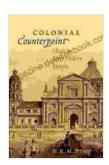
# Music in Early Modern Manila: Currents in Latin American and Iberian Music

Music played an important role in the cultural and social life of early modern Manila. The city was a major center of trade and commerce, and people from all over the world came to Manila to trade. This led to a flourishing of cultural exchange, and music was one of the ways that different cultures interacted with each other.

The music of early modern Manila was a mix of indigenous Filipino music and music from other parts of the world, including Latin America and Iberia. Spanish and Portuguese missionaries brought their own musical traditions to Manila and introduced new instruments, such as the guitar and the violin. These instruments were quickly adopted by Filipino musicians, who used them to create new musical genres.



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#### **Musical Genres**

The most popular musical genre in early modern Manila was the *harana*, a love song that was typically sung by a man to a woman. Haranas were often accompanied by a guitar or a violin. Another popular genre was the *kundiman*, a ballad that was often about love, loss, or nostalgia. Kundimans were typically sung by women, and were often accompanied by a harp or a guitar.

In addition to these indigenous genres, Manila was also home to a number of other musical genres, including Spanish and Portuguese folk songs, as well as classical music. Spanish and Portuguese missionaries brought their own musical traditions to Manila, and introduced new instruments, such as the guitar and the violin. These instruments were quickly adopted by Filipino musicians, who used them to create new musical genres.

#### Influences of Latin American and Iberian Music

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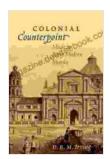
In addition to the influence of Spanish and Portuguese music, the music of early modern Manila was also influenced by the music of other parts of Latin America, such as Mexico and Peru. This influence is evident in the use of certain musical instruments, such as the charango and the marimba, as well as in the use of certain musical styles, such as the *son jarocho* and the *cueca*.

#### Role of Music in Cultural and Social Life

Music played an important role in the cultural and social life of early modern Manila. Music was used to celebrate important occasions, such as weddings, baptisms, and funerals. It was also used to accompany religious ceremonies and processions. In addition, music was used to provide entertainment for people of all ages and social classes.

The music of early modern Manila was a vibrant and diverse mix of indigenous Filipino music and music from other parts of the world, including Latin America and Iberia. The music of this period reflected the cultural and social changes that were taking place in Manila at the time, and it continues to be an important part of Filipino culture today.

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