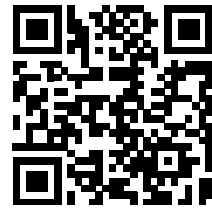


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# Caribbean Rhythms and Dances



Caribbean music is known for its vibrant and diverse \_\_\_\_\_. At the heart of these musical traditions is the \_\_\_\_\_, an instrument that brings life to various dances and songs. One of the most famous styles, \_\_\_\_\_, originated in Jamaica and speaks to themes of love, social justice, and peace. Another style, \_\_\_\_\_, hails from Trinidad and Tobago, blending soulful melodies with calypso rhythms to create energetic dance music. The \_\_\_\_\_, also from Trinidad, is a unique instrument made from oil barrels, producing melodious \_\_\_\_\_ that are synonymous with Caribbean carnivals. In Cuba, \_\_\_\_\_ music invites everyone to the dance floor with its catchy beats and rhythmic patterns. Dominican Republic's \_\_\_\_\_ is known for its fast pace and is often danced in pairs, making it a staple at parties and social gatherings. The \_\_\_\_\_ rhythm, a five-note pattern, is fundamental in many Caribbean music styles, acting as the backbone for genres like salsa and rumba. Through these rhythms, stories of \_\_\_\_\_, culture, and community life are told, reflecting the Caribbean's rich heritage. Music and dance are not just \_\_\_\_\_ in the Caribbean; they are vital expressions of identity, resistance, and \_\_\_\_\_.

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