* **Salsa:**
* **Originating from Cuba, Salsa features a 4/4 time signature and a repeated rhythm called "clave". The piano is prominent, often playing syncopated broken chords, and it frequently incorporates question-and-answer style melodies.**
* **Mambo:** While sharing some similarities with Salsa, Mambo often features more complex arrangements and a greater variety of instruments, including piano, congas, and timbales.
* **Cumbia:** This Latin American style is known for its percussion-heavy sound and a signature double beat.
* **Bachata:** A genre of Latin American music that originated in the Dominican Republic, Bachata is known for its romantic and expressive lyrics.
* **Merengue:** This style, also from the Dominican Republic, is known for its slower tempo and sentimental melodies.
* **Bolero:** A slow-tempo Latin ballad style that originated in Cuba, Boleros are known for their romantic and expressive lyrics, often about love, longing, and heartbreak.
* **Bossa Nova:** This Brazilian style is known for its relaxed and sophisticated sound, often featuring a blend of jazz and Brazilian musical elements.