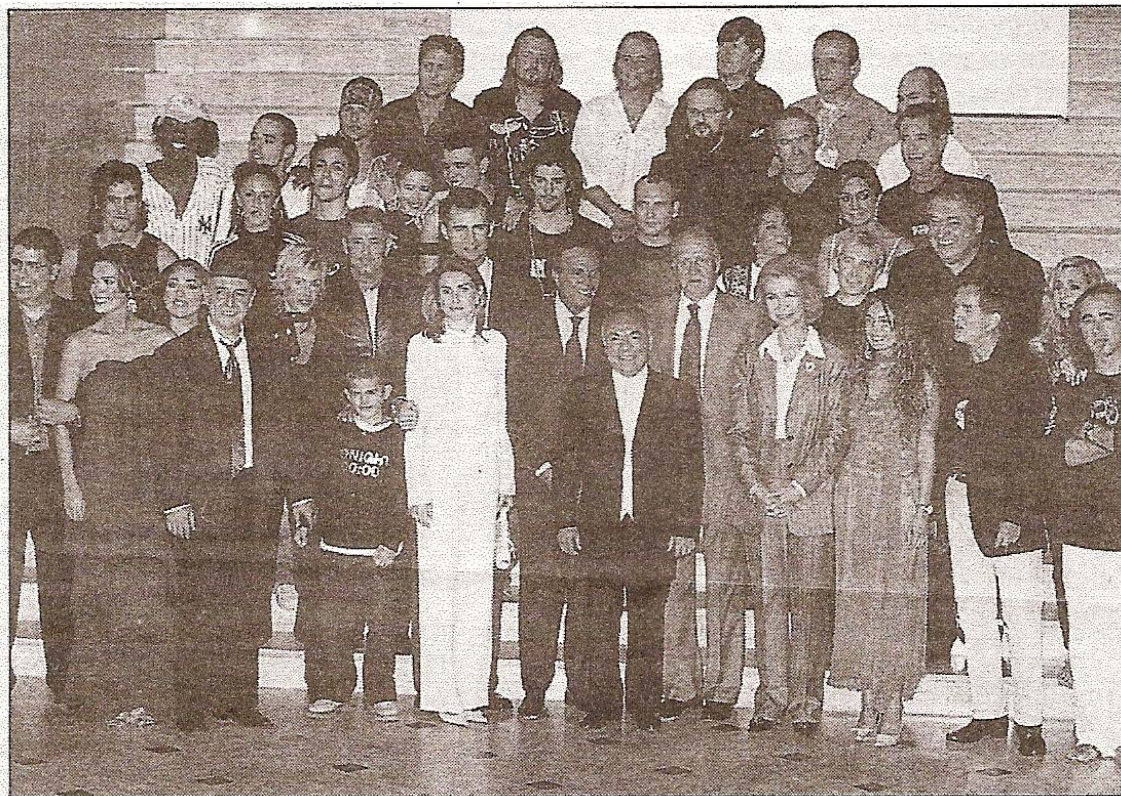


The King and Queen and the Prince and Princess join the battle against forgetfulness

Twenty artists speak up in Vistalegre for the Alzheimer Project

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The King Juan Carlos and the Queen Sofía with the Princes of Asturias pose for the family photo.

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Madrid- Her Majesty the Queen and her Royal Highness the Princess of Asturias, who showed off her figure in a flattering light blue dress, presided over the gala event “*Me olvidé de vivir*” in benefit for one of the diseases that is most troubling for Spanish society today – especially because until recently it was a great unknown – Alzheimer’s. The concert, which was held at the Vistalegre Palace, property of Arturo Beltrán, and which was attended by Mar Saura and Florentino Fernández, featured the voices of twenty artists, among whom was, of course, Julio Iglesias, author of the song that lends its name to the campaign of solidarity. This initiative was undertaken by the radio program “*La Rebotica*,” and its funds will be dedicated to the Alzheimer Project of the Reina Sofía Foundation. The foundation, which enjoys the support of the Cofares Foundation, will open, according to the singer, “one of the most important institutes in Europe for helping people with this illness, located in the Vallecas District [Madrid]. Because this night must serve so that these thousands and thousands of persons who cannot remember are not forgotten,” he concluded.

The night’s big surprise arrived in intermission when, through a “hidden door”, His Majesty the King and the Prince of Asturias arrived, who joined their respective wives in area I. They were also accompanied from the beginning by the Ministers of Health and Justice, Elena Salgado and Juan Fernando López Aguilar; the Councilor for Social Affairs of the Madrid City Council, Ana Botella; the president of the assembly of Madrid, Concepción Dancausa; the ex-Minister of Health, Ana Pastor;

and also the representatives of the Cofares Foundation, among others.

In unison. The singer Inma Serrano moved aside to let other artists pass: the **Dúo Dinámico** – especially sensitive to the cause, since Manuel’s father fell victim to this illness-, **Los Secretos**, **Greta**, **Los Pecos**, **Carlos Núñez**, **Cómplices**, **Miguel Ángel Muñoz**, **Materia Prima**... At the end of the concert, they all posed with Their Majesties and the Prince and Princess of Asturias for the family photo, after singing in unison the song “*Me olvidé de vivir*” by Julio Iglesias, who took the occasion to celebrate in advance his saint’s day, since today he turns sixty-one years old.

In addition, among the multitude we could see **Susana Urribari**, who was on hand for Julio but without forgetting the bad days that she is having due to the worry of having her father, the great **José Luis**, in the hospital for an embolism; also the journalist **Fernando Ónega**, who greeted at the entrance his former co-worker Ms. Letizia Ortiz; **Palomo Linares** and **Marina Danko**, who arrived hurriedly; **Marina Castaño**, who was smoking continually in the intermission; and the most spiritual and beloved by all, **Padre Ángel**. Also present were the ex-Chief of Protocol for the Royal House and ex-Secretary of State for Security, **Ricardo Martí Fluxá**, and the secretary general of the Royal House, **Rafael Spotorno**, both members of the Reina Sofía Foundation.