

# Latin rhythm history

## **Bossa Nova.**

Is a mixture of Brazilian rhythms and American Jazz.

Bossa is said to have originated at Carnegie Hall in 1961.

The name is translated as "the new beat" or "the new way".

## **Mambo.**

The Mambo originated in Cuba where there were substantial settlements of Haitians.

In the country of Haiti, the "Mambo" is a voodoo priestess.

The "Mambo" dance is attributed to Perez Prado who introduced it at La Tropicana night-club in Havana in 1943.

## **Songo.**

**Songo** is a type of Cuban music.

A contemporary, eclectic rhythm which blends several styles, including rumba, son, conga and other Cuban secular as well as sacred styles, with elements of North American jazz and funk.

Invented by Juan Luis Formell, the leader of Los Van Van, and Changuito, the percussionist of the same orchestra.

## **Samba.**

The Samba originated in Brazil.

Carnival sambas are typically performed by large percussion ensembles, and are an expression of Brazil's West African heritage.

The best-known are the urban sambas, said to derive from the maxixe and the highly persuasive sambas of the carnival "schools" of Rio.

The characteristic shuffling 2/4 rhythm, fused with jazz, is part of the bossa nova.

## **Mozambique.**

Mozambique is a vigorous style of Cuban music and dance similar to dengue and pachanga, except faster paced. It does not originate in the country of the same name, and bears no connection to it.

Steve Gadd (drumming legend) is credited as popularising the drum kit version of this rhythm.

## **Salsa.**

The word, Salsa, means sauce denoting a "hot" flavor and is best distinguished from other Latin music styles by defining it as the New York sound developed by Puerto Rican musicians in New York. The dance structure is largely associated with mambo type patterns and has a particular feeling that is associated mainly with the Clave and the Montuno

It is an umbrella term encompassing a mixture of Afro-Cuban and Latin rhythms and styles including: chachachá, mambo, son, cumbia, guajira, guaracha and songo.