

# Year 11 GCSE Music Home Learning – HT3, Lesson 1

- Go to your class notebook *(if you don't know how to access it from home, watch this short screencastify: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1OqIYaH1vstneTc1\\_aIJYaWK1WS6SHzrC/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1OqIYaH1vstneTc1_aIJYaWK1WS6SHzrC/view))*
- Click on your name – home learning
- Complete task “Buena Vista Social Club - "Chan Chan””

Y11 Homework Answers

- HT1 - 1. Chopin - "Prelude Op 28, No 2 - ...
- HT1 - 2. Verdi - "Requiem - Agnus Dei"
- HT1 - 3. Haydn - "Symphony no. 103 "Pa...
- HT1 - 4. Schumann - "Kinderszenen Op 1...
- HT1 - 5. Mozart - Clarinet Concerto in A...
- HT1 - 6. Gregson-Williams - Metal Gear...
- HT2 - 1. Coldplay - "A Sky Full of Stars"
- HT2 - 2. Bernstein - "America" from West...
- HT2 - 3. Menken - "Suddenly Seymour" fr...
- HT2 - 4. Pink Floyd - "The Great Gig in th...
- HT2 - 5. Keys - "Brand New Me"
- HT2 - 6. Johnson - "Sweet Home Chicago"
- HT3 - 1. Buena Vista Social Club - "Chan...
- HT3 - 2. Mumford & Sons - "The Cave"
- HT3 - 3. Marley - "Stir it Up"
- HT3 - 4. Simon - "You Can Call Me Al"
- HT3 - 5. Reich - "Electric Counterpoint - ...
- HT3 - 6. Bartók - "Concerto for Orchestr...
- HT4 - 1. Copland - "Fanfare for the Com...
- HT4 - 2. Britten - "Peter Grimes - Dawn I...
- HT4 - 3. Gershwin - "Rhapsody in Blue"
- HT4 - 4. Create Your Own Listening Hom...

## HT3 - 1. Buena Vista Social Club - "Chan Chan"



### Band Fact file:

- ★ Numerous members!
- ★ Formed in 1996
- ★ Cuban

### MP3 File:

13 Chan Chan  
Length: 4m 15s

### Area of Study 3:

Traditional Music

### Genre:

Son

### Contextual Information

**Buena Vista Social Club** is an ensemble of Cuban musicians established in 1996 to revive the music of pre-revolutionary Cuba. The group was named after a members' club in the Buenavista quarter of Havana, a popular music venue in the 1940s. To showcase the popular styles of the time, such as son, bolero and danzón, they recruited a dozen veteran musicians, many of which had been retired for years.

The group's album was recorded in March 1996 and released in September 1997, quickly becoming an international success, which prompted the ensemble to perform with a full line-up in Amsterdam and New York in 1998. The success of the album sparked a revival of interest in traditional Cuban music and Latin American music in general. Some of the Cuban performers later released well-received solo albums and recorded collaborations with stars from different musical genres. The "Buena Vista Social Club" name became an umbrella term to describe these performances and releases, and has been likened to a brand label that encapsulates Cuba's "musical golden age" between the 1930s and 1950s.

'Chan Chan' is the first track on the album. It is a cover of a 1987 composition, and it became known as Buena Vista Social Club's signature track. The lyrics of the song revolve around two central characters called Juanica and Chan Chan. The style of the piece is 'Son' - Son cubano is a genre of music and dance that originated in the highlands of eastern Cuba during the late 19th century. It is a genre that combines elements of Spanish and African origin.

! Listen to the MP3 file at the top of the page and answer the questions below.

? 1. What is the tonality?