BEYOND SALSA FOR ENSEMBLE

A GUIDE TO THE MODERN CUBAN RHYTHM SECTION



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Introduction to the Beyond Salsa Series

Beyond Salsa: The Central Premise

The explosive Havana music scene of the 1990s produced a windfall of transformational musical breakthroughs, many of which have yet to be fully exploited. The era's many musical masterpieces reinvent popular music arranging in many ways that cry out to be understood, recombined, and carried forward to their full potential. These new approaches to the rhythm section are equally valid and useful across the full range of popular music – from salsa and Latin jazz to rock, funk and pop.

In the first 14 volumes of *Beyond Salsa*, we've tried to identify and systematically study some of these innovations: song-specific tumbaos, gears, gear changes, controlled improvisation, conga, piano and bass tumbaos of double or quadruple length, contrasting gestures, efectos, rhythmic counterpoint, new approaches to clave and clave changes, and so on.

In *Beyond Salsa for Ensemble*, we study the rhythm section as a whole, with coordinated exercises for each instrument designed to be practiced together as a complete rhythm section, whether by students in an ensemble class setting or by professionals in a working band seeking to incorporate more modern Cuban rhythm section techniques into its arsenal.

How the Series is Organized and Sold

With the exception of the *Understanding Clave and Clave Changes* book and audio package, each volume of the *Beyond Salsa* series consists of two or three separately sold products:

- 1) a book like this one with text and musical notation (hard-copy or eBook)
- 2) downloadable MP3 audio files demonstrating the musical examples, accompanied by a clave click track, at full-speed and in slow motion, with the left and right hands panned hard left and right (and with bass tumbaos in the case of the Pupy Pedroso piano books)
- 3) when available, downloadable computer video files and physical DVDs showing a Cuban pianist performing each musical example at full speed, in slow motion, and with variations

You can choose any combination of the three to fit your personal style of learning.

Book

The book you're reading now can be purchased at www.createspace.com/3764505 as a hard-copy, bound paperback book. Alternatively, it can be viewed online and/or printed on your computer's printer from the website www.timba.com/ensemble. All volumes show music notation for each exercise in both 8th notes (American-style) and 16th notes (Cuban-style), as well as explanatory text

and historical information. If you don't read music and aren't interested in the explanations and history, you can choose to buy only the audio and/or video products and use them to learn the parts by ear.

Audio

The audio files do not come with the book. They're available as separate, downloadable products from www.timba.com/audio (or, in the case of Understanding Clave, they're available as free downloads at clave.latinpulsemusic.com). For each notation example, there are two ultra-high quality MP3 files made directly from 24-bit wave files. The first is recorded at normal tempo and the second in slow motion at 55 beats per minute. Each file begins with a countoff consisting of four main beats on the bell and one cycle of clave. After the countoff, the bell drops out while the clave continues. The piano and bass are panned hard right and left respectively. This way, you can use the balance control to solo the piano or play along with just the bass. The audio files can be burned to audio CDs or played on an MP3 player. If you have audio on your computer, I highly recommend taking advantage of the new generation of computer programs that will allow you to change the tempo and/or key of any of these audio files and to loop them to fit your style of practice. Particularly useful are: Amazing Slowdowner™, Transcribe!™ and Emulator X®, all of which can be downloaded from their respective websites. Audio samples can be auditioned at www.timba.com/audio.

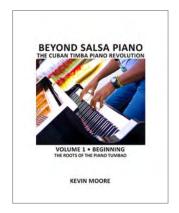
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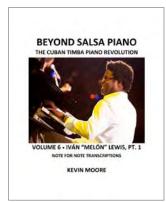
Like the audio products, the videos are sold as separate downloads from www.timba.com/audio. The video products for Volume 2 and Volume 3 of Beyond Salsa Percussion, featuring drummer/timbalero Calixto Oviedo, are already available at www.timba.com/percussion, as are several free previews. Scheduled for early 2012 are video products for the Melón Lewis piano books and the Alain Pérez bass books. There will video files for each exercise, in which the musician will play slowly, then at full speed, and finally with variations such as might be used in a live performance. Some free performance videos of Melón can be found at www.timba.com/piano.

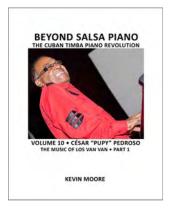
At the end of this book is the Beyond Salsa Catalog and price list for all products released to date, with pictures, links and content descriptions.

Currently available are *Understanding Clave and Clave Changes* and volumes in the *Beyond Salsa Piano, Beyond Salsa Percussion* and *Beyond Salsa for Ensemble* series. Planned for 2012 are our first publications in the *Beyond Salsa Bongó* and *Beyond Salsa Bass* series.

Beyond Salsa Piano







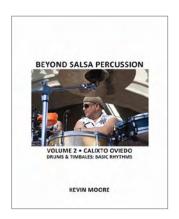
Beyond Salsa Piano, with 11 volumes as of 2011, is a history and anthology of the role of the piano in the Cuban rhythm section – from its first appearance to the present. In a broader sense, it's a study of the art of creating music from layers of repeating rhythmic and melodic phrases. Whether these syncopated figures are called *tumbaos*, *guajeos*, *montunos*, riffs or vamps, this Afro-Cuban concept lies at the heart of nearly every popular music genre from salsa to rock, funk, R&B, hip-hop and jazz. While presented as a set of method books, the series doubles as a history course and record- collecting guide for listeners, dancers, and musicians who play instruments other than piano.

Perhaps the most important goal of the series is to provide a comprehensive understanding of how tumbaos are constructed, their central role in the texture of Latin music of all eras, and the endless possibilities they provide for creative composing and arranging.

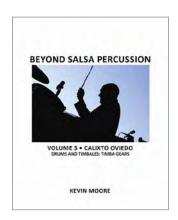
Volumes 1 to 5 – Ranging from beginning to advanced, these five volumes cover the entire history of Cuban tumbao playing, from the tres and violin guajeos that were the predecessors of the piano tumbao to a thorough analysis of the modern timba style.

Volume 6 onward – Each book concentrates on the style of one Cuban pianist, with note-for-note transcriptions, often based on MIDI files performed by the volume's featured pianist. For example, the subject of Volumes 6 through 9 is Iván "Melón" Lewis, the phenomenally innovative pianist who played with The Issac Delgado Group from 1995 to 1998. Volumes 10 and 11 begin our study of César "Pupy" Pedroso of Los Van Van and Los Que Son Son. Volume 12 will complete our survey of Pupy's work with Los Van Van and Volume 13 will cover his first four albums with Los Que Son Son. Beginning with Volume 14 we hope to move on to Juan Carlos González and Tirso Duarte of Charanga Habanera, Rodolfo "Peruchín" Argudín of NG La Banda, Chaka Nápoles of Manolín ("El Médico de la Salsa"), Rolando Luna of Paulito FG and The Issac Delgado Group, and many others. For beginners and intermediate players, we'll also be adding a special volume featuring Gustavo Ramírez, exploring the history of and the many possible bass and piano variations that can be used with the ubiquitous "guajira" progression, I – IV – V – IV, so fundamental to *salsa* and *son*.

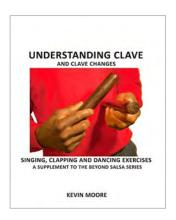
Beyond Salsa Percussion



This series focuses on timbales and drums and analyzes the rhythm section practices of various bands from various eras of Cuban music. Volumes 2 and 3, on Calixto Oviedo, of NG La Banda and Adalberto Álvarez fame, are released as of 2011 and described in detail at the end of this book Volume 1 is coming this year.



Understanding Clave and Clave Changes



Understanding Clave and Clave Changes is a special supplementary volume inspired by the extraordinary arranging of Pupy Pedroso and Juan Formell during the period covered by *Beyond Salsa Piano*, Volume 11. It began as a short appendix, but the more I wrote, the more I thought about my years of discussions with other musicians, long nights spent with headphones, reading of endless clave threads on internet groups, and the many lectures and master classes I've attended. There seems to be an endless fascination with clave, clave direction and clave changes, as well as endless frustration, confusion and misinformation.

With *Understanding Clave* I was determined to end the confusion once and for all, and to keep it from being one more "lose weight, quit smoking and make extra cash in your spare time" self-help book. I designed a method that requires you to sing, clap and dance your way through memorized musical examples before even attempting to understand the terminology of concepts.

In order to reach as large an audience as possible, the clave volume is sold at a reduced price, and with free downloadable audio files.

Introduction to Beyond Salsa for Ensemble

The *Beyond Salsa for Ensemble* series is designed for college ensembles and working Latin dance bands seeking to add modern Cuban music to their repertoires. The concepts are explained and discussed in detail in the first part of each book with the sheet music parts arranged in a separate section at the end so that they can easily be photocopied or cut out of the book for rehearsal.

The **Volume 1** course has three parts:

- In **Part I**, we learn two modern Cuban grooves, or *gears* in this case, *marcha arriba* in 2-3 clave and *marcha arriba* in 3-2 clave.
- In **Part II**, we learn 34 rhythmic breaks, or *efectos*, which can be added to these grooves, and, more importantly, which can be added to any song currently in your band's repertoire.
- In **Part III**, we learn a complete arrangement —*El buenagente*, by Pupy y Los Que Son Son.

In **Volume 2**, we'll learn seven alternative grooves *(gears)*, which alternate with marcha arriba and with each other in various ways in the course of a typical modern Cuban arrangement, and which also use efectos in various ways.

Audio Tracks

The audio product (sold separately at timba.com/audio) contains 464 audio tracks with every part at normal and slow motion, and with different mixes allowing you to solo or mute each instrument.

How the Audio Tracks are Designed

Every rhythm has four audio files for each of the six instruments. The pattern is represented by the number, and the letter shows the combination of instrument, tempo and clave direction.

	2-3 fast	2-3 slow	3-2 fast	3-2 slow
bongó	а	b	С	d
congas	e	f	g	h
timbales	i	j	k	1
drums	m	n	0	р
bass	q	r	S	t
piano	u	V	W	Х

So, if you're the bongosero, you can turn the balance control all the way to the left to solo your part or all the way to the right to mute the bass so you can play along with the rest of the rhythm section. It's also extremely important for each player to learn to sing (if not play) the parts of the other five. After well over a decade of spending as much time as possible with Cuban rhythm section players, I've yet to find a bassist who couldn't play basic congas or a drummer who couldn't lay

down a basic (or not-so-basic) piano tumbao. Other great examples of rhythm section "cross-training" include playing the bass tumbao with your left hand and the piano tumbao with your right, playing clave and/or bell with foot pedals while playing congas, and so on. Particularly enlightening is playing bass while playing kick drum with your foot. Finally, a skill which will greatly increase your value to any band is to learn to sing coro while playing your part.

The tempos vary depending on the exercise and the slow tempo tracks are only provided for the benefit of those who don't know how to slow down and loop tracks on their computers. However, one of the greatest things you can learn from this book is that slowing down and looping audio is *very easy* and unbelievably valuable once you learn to do it. I use AmazingSlowdowner™, Transcribe!™, and Emulator X® and can't imagine life without them. Way, way back in the 20th Century, musicians could only dream – and believe me, they did a lot of this type of dreaming! – of being able to slow down the tempo without changing the pitch (or raise the pitch an octave to expose the bass and kick drum without changing the tempo). There are dozens of programs that provide this type of audio control and once you get comfortable with it, you'll be able to take any of our audio tracks, loop them indefinitely, and change the tempo to any speed you choose.

Track	Left Channel	Right Channel	Tempo
1a	bongosero alone (2-3)	everyone else	normal
1b	bongosero alone (2-3)	everyone else	slow
1c	bongosero alone (3-2)	everyone else	normal
1d	bongosero alone (3-2)	everyone else	slow
1e	conguero alone (2-3)	everyone else	normal
1f	conguero alone (2-3)	everyone else	slow
1g	conguero alone (3-2)	everyone else	normal
1h	conguero alone (3-2)	everyone else	slow
1i	timbalero alone (2-3)	everyone else	normal
1j	timbalero alone (2-3)	everyone else	slow
1k	timbalero alone (3-2)	everyone else	normal
11	timbalero alone (3-2)	everyone else	slow
1m	drummer alone (2-3)	everyone else	normal
1n	drummer alone (2-3)	everyone else	slow
10	drummer alone (3-2)	everyone else	normal
1p	drummer alone (3-2)	everyone else	slow
1q	bassist alone (2-3)	everyone else	normal
1r	bassist alone (2-3)	everyone else	slow
1s	bassist alone (3-2)	everyone else	normal
1t	bassist alone (3-2)	everyone else	slow
1u	stereo mix - no piano (2-3)	stereo mix - no piano (2-3)	normal
1v	stereo mix - no piano (2-3)	stereo mix - no piano (2-3)	slow
1w	stereo mix - no piano (3-2)	stereo mix - no piano (3-2)	normal
1x	stereo mix - no piano (3-2)	stereo mix - no piano (3-2)	slow

PART I: The Point of Departure – The Home Gear



The Master Plan

- Here in Volume 1, Part I, we'll learn a basic groove a home gear that will be our point of departure for each rhythmic study. We'll call this gear marcha arriba.
- In Volume 1, Part II, we'll learn to spice up that groove with rhythmic breaks, or efectos.
- In Volume 2, we'll learn seven other families of grooves, or *gears*, and techniques for switching from one to the other.

Glossary of Critical Terms

Terminology is a source of endless confusion and argument whenever Cuban music is written about or discussed, especially in English. Our philosophy is to use terms only to the extent that they're necessary to understand concepts and to transition to a less verbal, more "right-brained" approach as soon as possible. If you, your bandleader, or your professor prefer other terms to the ones we use, please substitute them with our blessings. The best we can do is define the terms we're using and use them consistently. When there is more than one definition, we give the limited definition first and the broader, more conceptual definition next. The "Alternate Terms" column includes

synonyms as well as terms that are or have been used elsewhere for the same definition. For example, some musicians use *efecto*, *bloque* and *cierre* interchangeably while others distinguish among them, e.g., the term *efecto* might be used for an optional break that occurs when the voices are the focal point of the arrangement while the term *bloque* might be used for a mandatory break that's is integral to the arrangement and brings the rhythm break to the forefront.

Key Term:	Definitions:	Alternate Terms:
gear	any combination of bass and percussion parts rehearsed and used by a band as an integral part of its style	groove, beat, marcha, ritmo, rhythm, mecánica
tumbao	1. the specific conga part most common in salsa and traditional Cuban music (We don't use it this way.) 2. a syncopated accompaniment pattern played by the piano or bass	
marcha	an accompaniment pattern played by the conguero or bongosero a family of gears requiring a steady bass tumbao, and corresponding to couple dancing where the feet "march" in a steady rhythm (as opposed to non-couple dancing concentrating on hip and shoulder movement)	tumbao, ride, groove, beat
marcha arriba	 a non-universal term for a marcha gear where both the timbalero and bongosero play bell rides the most common Cuban gear, used primarily, but not exclusively, to accompany call and response vocals, and utilizing both bells, a steady bass tumbao and a steady conga marcha 	arriba, marcha de campana, campaneo, marcha normal
efecto	a rhythmic figure played by all or part of the rhythm section during a gear already in progress, or to connect two gears	bloque, break, punches, cierre

Frequently Asked Questions

Frequently Asked Questions:	Answers:
You said there are eight gears. Why start with marcha arriba?	 There are four answers: Marcha arriba is by far the most frequently-used gear. Marcha arriba can and does commonly switch to, and from, every other gear. Other gears are used in more specific combinations. Marcha arriba is the most logical gear for the rhythmic breaks we'll be
	 learning in Part II of this book. Of all the gears, marcha arriba is the closest to the traditional salsa groove with which many readers will already be familiar.
Can your version of this gear be used for other songs – even traditional songs?	Yes! Just change the piano and bass to fit the new chord progression. You can optionally use your creativity to make the piano, bass and conga parts unique to the song you're playing.

In this section we'll detail the parts and nuances of all six instruments of the rhythm section for two modern Cuban versions of marcha arriba. We strongly suggest that you learn to sing each and every part, regardless of your chosen instrument. I've yet to encounter a professional Cuban musician (or singer for that matter) who wasn't able to sing (and usually play) all of these parts — usually several of them at once — while dancing and making jokes. If you get a chance to take a private lesson from one of these guys, ask him or her to sing a complete rhythm section groove. The result can be quite a revelation and they all do it so well that I'm working on plans to do a volume on the Cuban style of vocalizing rhythm section grooves.

Anatomy of a Groove – From Salsa to Timba

Every popular dance music arrangement, Latin or otherwise, has some combination of an intro, an ending, lyrics and a melody for the verses, horn or string interludes, solos, call and response vocals, and breakdowns, but if we remove all of that, we're left with a groove – a "beat" – a basic repeating figure that defines the genre, the era, perhaps even the band, and perhaps even the song. Just a short loop from the rhythm sections tracks is enough to tell us whether we're listening to jazz or rock or salsa or timba. And if it's jazz, that same loop will tell us if it's "Dixieland" from the 20s, swing from the 30s, bebop from the 40s or fusion from late 70s. If it's rock, even with only the rhythm tracks to go by, we can tell immediately if it's Chuck Berry & Co. from the 50s, psychedelic rock or folk rock from the 60s, disco or progressive rock from the 70s, punk from the 80s, grunge from the 90s or today's hip-hop, post-Brit Pop, Glam metal, or Gothabilly. If it's Latin dance music, an informed listener will be able to tell whether the looped passage is danzón from the turn of the century, son from the 20s, son montuno from the 40s, chachachá from the 50s, salsa from the 60s, mozambique from the 60s, songo from the 70s, salsa romántica from the 80s, salsa dura from the 90s, timba from the 90s, or one of dozens of hybrids created by mixing Latin genres or mixing Latin genres with non-Latin genres.

Raw rhythm section tracks contain many categories of musical information that allows us to identify a genre, or subgenre, or band – even without lyrics, melodic differences, visual elements, cultural references or song-specific clues:

- tempo
- meter: grouping of beats and beat subdivisions
- clave
- instrumentation
- length of the repeating passage
- harmonic range and style
- repeating rhythmic accents of each instrument
- departures from the main groove

Let's use these categories to provide the rhythm section answer to that most frequently asked of frequently-asked questions — "what's the difference between salsa and timba?" — and to help us devise the most efficient way to study those differences.

Tempo and Meter: The first two categories offer no significant differences. Both salsa and timba have a tempo range of about 70 to 110 BPM with 85-95 BPM being the most common. Both use groups of four beats, each with four equal subdivisions.

Clave: Clave is an absolutely critical component of both genres. Each uses the 2-3 and 3-2 directions of both son and rumba clave, although rumba clave is much less common in salsa. In each genre, each instrument has ways of "marking" the clave without literally playing it, but there are key differences. In salsa, the bass is often clave-neutral while the piano has a very formulaic style of marking the clave. In timba, it's the bass that has more standardized clave-marking figures while the piano is much more prone to variation. In timba, it's much more likely that the clave rhythm itself will be played, either on claves or a jam block.

Instrumentation: Salsa rhythm sections have a very standardized instrumentation of bass, piano, timbales, congas and bongó. Cuban bands of the last 30 years, as we'll show in detail a little later, are all over the map, but the basic components of the groove are similar to salsa:

- syncopated bass tumbaos
- syncopated, clave-aligned piano tumbaos (called *montunos* outside Cuba)
- two interlocking bell rides (sometimes called *campaneo* and *contracampaneo*)
- conga marcha (the most common is sometimes called tumbao outside Cuba)

Timba bands have different ways of dividing these roles (e.g., sometimes both bells are played by the same person), but the one critical and extremely important difference is the presence of an independent kick drum part.

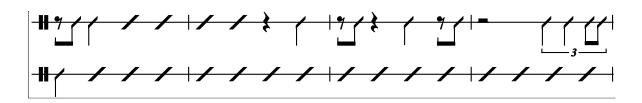
Tumbao Length: In both genres, the length of the tumbao varies from one to four claves – occasionally being extended as far as eight. In salsa, however, a length of one clave is most common, and even when the *chord progression* extends to two or four, the *rhythmic cycles* of the bass, piano and conga parts usually repeat after only one clave. In timba, tumbao lengths of one clave are extremely rare. For this course we'll use a tumbao length of two claves with different rhythms in each clave for piano, bass and congas.

Harmony: For various reasons explained in the *Beyond Salsa Piano* series, timba has a much wider harmonic range than salsa, but for this series, we'll use a single chord progression. This will enable us to focus on rhythm and allow you to more easily apply these rhythms to the songs in your band's repertoire, regardless of their chord progressions.

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bongosero	15a	15b	15c	15d	p.143	p.190	p.232	p.279
conguero	15e	15f	15g	15h	p.147	p.196	p.236	p.285
timbalero		15j	15k	15 l	p.151	p.201	p.240	p.290
drummer		15n	150	15p	p.155	p.206	p.244	p.295
bassist		15r	15s	15t	p.159	p.210	p.248	p.299
pianist		15v	15w	15x	p.33	p.47	p.33	p.47
conductor's score		-	-	-	p.139	p.271	p.100	p.100

Efecto 15 in 2-3 Clave





For Further Study

Suggested Reading

Other Volumes of this Series:

Beyond Salsa Piano, Vol. 1 – The Roots of the Piano Tumbao, by Kevin Moore

Beyond Salsa Piano, Vol. 2 - Early Cuban Piano Tumbaos: 1940-1959, by Kevin Moore

Beyond Salsa Piano, Vol. 3-4 – Cuban Piano Tumbaos: 1960-1989, by Kevin Moore

Beyond Salsa Piano, Vol. 5 – Introduction to Timba, by Kevin Moore

Beyond Salsa Piano, Vol. 6-9 – Iván "Melón" Lewis, Pts. 1-2-3, by Kevin Moore

Beyond Salsa Piano, Vol. 10-13- César "Pupy" Pedroso, by Kevin Moore

Beyond Salsa Percussion, Vol. 2-3, by Kevin Moore

Understanding Clave and Clave Changes, by Kevin Moore

Overview: www.timba.com

Cuba and its Music, by Ned Sublette, Chicago Review Press

The Clave Matrix, by David Peñalosa, Bembe Books

Discography:

http://www.timba.com/encyclopedias http://latinpop.fiu.edu/discography.html

Afro-Cuban Folkloric Music and Rumba:

The Conga Drummer's Guidebook, by Michael Spiro, Sher Music (also at www.latinpulsemusic.com)
Rumba Quinto, by David Peñalosa, Bembe Books

The Afro-Cuban Folkloric Musical Tradition, by Robert Fernández, Leisure Planet Music Afro-Cuban Percussion Workbook (and DVD product), by José Eladio Amat and Curtis Lanoue Método para la Enseñanza de la Percusión Latina, by Roberto Vizcaíno (contemporarymusicproject.com)

Traditional Salsa Piano:

The *Salsa Guidebook* and *101 Montunos,* by Rebeca Mauleón-Santana, Sher Music *101 Montunos,* by Rebeca Mauleón-Santana, Sher Music

Timba: www.timba.com

The Tomás Cruz Conga Method, Vols. I-II-III, by Tomás Cruz, Kevin Moore, Mike Gerald and Orlando Fiol, Mel Bay Publications

Text to Tune Alignment in the Music of Charanga Habanera, by Ryan Mead - Honors Thesis at Stanford University, 2007. Available at: ryanmead.com/Thesis.pdf

Study Trips to Cuba:

Chuck Silverman – <u>www.chucksilverman.com</u> PlazaCUBA – www.plazacuba.com

Suggested Listening

** indicates album download (w/full booklet) is available on www.latinpulsemusic.com as of 2010.

This list is chosen for both overall musical quality and relevance to the tumbaos and pianists that will appear in future volumes of the "Beyond Salsa Piano" series.

GROUP	ALBUM	PIANIST	LABEL
Paulito FG y su Élite	Con la conciencia tranquila	Sergio Noroña	Nueva Fania **
	Paulito FG (El bueno soy yo)	Emilio Morales	Nueva Fania **
Bamboleo	Yo no me parezco a nadie	Lázaro Valdés	Ahí Namá **
	Ya no hace falta	Lázaro Valdés	Ahí Namá **
	Ñññño!	Lázaro Valdés	Ahí Namá
Charanga Habanera	Hey You Loca	Juan Carlos González	Magic Music **
	Pa' que se entere La Habana	Juan Carlos González	Magic Music **
	Tremendo delirio	Juan Carlos González	Magic Music **
	Charanguero mayor	Tirso Duarte	Ciocan Music **
	Live in the USA	Tirso Duarte	Ciocan Music **
	Chan Chan Charanga	Tirso Duarte	Ciocan Music **
Danny Lozada	Tanto le pedí	Juan Carlos González	
Issac Delgado	Rarities (Exclusivo para Cuba)	Iván Melón Lewis	Ciocan Music **
	El año que viene	Iván Melón Lewis	RMM
	Otra idea	Iván Melón Lewis	RMM
	La primera noche	Pepe Rivero	ARTEX**
	La fórmula	Roberto Carlos	Ahí Namá **
Manolín	Para mi gente	Chaka Nápoles	Ahí Namá **
	De buena fe	Chaka Nápoles	Blue Metro
	Jaque mate	Chaka Nápoles	Caribe
	El puente	Chaka Nápoles	Ciocan Music **
Los Van Van	Disco Azúcar	Pupy Pedroso	ARTEX **
	Lo último en vivo	Pupy Pedroso	QBADisc
	Ay dios, ampárame	Pupy Pedroso	Caribe Records**
	Ésto te pone la cabeza mala	Pupy Pedroso	Caribe Records **
	Llegó Van Van	Pupy Pedroso	Pimienta Records **
	Chapeando	Roberto Carlos	Unicornio Records **
NG La Banda	En la calle	"Peruchín" Argudín	QBADisc
	Simplemente lo mejor de NG	"Peruchín" Argudín	ARTEX (BIS) **

GROUP	ALBUM	PIANIST	LABEL	
Klímax	Mira si te gusta	Tony Pérez	Eurotropical	
	Juego de manos	"Huicho"	Eurotropical	
	Oye como va	Marcos Crego	Eurotropical	
Klímax and Manolito	Concierto Eurotropical I	"Huicho"/Manolito	Eurotropical	
Manolito y su Trabuco	Directo al corazón	Manolito Simonet	Bembe Records	
	Contra todos los prognósticos	Manolito Simonet	Eurotropical	
	Marcando la distancia	Manolito Simonet	Eurotropical	
	Para que baile Cuba	Manolito Simonet	Eurotropical	
	Se rompieron los termómetros	Manolito Simonet	Eurotropical	
	Hablando en serio	Manolito Simonet	EGREM	
Los Que Son Son	Qué cosas tiene la vida	Pupy Pedroso	EGREM	
	La buenagente	Pupy Pedroso	Pimienta Records	
	Mi timba cerrá	Pupy Pedroso	EGREM	
	Tranquilo que yo controlo	Pupy Pedroso	EGREM	
	Siempre Pupy	Pupy Pedroso	EGREM	
Revé y su Charangón	Se sigue comentando	Roy Alain Sain	BIS**	
	Fresquecito	Pachy Naranjo, Jr.	BIS**	
	De qué estamos Hablando	Pachy Naranjo, Jr.		
Azúcar Negra	Andar andando	Aisar Simón	BIS**	
Michel Maza	Fieeesta	Sergio Noroña	Envidia**	
	Que hablen los habladores	Sergio Noroña	Envidia**	
Angel Bonne	Circunstancias	Yaniel "El Majá"	EGREM	
	Bonne & Bonne Co.	Wilfredo Naranjo, Jr.	EGREM	
Havana d'Primera	Haciendo historia	Tony Rodríguez	EGREM	
Various	Gracias Formell	Melón Lewis, Emilio Morales	Ciocan**	

For suggested listening within the 1960-1989 time period, please see the Discography and Online Book sections of the Timbapedia section of www.timba.com.

Complete digital albums with liner notes for two Pupy Pedroso albums, six recent Los Van Van albums, and *Gracias Formell* are available for audition and download at: www.latinpulsemusic.com.

Los Van Van and Pupy Pedroso tracks are now available for audition and digital download at EGREM's website: www.egremtodomusica.com.

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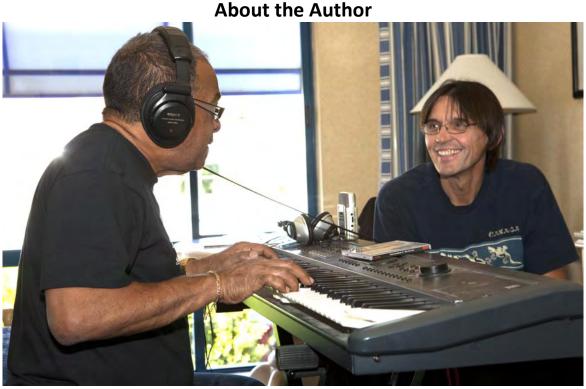
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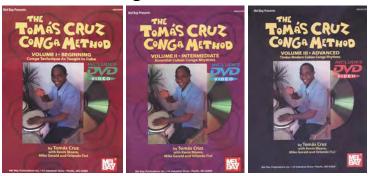


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In the early 2000s Kevin co-wrote *The Tomás Cruz Conga Method, Volumes 1-3*, a critically acclaimed method book used as a text at various educational institutions. More books on Tomás Cruz (including the long-promised volume on the adaptation of folkloric rhythms to timba conga marchas, are planned for 2013 as part of the *Beyond Salsa Congas* series. Various other important congueros will also be featured.

The Tomás Cruz Conga Method – Volumes 1, 2, & 3



Published by Mel Bay Publications, Inc.

As musical director, composer, arranger and violinist of the California-based salsa band Orquesta Gitano Kevin co-produced the 1998 CD *Salsa Gitana*, songs from which have been used in various films and television shows. In addition to the audio tracks, full salsa band charts for this album can be purchased at Latin Pulse Music.



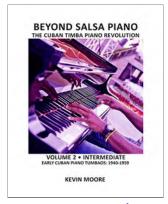
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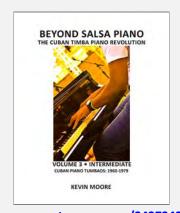
www.createspace.com/1000252022 www.latinpulsemusic.com/albums/show/353 **Beyond Salsa Piano, Volume 1** begins around 1900 and covers the origins of the tumbao concept using exercises adapted from genres – such as *changüí, danzón,* and *son* – that pre-date the use of piano as the primary instrument for tumbaos in Cuban music. This material is designed to be playable by nearbeginners, musicians who play other instruments, and arrangers seeking to acquire a basic facility on piano.

Artists covered include Grupo Changüí de Guantánamo, Sexteto Habanero and Arsenio Rodríguez.



www.createspace.com/3419799 www.latinpulsemusic.com/albums/show/359 **Beyond Salsa Piano, Volume 2** covers the period from 1940-1959, during which the piano became a constant and dominant presence in nearly every Latin rhythm section, and during which Cuban music had a profound global influence on all forms of popular music. The difficulty level ranges from beginning to intermediate.

Artists covered include Arcaño y sus Maravillas, Orquesta Aragón, Chappottín y sus Estrellas, Celia Cruz y Sonora Matancera, Beny Moré, Pérez Prado, Orquesta Sensación, José Fajardo y sus Estrellas, and Conjunto Modelo.



www.createspace.com/3427343 www.latinpulsemusic.com/albums/show/361 **Beyond Salsa Piano, Volumes 3 and 4** cover the eclectic period between the Cuban Revolution and the Fall of the Berlin Wall – from 1959 to 1989.

Volume 3 covers *mozambique, pilón, changüí-68, songo,* and artists such as Irakere, Ritmo Oriental, Los Van Van, Pacho Alonso, Orquesta Aragón, Opus 13, Orquesta 440, and Afrocuba.

Volume 3 also contains an extensive section on Afro-Cuban folkloric rhythms and their application to popular music piano-playing.



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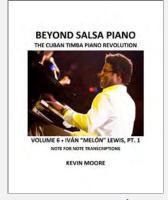
Styles covered include those of Elio Revé y su Charangón, Rumbavana, Son 14, Adalberto Álvarez y su Son, Orquesta Original de Manzanillo, Maravillas de Florida, Orquesta Aliamén, and Los Karachi.

We also introduce the concept of "controlled improvisation", which runs through the entire series.



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- a history and discography of the timba era
- a detailed description of rhythm section "gears"
- a list and analysis of the 10 most important piano innovations of the 1990s
- 32 instructional tumbaos on the same chord progression, demonstrating these innovations
- a Harmony Appendix with hundreds of timba tumbao chord progressions in Roman numerals



www.createspace.com/3427351 www.latinpulsemusic.com/albums/show/364 Beginning with **Volume 6**, each book concentrates on the style of one Cuban pianist, with note-for-note transcriptions, based in most cases on MIDI files performed by the volume's featured pianist.

Volumes 6 through 9 are on Iván "Melón" Lewis, the phenomenally innovative pianist who played with The Issac Delgado Group from 1995 to 1998.

Volume 6 begins with Melón's biography and discography and continues to in-depth studies of his piano style on the extended live concert versions of *No me mires a los ojos* and *La vida sin esperanza*.



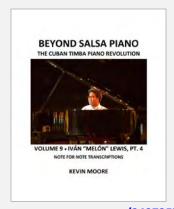
www.createspace.com/3427354 www.latinpulsemusic.com/albums/show/365 **Volume 7** moves on to Melón's approach to two more live classics of the Issac Delgado Group: *Luz viajera* (arranged by Melón) and *Por qué paró*.

In the process of detailing the many types of tumbaos Melón uses in these extended live arrangements we cover the timba gears of marcha, muela, bomba and presión and delve even more deeply into Melón's approach to "controlled improvisation".



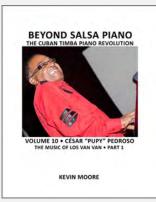
www.createspace.com/3427355 www.latinpulsemusic.com/albums/show/366 **Beyond Salsa Piano, Volume 8** continues our chronological survey of Melón's unique tumbaos and improvisational live style with *Deja que Roberto te toque* and the extremely polyrhythmic *Brindando con el alma.*

La chica del sol is then used as a vehicle to present exercises to understand how timba relates to salsa and Latin jazz.



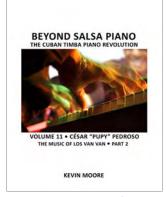
www.createspace.com/3427357 www.latinpulsemusic.com/albums/show/367 Beyond Salsa Piano, Volumes 9, our final volume on Iván "Melón" Lewis, is the longest of the series and includes his unusually sophisticated approach to cuerpos as well as tumbaos. It begins with Melón's approach to the I-IV-V-IV progression, using his arrangement of Catalina as a jumping-off point. We then cover the remaining important live staples of the Delgado repertoire during Melón's tenure: Con la punta del pie, Por la naturaleza, Se te fue la mano, Pa' que te salves, and La competencia ("Hit Parade").

Finally, we cover the tumbao from *Movimiento*, from Melón's latest Latin jazz album, and a tumbao from his recent work with Manolín, el Médico de la Salsa.



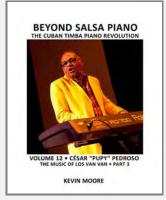
www.createspace.com/3573344 www.latinpulsemusic.com/albums/show/406 **Beyond Salsa Piano, Volume 10** begins our study of César "Pupy" Pedroso of Los Van Van and Los Que Son Son.

Volume 10 begins with extensive biography and discography chapters and covers piano tumbaos for songs first released between 1979 (when Pupy began to compose for Los Van Van) and 1983, including *El bate de aluminio, Fallaste a sacar tu cuenta, Después que te casaste* and many others. On the classic *Hoy se cumplen seis semanas,* we present a full chart of Pupy's new arrangement with his current group, Los Que Son Son.

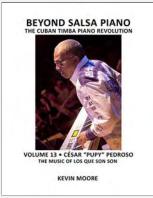


www.createspace.com/3573347 www.latinpulsemusic.com/albums/show/407 **Beyond Salsa Piano, Volume 11** covers the next phase of Pupy's career, 1984-1988 with Los Van Van, including songs such as *Si quieres que te llegue pronto, Ya tu campana no suena, and Será que se acabó.*

Also included are complete piano and bass charts for *El buenagente* and *Calla calla*, based on the modern Los Que Son Son versions.



www.createspace.com/3573348 www.latinpulsemusic.com/albums/show/408 **Beyond Salsa Piano,** Volume 12 is scheduled for release in 2012 or 2013 and will cover the remainder of Pupy's career with Los Van Van (1989-2001).



www.createspace.com/3573349 www.latinpulsemusic.com/albums/show/409 **Beyond Salsa Piano, Volume 13**, scheduled for release in 2012 or 2013, is our final volume on Pupy Pedroso, will cover his work with his own group, Los Que Son Son, founded in 2001 and one of Cuba's top groups today.

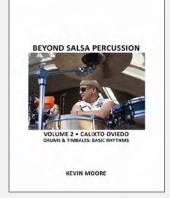
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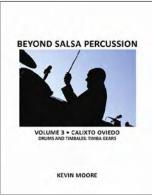
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Beyond Salsa Percussion, Volume 1 will be a beginning study of all the basic parts for timbales and drums.

Scheduled for release in 2012.



www.createspace.com/3500639 www.latinpulsemusic.com/albums/show/397 Beyond Salsa Percussion, Volume 2: Basic Rhythms is the first of two books on legendary timbalero/drummer Calixto Oviedo, who played with Pacho Alonso, Adalberto Álvarez and the first timba band, NG La Banda. The book begins with a long biography and discography section and presents Calixto's approaches to six classic Cuban rhythms, ranging from traditional timbales to various combinations of timbales and drumset. The rhythms covered are: danzón, chachachá, mozambique, pilón, simalé and upa-upa.



www.createspace.com/3500640 www.latinpulsemusic.com/albums/show/399 **Beyond Salsa Percussion, Volume 3: Timba Gears** is one of our longest and most adventurous books, explaining what gears are and demonstrating the almost endless ways that each can be orchestrated on timbales and drumset.

In addition to exhaustively detailing Calixto's styles, the book explains how the various top Cuban bands produce their signature rhythm section *sellos* by dividing the rhythmic responsibilities creatively between the percussionists. The gears covered are: *marcha abajo, marcha arriba, marcha de mambo, muela, presión* and *bomba*.

Understanding Clave and Clave Changes is a special supplement to the *Beyond Salsa* series. It's divided into four sections, and uses hands-on singing, clapping and dancing exercises to become intimate with clave and avoid the excruciating intellectual confusion that results from trying to learn it with one's left-brain!

Part 1: For Beginners – What is Clave?

Part 2: Demystifying Clave Terminology

Part 3: Intermediate - Clave Direction

Part 4: Advanced –Clave Changes

Unlike the other books, the clave course absolutely requires both the audio files and book, so the audio files are provided as a free download to anyone who buys the hard-copy book or the eBook.

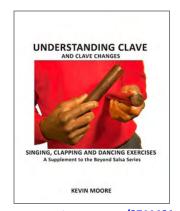
Beyond Salsa for Ensemble Vol. 1, at 368 pages, with 464 audio files, is our most adventurous project to date.

Part 1: The Point of Departure: The Home Gear –

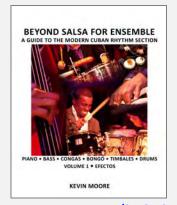
Explains the differences between salsa and timba and teaches the most common timba groove, from which all other exercises begin.

Part 2: Efectos – 36 rhythm section breaks, or *efectos*, completely notated, in 2-3 and 3-2 clave/

Part 3: Complete Performance Chart – A meticulous note-for-note transcription of all instruments for *El buenagente* by Pupy Pedroso y Los Que Son Son.



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COMING IN 2012	Beyond Salsa Bongó will feature Carlos Caro, winner of timba.com's Readers' Poll for Best Timba Bongosero. These books will begin with instruction in technique, starting from a beginning level and then work their way from the early son styles of bongóplaying to Caro's timba style with Opus 13, Paulito FG and Jacqueline Castellanos.			
COMING IN EARLY 2012	Beyond Salsa Bass will closely mirror Beyond Salsa Piano, with introductory volumes covering the history of Cuban bass, starting at the beginning level, and continuing with books about specific bassists. The first subject will be Alain Pérez, easily one of the top few Cuban bassists of all-time and equally phenomenal as a composer and arranger. We already have video footage of Alain, so this project will definitely be released in early 2012.			
COMING IN	Beyond Salsa Congas is in the development stages. It will hopefully include volumes on Tomás Cruz as well			
2013	as other top congueros.			

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Lyrics and Guías

El buenagente

composer: César "Pupy" Pedroso

lead vocals: José "Pepito" Gómez (2005 version)

CUERPO A1

Todos los días Cuando voy para el trabajo Me encuentro con Pedro Pablo Viene a picarme un cigarro

Y se lo doy

Porque yo soy tan buena gente Ayer le presté diez pesos Al sobrino de Vicente

CUERPO B1

Coro: Si tu vecina

Quiere hacer arroz con pollo

Y necesita que tú le prestes ingredientes

Pepe: Si yo lo tengo

Lo resuelvo urgentemente

Ya te lo dije

Que yo soy muy bi

CUERPO A2

Ve a la farmacia Compra un peso d Te llevas dos sobre A la viejita Cristina También me comp

También me comp Dos cajas de caran Para los hijos de C Para los nietos de

CUERPO B2

Coro: Pero yo crec Que lo tuya es fan Lo que te pidan No lo resuelves en

Pepe: No digan es Que yo te entrego Hasta un sombrera Que te queda a la

CUERPO A3

Oye Josefa, dime si se encuentra Paco A el paso por mi casa Déjale estos tres tobacos

CUERPO C

Soy buena gente Tú sabes que no soy malo Porque te presto lo mío Y lo ajeno lo regalo

Soy buena gente

Tú sabes que no soy malo Porque te presto lo mio Y lo ajeno lo regalo.

MONTUNO - CORO 1

Coro: Y no te asombres si mis manos están





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Cuerpo B1



y ne-ce - si - ta que tú le pres - tes'in gre - dien - tes

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