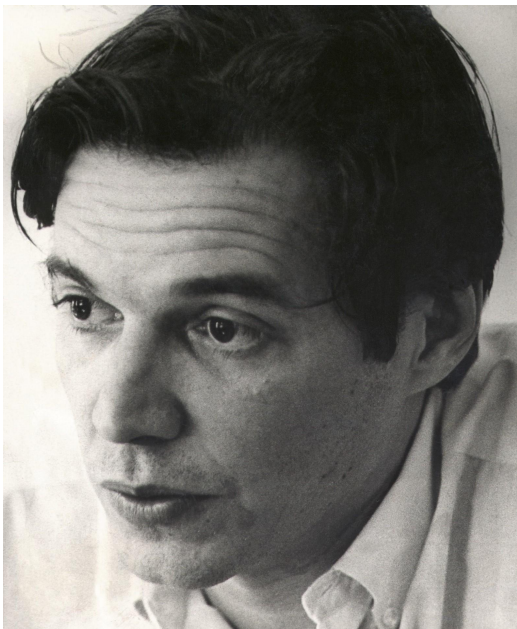


Antonio Carlos Jobim

Antonio Carlos Jobim was a Brazilian composer born in 1927 and died in 1994. He was an extremely talented musician, who played piano and guitar. He was also a songwriter, musical arranger, and composer! He wrote lots of different songs throughout his life, one of which was performed by Ariel Pockock on a Music for a Great Space concert in 2022. You can see Ariel talk about why she loves Jobim's music so much in [this video!](#) Feel free to watch the whole interview, where she and some of the other performers talk about their experiences with music.

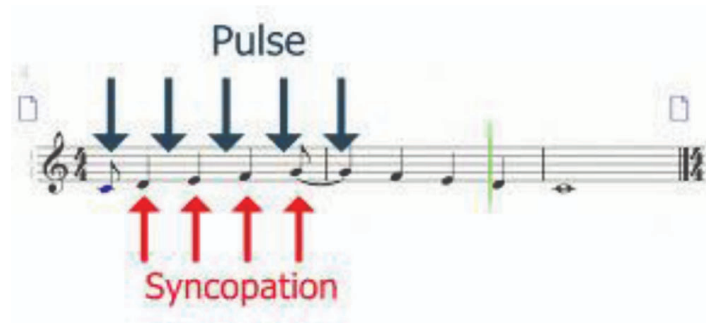


Antonio Jobim was also one of the inventors of a new style of Jazz in the 1950's, called Bossa Nova! Bossa Nova is a combination of two other different styles of music: Samba and Cool Jazz.

Samba + Cool Jazz = Bossa Nova

Samba

Samba is a Brazilian style of dance music that is usually faster and upbeat. Samba usually has a lot of percussion instruments that are playing syncopated (seen-co-pay-ted) music. Syncopated music, or syncopation, is music that is played on the 'off-beats'.



Listen to examples of Samba [here!](#) How does it make you feel? Do you want to get up and dance, or lean back and take a snooze?!

Cool Jazz

Cool jazz is a style of jazz that has a slower tempo and much more relaxed feeling than samba. Cool jazz is unlike some other styles of jazz, where the musicians write out the music (composing the music) instead of making it up on the spot (improvising the music). The rhythms of cool jazz tend to be much more on the beat, unlike those of the samba.

You can hear examples of cool jazz [here](#). What do you notice about how the music makes you feel? Is it energetic or laid back?

Bossa Nova

Bossa Nova was created by Jobim, who decided to take characteristics of both samba and cool jazz and combine them together! Bossa nova has the syncopated rhythms of samba, but the slower and more laid back feeling of cool jazz.

Listen to these examples of [bossa nova](#). What do you notice about the rhythms of the music? How about the mood of the music? How are each similar to or different from samba and cool jazz?

Click on the picture to listen to MGS Artist **Ariel Pocock** perform Antonio Carlos Jobim's *If You Never Come To Me*.



Activity

For Elementary School, Grades 2-5

Musicians, especially drummers, improvise their music on a regular basis.

Improvisation is when a musician makes up their parts on the spot. You're going to be doing some improvising yourself! Follow the steps below:

1. Listen to the youtube links and see if you can find the steady beat to some of the music. If you're having a hard time finding the beat, see if a friend or an adult can help you!
 - a. [Samba music](#)
 - b. [Bossa Nova music](#)
 - c. [Cool Jazz music](#)
2. Now go back and listen again! Now you're going to improvise some rhythms that go along with the styles of the music. Remember, if the music sounds slower (like with Cool Jazz), you probably want to have your rhythms that you clap also be a little slower. See if you can do some clapping on the beat, and off of it. What is the term for music that is off the beat?
3. See if you can find some materials around the house to create a variety of percussion sounds. Try using two paper towel rolls tapped together! How about a wooden spoon and a lid for a pot? Remember not to hit those items too hard! You don't want to break them.