

Activity Idea

Explore Mariachi!

With the film *Mariachi High* and Online Streaming Music
Recommended for Adults

Enjoy Mariachi

Come celebrate the beauty of Mariachi music! From Hollywood films to weddings, and countless cultural celebrations, Mariachi music has become ubiquitous to the sound tapestry not only in Mexico, but also in the U.S. and other parts of the world. This musical genre started in western Mexico around the 18th century and grew to be one of the most recognized folk music styles in the world. Learn about the instruments and musical structure of a Mariachi band. Learn of its importance in the Mexican community, and most of all, learn about the beauty, heart and soul of this cherished art form!

But How?

Start with the heartwarming film *Mariachi High* where you will follow the hopes and struggles of teenagers from Zapata High School in south Texas as they compete to be the best Mariachi in the state. Along the way, you'll learn about the passion that people have for this delightful musical form. You will also gain an understanding of what it takes to be a good Mariachi player, be able to recognize what good Mariachi music sounds like, and appreciate the beauty and talent of a great Mariachi band. Next, use our Freegal playlist to hear the most cherished Mariachi songs. Afterwards, explore all the Mariachi Music that's available to you on Hoopla. It will be a wonderful journey!

Links

Mariachi High on Kanopy <https://tinyurl.com/y7rugcco>

"Popular Mariachi Classics" playlist on Freegal <https://tinyurl.com/y8j8m37t>

A search for "Mariachi" on Hoopla <https://tinyurl.com/y7ar7ssz>

A history of Mariachi from a section on "Mariachi Music" in *Modern Mexico* by James D. Huck Jr. (Virtual Reference Center) <https://tinyurl.com/y8guvunm>

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