# We asked Gino...

#### What was it like where you grew up? Did you play music when you were a kid?

I grew up in Ecuador, splitting my time between the country, where my favorite thing was to climb trees, and the city. My family and I listened to a lot of music all the time. My grandfather was a big fan of the great masters of classical music, and my grandma loved Cuban music. At the age of 5, I told my mom that I wanted to be a drummer.

#### Do you ever get nervous when you sing or play music?

Every single time! But I love being able to communicate with people through performing. I feel it almost on a spiritual level.

### What do you like to do besides playing music?

I played a lot of soccer growing up, but I don't play anymore! Now I enjoy photography when I'm not working with my band.

## Where is your favorite place that you've played music?

It's hard to pick one; I feel like every place has its own magic. But Musical Explorers is at the top for sure—being a Musical Explorer has made a deep impact in my soul.

