercover Recordz in the Dominican Republic.



## Highlights

- Performed for the 2023 Hispanic Heritage Awards with Omar Apollo and Tito Puentes, Jr. and for the How Great Thou Art TV concert special with Kristin Chenoweth and Sandi Patty
- Performed for Carlos Vives at the Arsht Latin America Center's JUNTOS Gala in October 2023
- Headlining artist for the 2022 ¡Presente! Latino Heritage Festival Concert at the new Smithsonian National Museum of the American Latino
- Performed as a featured artist for President Barack Obama, First Lady Michelle Obama, Nancy Pelosi, Chuck Schumer and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez
- Selected and sponsored by the U.S. Department of State to go on a world tour for the American Music Abroad program
- Organized and performed in the first Pride Showcase presented by the Organization of American States (OAS) with the U.S. Department of State
- Selected by Washington Performing Arts to be a featured artist in his own headlining concert and Pride showcase in 2025
- Done college tours and discussions at universities like University of Southern California and Hartwick College

## Statistics

2 Million+ Views on YouTube  
500,000+ Streams on Spotify

## Education

Bachelor of Music Composition  
Eastman School of Music  
(University of Rochester)

## Residency

Strathmore  
(2016-2017)

## Awards

Montgomery County Hispanic  
Heritage Month Award (2017)

**"...the next big thing...one of the country's hottest up-and-coming composers..."**

**- Metro Weekly Magazine**

**"...staggering intensity on the piano..." - BroadwayWorld**



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