

Hispanic Heritage Month Sept. - Oct.

Featured Composer:
Arturo Márquez (1950-)



Geography:

- Álamos in the Mexican state of Sonora, in northwestern Mexico.



Biography:

- Born in Sonora Mexico
- Father was a mariachi musician
- Began composing at the age of 16
- His music incorporates forms and styles of his native Mexico
- Pieces have been conducted by Gustavo Dudamel

Musical Details:

- Márquez is widely recognized as one of the most important Mexican composers of his generation

Activities:

- Read about, discuss, and listen to the piece "Alas" which is dedicated to Malala Yousafzai, a Pakistani activist who fought for education as a fundamental right of children and young people, which earned her the Nobel Prize for Peace in 2014.
 - Read:** <https://comingtogether2017.wordpress.com/alas-a-malala/>
 - Listen** to Alas using the link below
- Using Google Translate**, have students translate the lyrics from the piece "Alas" and try to sing along to the recording:
Vocal Score: <https://www.scribd.com/document/332698365/Alas-a-Malala-voz-Soprano>
 - What do you think these words mean?
 - What do you think is the message of this song?

Listen/Watch:

- Alas (a Malala):** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xeMGjI2sOdo>
- La Conga del Fuego Nuevo:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lpZ-1yOsail>
- Danzón No. 2:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pjZPHW0qVvo>