



Cristela Alonzo

AUTHOR · CELEBRITY

Comedian, Actress, Writer, and Star of CBS's 'She Gets It From Me'



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About:

- **Gender:** Female
- **Nationality:** United States
- **Languages:** English
- **Travels from:** United States

Engagement Types:

- Entertainment
- Moderating and Emcee
- Speaking

Topics:

- DEI (Diversity, Equity & Inclusion)
- People & Culture

Biography Highlights

- First Latina to Create, Produce, and Star in a Network Sitcom 'Cristela'
- Author, 'Music to My Years: A Mixtape-Memoir of Growing Up and Standing Up'
- Social Advocate

Biography

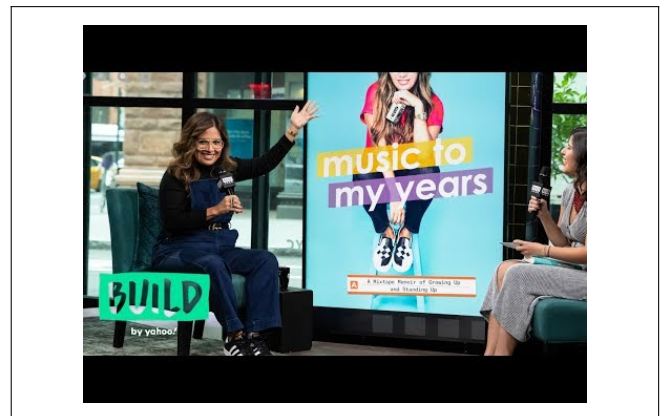
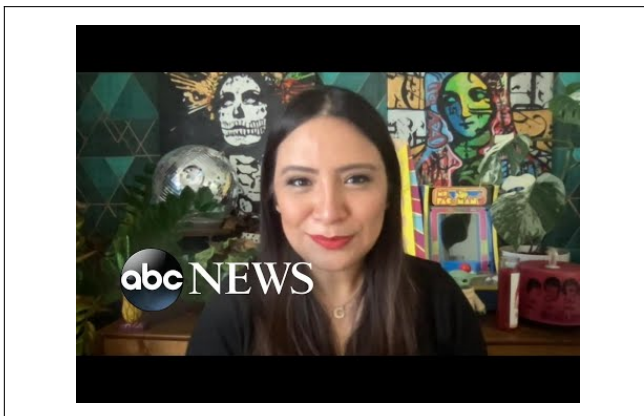
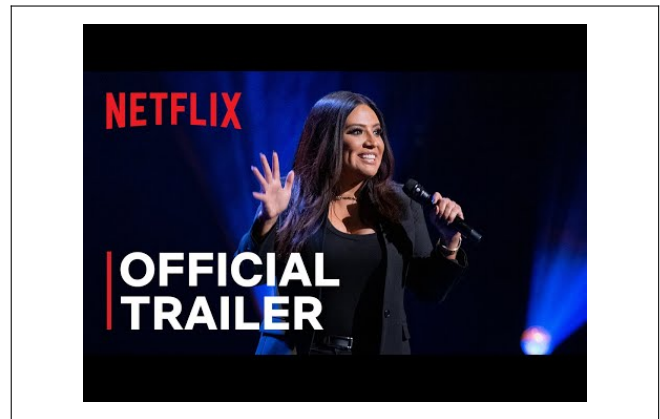
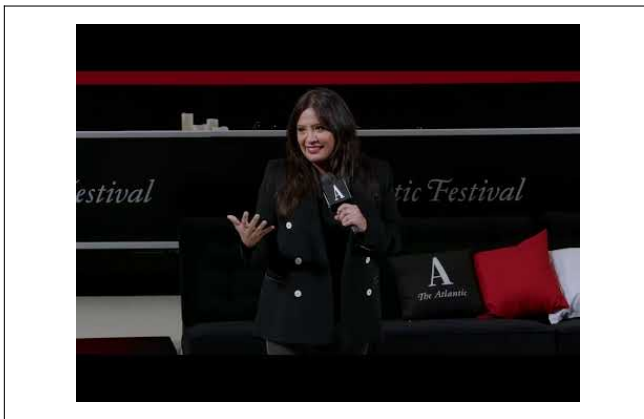
Comedian, actress, writer, and producer Cristela Alonzo made history as the first Latina woman to create, write, and star in a network TV show, *Cristela*. She developed a comedy special for Netflix *Lower Classy* and served as a fan-favorite guest host on ABC's *The View*. Alonzo uses humor to shine a light on bigger issues, and makes us laugh while she opens our eyes. Her comedic point of view was honed through her experiences growing up as a first-generation Mexican-American, and she is a masterful storyteller, as evidenced in her bestselling memoir full of humor and heart, *Music to My Years: A Mixtape-Memoir of Growing Up and Standing Up*. Alonzo mixes sketch comedy and social commentary in her podcast *To Be Continued*, and her stories range from the ridiculous to the sobering and have also been shared in interviews on NPR, the Chicago Tribune and *It's Been A Minute With Sam Sanders*. Cristela is a dedicated advocate for a variety of philanthropies focused on immigration,

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citizenship, economic opportunity. As she says: "I am a first-generation American born to an undocumented mother that taught me to love this country. I believe it is my duty to give back and fight so that everyone can get the same thing my family got: a chance."

Videos



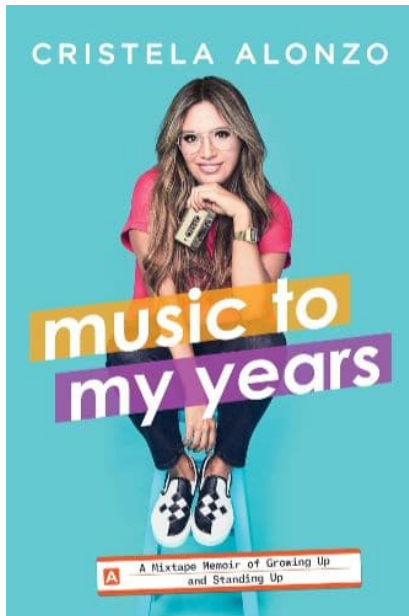
Cristela's Topics

Cristela Alonzo Will Bring Laughs to Your Next Event

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Available: In person, Virtually

Books



Music to My Years: A Mixtape Memoir of Growing Up and Standing Up

This memoir is “an emotional journey that will make you laugh, cry, and everything in between” (Wanda Sykes) as it explores comedian, writer, and producer Cristela Alonzo’s childhood as a first-generation Mexican American in Texas and her dreams to pursue a career in comedy. When Cristela Alonzo and her family lived as squatters in an abandoned diner, they only had two luxuries: a television and a radio. These became her pop cultural touchstones and a guiding light that ushered her forward. In *Music to My Years*, Cristela shares her experiences and struggles of being a first-generation American, her dreams of becoming a comedian, and how it feels to be a creator in a world that often minimizes people of color and women. Her stories range from the ridiculous—like the time she made her own tap shoes out of bottle caps or how the theme song of *The Golden Girls* landed her in the principal’s office—to the sobering moments, like how she turned to stand-up comedy to grieve the heartbreaking loss of her mother and how, years later, she’s committed to giving back to the community. Each significant moment of the book relates to a song, and the resulting playlist is deeply moving, resonant, and unforgettable. *Music to My Years* is “a timely reminder that regardless of economic status, race, or gender, love is the connection that ties together all humanity” (Booklist).

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