

Latin American Vacation Summary

Latin American Vacation is a production which explores music from and inspired by Latin American musical styles and genres. It combines elements of classical music and theatre, emerging as an original storytelling performance. Our two main characters, one the straight-laced academic and the other a free-spirited adventurer, take a vacation to three Latin American countries. Along the way they create “Youtube” vlogs and meet talented pianists, other hotel guests (the audience), and a flight attendant. The plot thickens as their personalities and viewpoints clash - what makes a piece of music authentic to a particular country’s musical tradition?

During the development of this project we realized that we had a lot of easily accessible pieces that were influenced by Latin American cultures, musical traditions, and places to choose from, but struggled to find music by Latin American composers. We chose to integrate the debate of authenticity into the plot of the show, hoping to inspire our audience to have a conversation about the roots of the music they listen to.