



# CUBAN DANCE MUSIC



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**Dance Music Week**



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# YOU WILL LEARN:

about Cuban dance music by :

- Learning about some of the history of Cuban dance music
- Learning some Cuban dance music rhythms
- Learning to play some Cuban dance riffs on keyboard



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# CUBAN DANCE MUSIC: DIFFERENT STYLES

There are many different Cuban Dance Music styles, including:

- Salsa
- Mambo
- Rhumba
- Cha-Cha

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PBXjFmK\\_XFU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PBXjFmK_XFU)



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# SALSA



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RlrNPBfOowg>

Which instruments can you hear?

What is the time signature of the music?

# CUBAN DANCE MUSIC: KEY INGREDIENTS



Most Cuban Dance Music has these things in common:

- Steady beat with metre of 4/4
- Syncopated rhythmic patterns underpinning the texture
- Use of many different percussion instruments



# CLAVE RHYTHM 1



## SON CLAVE RHYTHM

SON CLAVE



**ONE** and two **AND** three and **FOUR** and  
One and **TWO** and **THREE**

# CLAVE RHYTHM 2



## RUMBA CLAVE RHYTHM



**ONE** and two **AND** three and four **AND**  
One and **TWO** and **THREE**

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# PERFORM SOME CUBAN STYLE DANCE RIFF THEMES:

Choose from the four Cuban style dance music riffs and perform on an instrument of your choice. Add in the left hand chords if you are playing on keyboard or piano. You could play either:

- The Peanut Vendor
- Cherry Pink
- Sway
- Riff from Mambo no. 5

# FURTHER RESEARCH

1. Where in the world is Cuba? Find a map.
2. Find out 5 facts about Cuba.
3. Find out the name of four different dance styles popular in Cuba.
4. What is the Clave rhythm?
5. Find out the words to the song 'The Peanut Vendor'.
6. Find out the name of some Cuban percussion instruments.