

Havana Cha Cha Cha

Cello

Intro

Hey yall! For this unit in Jazz 201, let's dive deeper into learning about Latin Jazz! We learned about Mambo, "Son Montuno" in Jazz 101, let's put some of that knowledge to work as we learn about the Cha-Cha now in Havana Cha Cha Cha!

History

Ever wonder where Salsa came from, or even where the term "Salsa" came from? One story says the popular music on the radio was particularly Cuban dance music! The big corporation that sponsored the radio station playing this music was none other than Heinz, the ketchup company! After the Cuban Revolution, when the term "Cuban" music wasn't allowed in some places, people called the music "ketchup" music... or really, in Spanish, "salsa (de tomate)" music! Believe it or not, Salsa music is actually a New York-born invention; it borrows rhythmic traditions from Cuba, but borrows the harmony from U.S. jazz music traditions - just like Jazz, Salsa was born in the great American melting pot!