

# Music of the Month - May

# Salsa



- Salsa is a fusion of Cuban, Puerto Rican and American music and was developed in the 1960s.
- It originates from Cuba which is in Central America.
- The word salsa means 'sauce'.
- These instruments make up a salsa band:



# Week 1 - Orquesta Aragon de Cuba



- *Orquesta Aragon de Cuba* is a Cuban musical band formed in 1939.
- They still perform today although are now made up of different members of the band.
- They play very traditional salsa music.
- They are also known as the best band to play the 'Cha Cha Cha'.

# Week 2 - Celia Cruz



- Celia Cruz was a Cuban singer who became famous in the 1950s.
- She was known as the 'Queen of Salsa' and won many awards including twenty three gold albums, three Grammy awards, four Latin Grammy awards and the President's National Medal for Arts.
- This song is called 'Toro Mata' which means 'The Bull Kills' and is a story about two friends deciding to do some bull fighting which goes wrong. What do you think happened?

# Week 3 - Afro Cuban All Stars



- This is a Cuban band that mixes lots of musical styles together including Salsa, jazz and traditional Cuban music.
- They formed in 1996 and there are between 10-15 members depending on what they are playing.
- The Afro Cuban All Stars travel all around the world, playing their music for lots of people. They're like musical ambassadors from Cuba, spreading joy and rhythm wherever they go!