

First Latin American to win the New York City Marathon



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Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari congratulates New York City Marathon winner, Salvador García.

Salvador García, a 28 year-old Mexican widely known as "The Falcon", and his compatriot, Andrés Espinosa, won the first two places in the 22nd New York City Marathon. García is the first Latin American to win in New York, considered the most important marathon in the world, where three of the first five finishers were Mexicans.

The course, which winds through the different boroughs of New York City, starts in Staten Island, and crosses the Verrazano Narrows Bridge, treks through Brooklyn, then Queens, and finishes in Central Park in Manhattan. García ran the 42 kilometers in 2 hours 9 minutes and 28 seconds. Andrés Espinosa, also 28, finished well ahead of the rest of the field at 2 hours and 10 minutes.

Kenyan Ibrahim Husein finished third at 2 hours 11 minutes and 7 seconds; in fourth was Canadian Peter Maher at 2 hours 11 minutes and 55 seconds. In fifth place was another Mexican, Isidro Rico, at 2 hours 11 minutes and 58 seconds. The all-time record for this course is held by Tanzanian Juma Ikangaa, at 2 hours 8 minutes and one second.

More than 26,000 people from 87 different countries took part in this year's marathon.

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