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Weekly Lesson

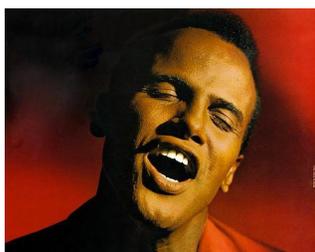
January 8 - 12, 2018

MUSIC OF THE CARIBBEAN

This week - and throughout the winter session - we warm things up in our classes with music from the islands and nations in and around the Caribbean Sea.

This rich, extensive, and incredibly diverse musical genre is as complex as the history surrounding this region of the world.

Some of the styles from the Caribbean include: Calypso, Reggae, Salsa, Soca, Denbo, Mento and Ska - to name only a few!



Caribbean music gained mainstream popularity in the United States mainly thanks to Jamaican-born singer, songwriter, actor and social activist, Harry Belafonte. Dubbed the "King of Calypso," he popularized the musical style (originating in Tobago and Trinidad) on an international level, in the 1950s. In 1956, his album "Calypso" was the first million-selling LP by a single artist. In 1989, he received the Kennedy Center Honors. He was awarded the National Medal of Arts in 1994.

Hurricane Maria caused devastating destruction and flooding in the Caribbean, destroying homes in Puerto Rico, Dominica, and the Virgin Islands just two weeks after Hurricane Irma.

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All Sing A Song songs and activities develop various areas of age-appropriate skills, including language development, gross motor skills, fine motor skills, creative

thinking, listening skills, social interaction skills, self-expression, imaginary play, autonomy and self-esteem.

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