



Joyful Noise Music Classes May 2015

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Mariachi Music

1. Origins of the name

There is some dispute over where the name "mariachi" came from. Although the common explanation is that it came from the French word for marriage, "marriage". However, the word mariachi is more likely the name of the wood from which the dance platform was made — back in the early days.

2. Origins of the instruments

The music was originally played with drums, flutes, rattles and conch-shell horns. The Spanish introduced guitars, harps, brass, and woodwinds, which replaced the original instruments.

3. "Son Jalisciense" is the correct way to describe mariachi music

"Mariachi" is actually an alternative name for the music. It is properly called "Son Jalisciense", as the music is thought to have originated from Cocula, Jalisco. Even today, Jalisco produces some of the best mariachi bands.

4. Mariachi outfit: an invention of the modern era

The original outfit was a standard peasant outfit of white pants and shirt. Urban mariachis started modifying their wardrobe in the 1920's. It then evolved into the charro outfit used by modern bands.

5. Mariachis have no lead singers

Unlike other types of music, mariachis do not have lead singers. Each person is assigned to a different song based on their talents and personality. The singer must not only be clear, but also loud as he is singing above the instruments as well.

MONDAYS | Threes: 10:00 a.m., Fours: 10:30 a.m. Toddlers: 11:20 a.m.,
TUESDAYS | Infants: 9:30 a.m., Twos: 11:30 a.m.

MARIACHI

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In honor of Cinco De Mayo this week, we are learning all about Mariachi music and Mexico!

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Five Green and Speckled Frogs



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Grandma's Feather Bed!

Fun with John Denver's song as adapted by author Christopher Canyon and other "jumping" songs!

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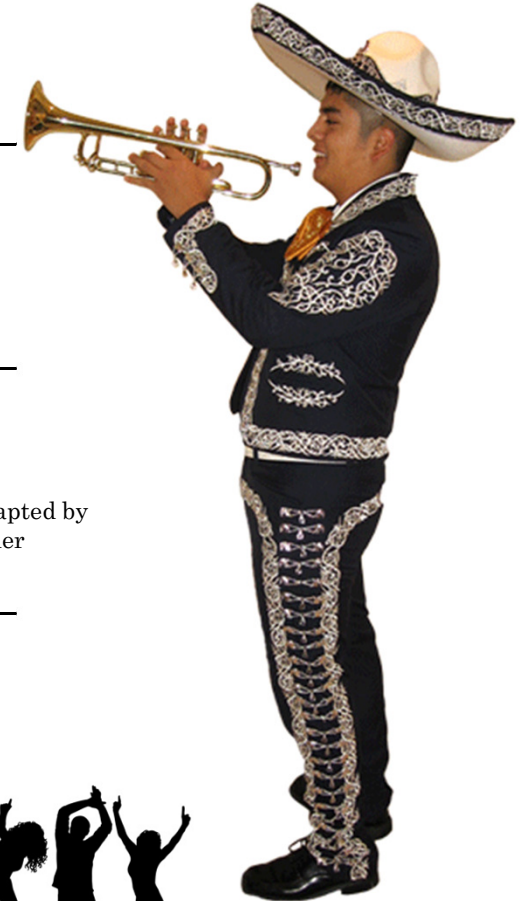
WIND CHIMES

Today we'll be checking out wind chimes in the play yard!

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Hello summer, goodbye music classes until fall!

DANCE PARTY!



Excerpt taken from "10 Interesting Facts About Mariachis You Probably Didn't Know" at <http://www.mariachisinlosangeles.com/>