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Latino hip-hop and reggatone beauty's Jennifer Lopez and Shakira are among People en Español's '50 Most Beautiful List for 2006".

Hip-hop artist and actress Jennifer Lopez lands on the cover of People en Español's annual "50 Most Beautiful" issue, hitting newsstands nationwide on May 1.

With exclusive interviews and photography, the "50 Most Beautiful" celebrates today's most-talked about Hispanic celebrities including actress/singer and hip-hop artist Jennifer Lopez, Desperate Housewives' Eva Longoria, singer Ricky Martin, Lost's Michelle Rodriguez, Colombian hip-hop / reggatone singer Shakira, and My Name is Earl's Nadine Velazquez, among others.

This year, the magazine selected one of the most important Hispanic women in entertainment--mega star Jennifer Lopez. The Latin beauty, who posed for the cover shoot at a Hollywood studio, opens-up exclusively to People en Español's and talks for the first time about her marriage to singer Marc Anthony, their plans to have children, and her two upcoming films.

"I think a lot of people just don't understand what I'm about," says Jennifer about her passion for the entertainment business. "They see me laughing, having a good time and they may think 'Oh, she's so ambitious and everything' but the thing is that I'm just a creative person. If I could describe myself to somebody that's how I would do it: I'd say 'I'm creative and that's what drives me."

For the first time since their quiet wedding, Lopez opens up about her marriage to husband Marc Anthony. "The thing with me and Marc from years ago—everybody will always see it—whenever the two of us got in a room together, neither one of us could stop laughing," she says. Lopez adds that although her husband comes across as a very serious person, he is one of the funniest people she's ever meet.

When faced with the one question everyone keeps asking-- When is the baby coming?-- she says wistfully, "Yeah, that would be nice. That would be nice for sure. I feel that will happen naturally when it does."

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Michelle Rodriguez, who stars in the hit TV show Lost, also lands in the "50 Most Beautiful" issue and confesses she regrets not having good judgment when it is necessary. But, she adds, "If you take into account half the famous people [and what they do], in comparison, I am a very good girl."

Jessica Alba, who first hit it big in playing the role of Max Guevara in the television series Dark Angel is also in the issue, and says she is frustrated by the stereotypes of women in Hollywood. That's why the actress' long-term goal is to start her own production company. "It's a world run by men and it would be good to see more women with a say in telling their stories," she adds.

People en Español's "50 Most Beautiful" list 2006:

Alejandro Fernandez- Mexican Singer Actor

Amaury Nolasco- Prision Break Actor

Amelia Vega- Model and Actress

Ana Gabriel- Mexican Singer

Antonio Villaraigosa- Politician

Barbara Bermudo- Univision TV Host

Barbara Mori- Actress

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Camila Sodi- Mexican Actress and TV Presenter

Carlos Ponce- Actor, Singer and TV Presenter

Charytin- Singer and Telefutura TV Host

Daddy Yankee- Puerto Rican Singer, Hip-Hop, Latino Rap and Reggatone Artist

Danna Garcia- Colombian Actress

Dayanara Torres- Model and Actress

Denise Quiñones- Model and Actress

Diego Garcia- Singer

Eddie Cibrian- Actor

Eduardo Verastegui- Actor

Eduardo Xol- ABC's Extreme Makeover: Home Edition

Enrique Murciano- Actor

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Erick Elias- Mexican Actor

Eva Longoria-Desperate Housewives" Actress

Eva Mendes- Actress

Gabriel Soto- Mexican Actor

Gio Williams- Singer and Songwriter

Jacqueline Bracamontes- Mexican Actress

Jaime Camil- Mexican Actor

Jennifer Lopez- Actress, Singer, and Hip-Hop artist

Jessica Alba- Actress

Jose Angel Llamas- Mexican Actor

Kate del Castillo- Mexican Actress

Lorena Rojas- Mexican Actress

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Luis Fonsi- Puerto Rican Singer and Songwriter

Manolo Cardona- Colombian Actor

Maria Celeste Arraras- Telemundo TV Host

Maria Conchita Alonso- Singer and Actress

Mario Vazquez- Singer

Michelle Rodriguez- Lost's Actress

Myrka Dellanos- Journalist and Author

Nacho Figueras- Polo Player

Nadine Velazquez- Actress

Nomar Garciaparra- Baseball Player

Oribe- Celebrity Hairstylist

Q"orianka Kilcher- Actress

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Ricky Martin- Puerto Rican Singer

Roselyn Sanchez- Actress

Shakira- Colombian Singer, Reggatone and Latino Hip-Hop Artist

Shalim- Singer and Actor

Valentino Lanus- Mexican Actor

Víctor Manuelle- Puerto Rican Singer

Zoë Saldaña- Actress

"This year's list is comprised of Hispanic celebrities who are not only aesthetically beautiful, but who are also very important culturally," says Richard Perez-Feria, editor of People en Español. "In many ways, they"re changing America's perception of what it is to be Hispanic."

People en Español will bring this issue to life with its "50 Most Beautiful" TV special airing on Telemundo on Sunday, April 30 from 9:00pm-11pm. Now in its fourth year, the two-hour program will offer viewers a behind-the-scenes look into the making of the issue as well as up-close and personal celebrity interviews.

For more information about the "50 Most Beautiful" issue and other exclusive stories, visit <u>www</u>.peopleenespanol.com

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People en Español was launched in 1998 and today is the best-selling Hispanic magazine in the United States. Each month, the publication reaches more than four million readers with an exciting editorial mix of Hispanic and mainstream entertainment coverage, fashion and beauty service and compelling human-interest stories. Distinguishing itself from its English-language counterpart, People en Español delivers original editorial content that captures the values, contributions and impact of Hispanics in the United States.