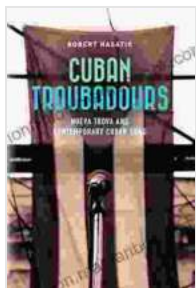


# Nueva Trova and Contemporary Cuban Song: The Cuban Beat



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## Origins and Influences

The origins of Nueva Trova can be traced back to the Cuban folk music of the 19th century. This music was often performed by troubadours, who would travel from town to town singing songs about love, loss, and social justice. In the early 20th century, Cuban folk music began to be influenced by other genres, such as jazz and bolero. This led to the development of a

new style of folk music, which was more sophisticated and urban than traditional folk music.

In the 1960s, a group of young Cuban musicians began to experiment with this new style of folk music. These musicians were inspired by the Cuban Revolution, and their songs often reflected the social and political changes that were taking place in Cuba at the time.

### **Characteristics of Nueva Trova**

Nueva Trova is characterized by its use of traditional Cuban instruments, such as the tres and the guitar. The tres is a three-stringed instrument that is similar to the guitar, but it has a smaller body and a higher pitch. The guitar is often used to accompany the tres, and it can also be used to play solo pieces.

The lyrics of Nueva Trova songs often deal with social and political issues. These songs can be about love, loss, poverty, injustice, and revolution. Nueva Trova songs are often very personal, and they can reflect the experiences of the individual artist.

### **Nueva Trova Artists**

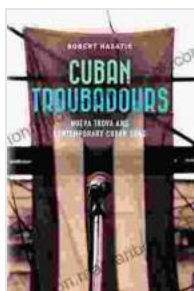
Some of the most famous Nueva Trova artists include Silvio Rodríguez, Pablo Milanés, and Noel Nicola. These artists have all achieved international success, and their songs have been translated into many languages.

### **Legacy of Nueva Trova**

Nueva Trova has been a major influence on the development of contemporary Cuban music. This genre has helped to raise the profile of

Cuban folk music, and it has inspired a new generation of Cuban musicians. Nueva Trova is a vibrant and dynamic genre, and it continues to evolve and grow today.

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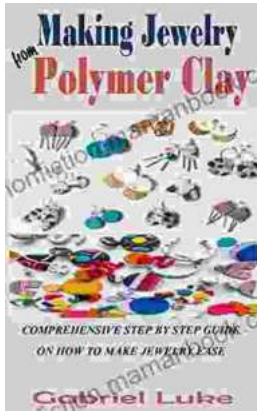


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