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[**Los Condenados Huastecos**](https://www.facebook.com/LosCondenadosHuastecos)

This is one of the first times I have listened and seen someone perform Mexican music. It was really cool to see [Los Condenados Huastecos](https://www.facebook.com/LosCondenadosHuastecos), their specialty is the son huasteco music which originates from Mexico’s central gulf region. Condenados translates to condemned which I thought was interesting to say, most people don’t like to be condemned. But it is important to mention how The Condemned Huastecos are very involved in the Chicago land area to educate people and spread a little taste of their heritage. Also, very cool that some of these members themselves were involved in other bands and were awarded. Like Juan Rivera who was nominated for the Latin Grammy Award.

I really liked and appreciated Los Condenados Huastecos coming in to our classroom and performing for us. I believe this was so because I have a taste for any music in general and I am Egyptian. I was actually born and lived there for eight years and I always loved and still listen to old time Egyptian music like Umm Kulthum and Abdel Halim Hafez. Their style of singing and music had similarities (not many but some) to the music and singing I heard during the concert in the beginning of the semester. For example, as Juan Rivera who played the violin and did it very passionately I thought is similar to a lot of older Egyptian music where they played the violin. The violin was one of the main instrument that they used to perfect their music. Also, the guitar is another big instrument which the bands of Umm Kulthum and Abdel Halim Hafez surrounded their music and songs with. As Carlos García was the main guitar player in Los Condenados Huastecos, Carlos I thought played the guitar loudly and with a certain charisma that added flavor and aided their style of playing.

I see multiple similarities between the culture and the music style from my Egyptian/Arab origin to the music you showed us in class from the videos and the readings I did. I thought it was very cool how some Arab style of music is incorporated into the Latin music communities. My brother is actually dating a very sweet girl from Mexico and for her birthday, my brother got her a mariachi band to play at her birthday party. I heard it was awesome but too bad I wasn’t there to see it. I very much like to get a taste of other cultures and their music. I believe that music is a very universal language.