

# Cuban Overture

## ZOFO



# Connections in Music



Cuban History, Salsa Music, Cuban Overture by George Gershwin, and Salsa Percussion

# What style of music is this?



Any guesses?

How does it make you feel?

# About the Salsa

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**Salsa** is a Latin American style of music and dance popular in Cuba, Puerto Rico, Venezuela, Columbia, and the Dominican Republic.

# Cuba and the Salsa

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Cuba is the largest island in the Caribbean. It has a population of 11,000,000 people.





Christopher Columbus  
visited Cuba  
on his first voyage  
in 1492.

# Cuba and the Salsa

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Spanish



American



Cuban

Cuba remained a Spanish colony until the Spanish-American War of 1898 when the country became part of the United States. The country was given its independence in 1902.

# Cuba and the Salsa

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Cuba is frequently referred to as El Cocodrilo ("the crocodile" in Spanish). This is because the aerial view of Cuba looks like a crocodile.



# Cuba and the Salsa

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Sugar cane is the  
main crop of Cuba.

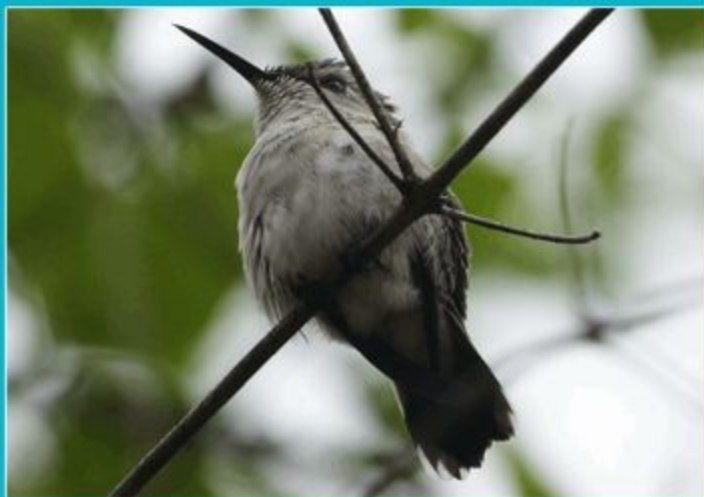


# Cuba and the Salsa

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Baseball  
is the most  
popular sport  
in Cuba.



The world's  
smallest  
hummingbird  
is found in Cuba,  
which is the bee  
hummingbird.



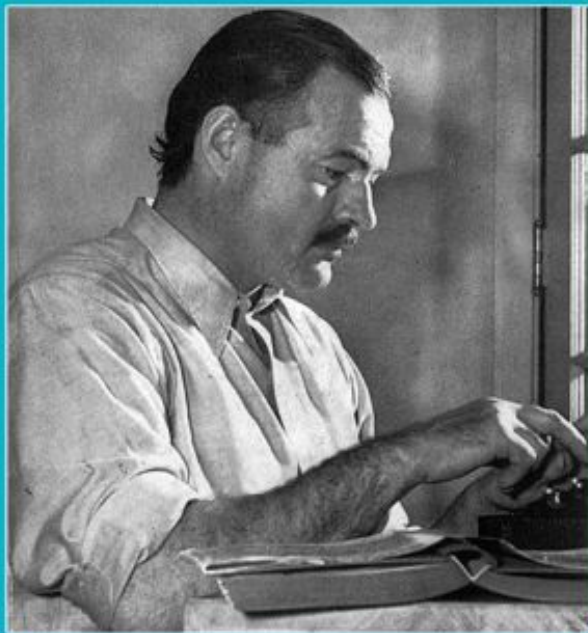


The manjuari (cuban gar) is a fish  
only found in Cuba.



The game of  
dominoes is  
extremely  
popular  
in Cuba.





Award-winning author,  
Ernest Hemingway wrote  
"For Whom the Bell Tolls"  
and "The Old Man  
and the Sea" in Cuba.

# Cuban Overture Introduction:

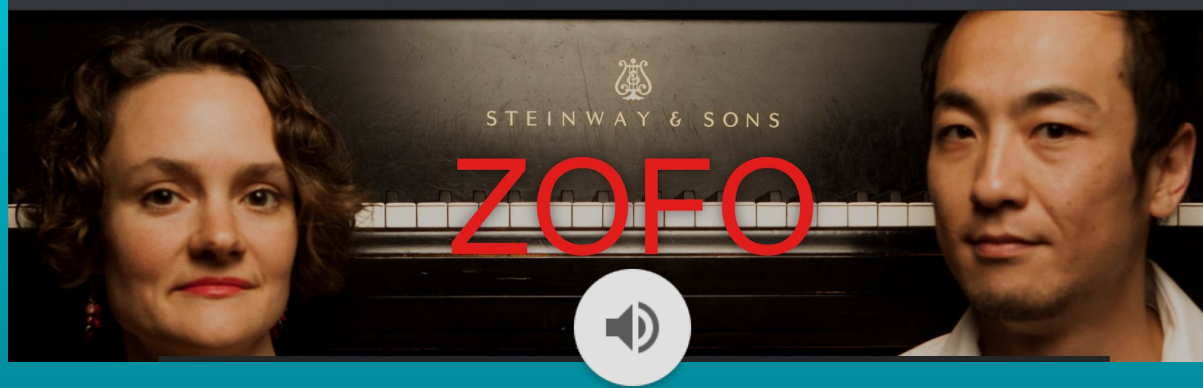


Compare and contrast the orchestral version with the piano version (located on the next slide). Do you notice any similarities between the first example (Salsa Music) and this piece?





# Cuban Overture by George Gershwin



ZOFO = 20FO

20 Finger Orchestra

2 people (20 fingers) playing the piano at the same time



# Traditional Salsa Instruments



Piano

## Melodic Instruments of Salsa

2 Trumpets



Bass



2 Alto  
Saxophones



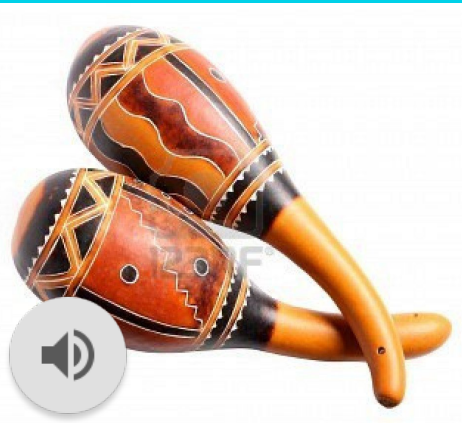
2 Trombones

Cubano &  
Cuarto Guitars



# Traditional Salsa Instruments





# Maracas & Guiro

## Sample Sounds



Guiro

Maracas

4/4

4/4

Play “body percussion” if you don’t have the actual instruments.





# Bongos & Conga

## Sample Sounds



Bongo Drums

Musical notation for Bongo Drums in 4/4 time. The notation consists of four measures, each containing a sequence of eighth notes. The notes are: quarter, eighth, eighth, quarter, eighth, eighth, quarter, eighth, eighth, quarter. There are accents (>) under the first, third, and fifth notes of each measure. The piece ends with a double bar line and repeat dots (:|).

Conga Drums

Musical notation for Conga Drums in 4/4 time. The notation consists of four measures, each containing a sequence of notes. The notes are: quarter, quarter, eighth, eighth, quarter, quarter, eighth, eighth, quarter. There are accents (>) under the second, fourth, and sixth notes of each measure. The notes in the second, fourth, and sixth positions are marked with '1', '2', '3', and '4' respectively. The piece ends with a double bar line and repeat dots (:|).





# Timbales

## Sample Sounds



Timbales



# Put it ALL Together

The image displays a musical score for five percussion instruments, all in 4/4 time. The instruments are listed on the left: Guiro, Maracas, Bongo Drums, Timbales, and Conga Drums. Each instrument has a staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The score is divided into four measures, with a repeat sign at the end of each measure. The Guiro part consists of a sequence of quarter notes with a 'z' symbol above them. The Maracas part consists of a steady eighth-note pattern. The Bongo Drums part features a complex eighth-note pattern with accents (>) and a 'z' symbol. The Timbales part has a sequence of quarter notes with a 'z' symbol above the second and fourth notes. The Conga Drums part has a sequence of quarter notes with accents (>) and a 'z' symbol above the second and fourth notes. The first four notes of the Conga Drums part are numbered 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Guiro

Maracas

Bongo Drums

Timbales

Conga Drums

1 2 3 4