

Matador Longinos Mendoza



Born in Reynosa, Tamps. Mexico across the border from McAllen, Longinos Mendoza's bullfighting career started as a teenager in the Plaza De Toros in Reynosa. He performed in Mexico's provinces during the 1980's as a semi professional matador, and had nearly 200 performances to his credit when he met and married a Houstonian. Mendoza moved to the Houston area with his new wife and began a new career in banking. His heart, however, was never very far from the bulls and the world of bullfighting. A fifteen year veteran, Mendoza still performs – maybe four times a year – when he has an opportunity.

Mendoza has appeared in the best plazas in the Republic of Mexico and once in the world's largest bullring in Mexico City. He was wounded during this performance, but continued to face the bull until the fight was complete,

Mendoza was promoted to full matador in the Santa Maria Bullring in La Gloria, Texas on March the 2nd, 2003 by Matador David "El Texano" Renk with Witness Matador Raquel Martinez, the first woman ever to gain the title of Matador in history.. It was a grand triumph for Mendoza. For the last five years, Longinos has appeared annually during the winter season world class fights at the Santa Maria, scoring grand afternoons and gaining a fan club in Houston, the Rio Grande Valley and northern Mexico.

Mendoza's style is a thing of beauty. He fights with true domination and can make a tough bull good, smooth and esthetic with the sevillano classic passes that typically bring the fans to their feet.

On July 5, 2008 in Fort Bend County, Mendoza will entertain fans with his unique style. He will complete against rival Enrique Delgado in alternating fights for the corrida in a bloodless bullfight produced by *World Class Tejas Bullfights*.