## MEXICAN DANCE AND **MUSIC!**

FROM THE JAROCHO TO MARIACHI TO BALLET FOLKLORICO TO LOS VOLADORES.

WHAT IS DANCE AND MUSIC LIKE IN MEXICO?

#### **EL JAROCHO**

El jarocho comes from Veracruz, Mexico.



The music that accompanies this dance is known as Son Jarocho.







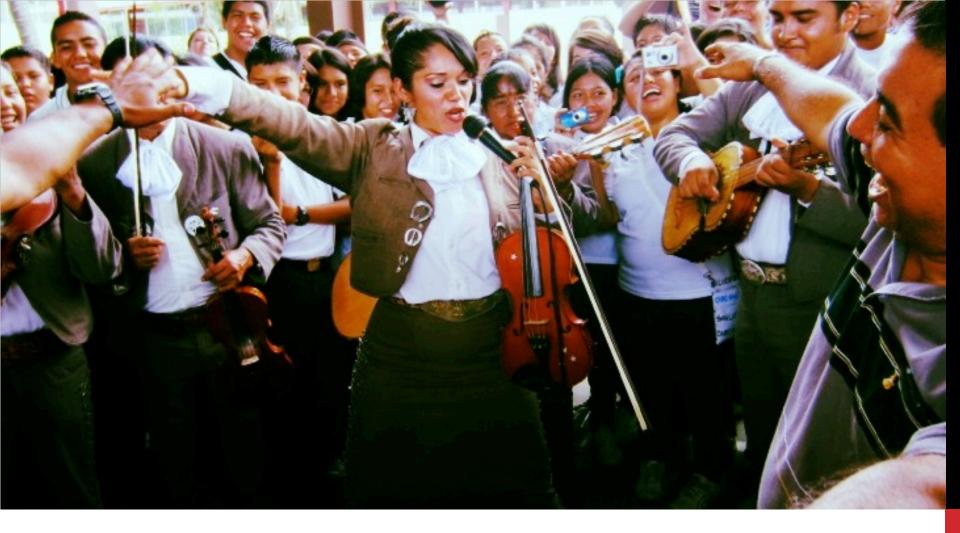
#### **EL MARIACHI**

Mariachi is the best known form of folk music from Mexico.

As mariachi bands are expected to play requests, they may need to know hundreds of different songs!







## THIS SCHOOL, IN VERACRUZ, WAS CELEBRATING THEIR LAST DAY!

In Veracruz, Mariachi is VERY popular.





## HERE IS A MARIACHI BAND FLOATING ON THE WATER IN XOCHIMILCO

They sure are talented.

#### **BALLET FOLKLORICO**

The Ballet Folklorico in Mexico City is one of the most famous dance spectacles in the world. The show is presented in the Museo de Bellas Artes. It uses dances from all over Mexico to try and show the many different

styles.





#### LOOK AT THE STAGE IN THE MUSEUM

That is Tiffany glass that is lit up, as the show starts, to represent day break.



#### **HERE IS A DANCE FROM JALISCO**

They look like they are flying.



#### **HERE IS A DANCE FROM OAXACA**

Look at the huge puppets...



#### THIS A DANCE FROM CHIAPAS

It represents a war that was fought.



The flyers from Veracruz.



## THIS DANCE IS PASSED DOWN THROUGH FAMILY.

Young boys will practice for years before they ever climb the pole and get ready to fly.

Los Voladores is a dance that comes from outside of Veracruz. This dance honors the sun. Five voladores (flyers) climb a pole at least 100 feet high. At the top, the leader dances to the north, south, east and west, and to the sun. Then they spin 3 times as they slowly descend. They make a total of 52 spins, the number of years in a century according

to native calendars.



# WHAT DID YOU NOTICE?