



Cuban Son

with Mark Carr-Rollitt and Jorge Peña

Cuban son is a style of music unique to Cuba that blends elements of Spanish and African music into something new. The song that Jorge and Mark perform is called “Echale Salsita” (“Add Some Spice to It”). The instrument that Jorge is playing may look like a guitar, but it is actually a smaller version of the guitar called a requinto. The percussion instruments that Mark plays include the claves, guiro, cowbell, and bongos.

- Information on Cuban son music ([Wikipedia](#))
- Archive footage of a full son cubano band and dancers performing “Echale Salsita” ([YouTube](#))
- See how the conga and clave rhythms fit together in this video ([YouTube](#))
- Information about Cuban son dance with video examples of basic steps ([Salsa Selfie](#))
- Examples of Cuban son dancers in performance and casual settings:
 - Fabulous Son Dancing in Santiago de Cuba ([YouTube](#))
 - Cuban Son Dancers - Santiago, Cuba ([YouTube](#))
 - Son Cubano de Santiago de Cuba ([DanceLifeMap](#))
 - Son - Popular Cuban Dance - Cutumba ([YouTube](#))
- For learning purposes, some examples where the dancers keep the steps relatively simple can be viewed here: [1](#), [2](#), [3](#).

Links to Explore

Jorge and Mark play together in the band Montuno Cubano, and are available for performances and in-class sessions.

For teaching videos and more activities to learn about Cuban Son with Mark and Jorge, visit the ArtsSmarts PEI Our Musical Island resource at

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