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# Valley musician signs with Universal

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Carlos H. Barrón (a.k.a. Carlos Hernandez), the vocalist for Tejano Highway 281 and formerly one half of the duo Leonardo, a Latin pop outfit he formed with his brother Eliud, has recently signed a recording contract with Universal Music Mexico, based in Monterrey, Mexico.

The artist from San Juan will be changing his image and name in the coming weeks. He's recorded an album of regional Mexican music, along the lines of Bobby Pulido or Intocable.

"The first thing they're going to do is release a single," Carlos said.

The single should be released in the next four to six weeks, and will likely be heard on local radio stations like Que Pasa 99.5 FM and La Ley 102.5 FM.

Carlos' father, Juan H. Barrón, was a prolific Tejano songwriter.

La Mafia, Los Palominos and Selena y Los Dinos have all recorded songs written by the legendary artist.

Carlos was featured in the 2010 edition of Festiva's annual series "The Hottest Guys of Valley Rock."

Valley musician Carlos H. Barron, who signed with Universal Records this week, appeared in the 2010 edition of Festiva's "Hottest Guys of Valley Rock" series.

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