

Biography

Mike Oquendo is a proud Chicago born Puerto Rican with a great love for his city and its people. Mike produces Comedy, Theater and Music events both in Chicago and across the country. He previously served on the Board for National Academy of the Recording Arts & Sciences which created the very first Latin Grammy Awards. He is a concept contributor on 3 HBO Latino specials and produces a Community Partner Night that raises money for local not-for-profit organizations. Mike is one of only a handful of Latinos to have trained at New York's "Commercial Theater Institute" and his productions have been staged in theaters in Florida, New York, Puerto Rico, New Jersey, and Connecticut. Mike is also a public speaker and professional emcee, his public speaking credits include the Illinois Legislative Latino Caucus, MSNBC, the Federal Reserve Bank, The University of Chicago and the Illinois Institute of Technology.

His 2019 off-Broadway production of the one-man show "Made in Puerto Rico" sold out for 7 straight weeks in New York City and recently Mike was the only Latino from Chicago to ever produce a sold out run at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington D.C. His recent taping of the John Leguizamo special filmed in Humboldt Park recently aired on MSNBC. Mike's 2nd Off-Broadway production at the Puerto Rican Traveling Theater ran for 5 weeks this past fall.