

Welcome to Our Musical Trip!



Hello Explorers!

My name is Melody, and I will be your guide on this musical journey. My favorite thing in the whole world is learning about new music. My second favorite thing is sharing that music with others! Music is such an important part of our community. That's why I drive my bus all around the Lowcountry sharing the musical world around us. I've made so many friends who sing and play all kinds of music, and I can't wait for you to meet them! Come along with me and make **YOUR** discoveries! I'm so excited to see you at the concert!

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Musical Explorers Map

As Musical Explorers, we learn about music from all over the world and right in our own communities. Meet our three fall artists who live in and around the Lowcountry!

Salsa



Gino

Soul



Laiken

Country



Anders



Explore the Sounds of Our City

Music is everywhere! Let's go on a sound exploration. All you need are your ears. You can use this explorer's journal to record what you hear, including car horns and sirens, people singing, dogs barking, and even silence.

What did you hear?	When and where?
 Sirens	on my street going to school

Discover Music in Everyday Objects

Music is waiting to be found in everyday objects!



Experiment and see what kinds of sounds you can make with these objects.



What other objects can you find that make interesting musical sounds?

Create a Postcard

Use the space below to draw or paste pictures of some of your favorite things about your neighborhood. Then write a message to one of our Musical Explorers artists describing your neighborhood.

Greetings from ...

Dear _____,

Your friend,



(Artist's name)

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Musical Explorers Song

Every song tells a story, every tune tells a tale.

Every rhythm has a reason, don't you want to know?

Don't you want to know what makes the music go?

Come along and see, make your discovery.

I can sing it!



I can say it!

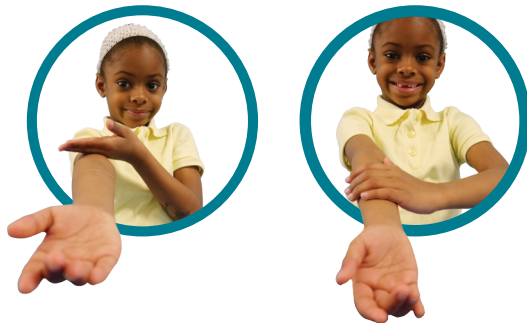


I can dance it!



I can play it!

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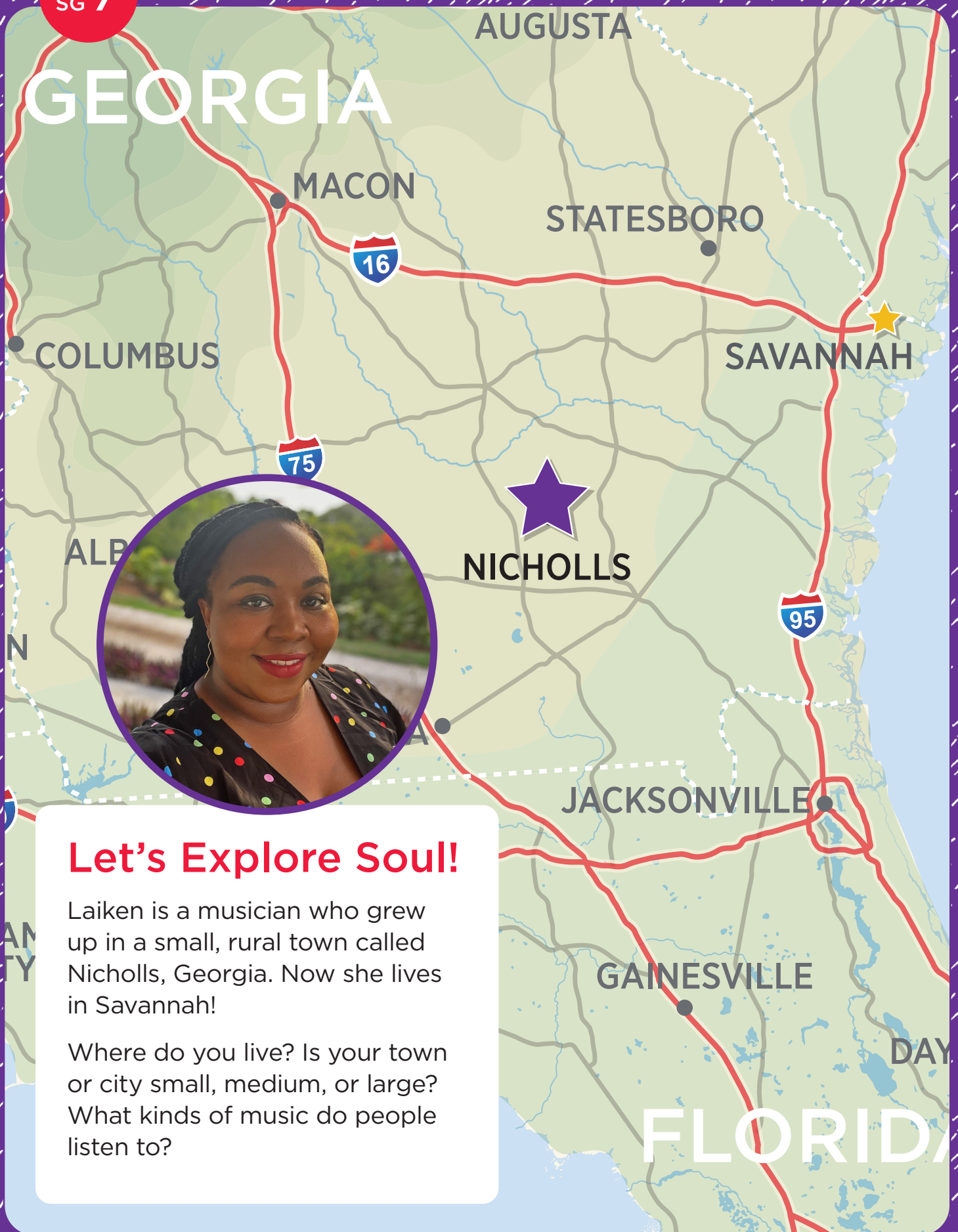
I can go explore the world of music at my door.

My city and my neighborhood, singing songs and feeling good.

I can know what makes the music grow,

I can know what makes the music go!

GEORGIA



Let's Explore Soul!

Laiken is a musician who grew up in a small, rural town called Nicholls, Georgia. Now she lives in Savannah!

Where do you live? Is your town or city small, medium, or large? What kinds of music do people listen to?

Meet Laiken!



Greetings from Nicholls, GA!



Dear Musical Explorers,
I'm Laiken and I sing a style of music called soul. I grew up in a musical household, as my dad was also a musician and my first music teacher! My favorite singer is James Brown, who is called the "Godfather of Soul" and grew up in Georgia—just like me! I grew up in a small town called Nicholls, and now I live in Savannah and sing for people all over the Lowcountry. My band and I are looking forward to seeing you—and singing with you at the Savannah Music Festival!

Hugs and high fives!
Laiken



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We asked Laiken...

What is it like singing in a band?

Singing in a band is amazing! I love being the leader of a team that works very hard to create awesome music.

How did you learn how to sing?

I learned to sing from church. During my school years I sang in choir. Now I have a vocal teacher who helps me maintain my voice.

What has been your favorite Musical Explorers moment?

My favorite moment is greeting all of the students who come to see the show. Everyone is so excited to finally meet their favorite artist(s) in person and I finally get to meet all of the students!

What is your favorite food to eat?

I love soul food. Fried chicken, mac and cheese, collard greens, biscuits, etc. Cooking in my family is a big deal. When family comes to visit, the best way to show your love is to cook for them!



Laiken & Band

Find the Steady Beat

I heard it through the grapevine



Not much longer would you be mine



Let's Find Out About Laiken's Favorites!

What is one of your favorite types of music to sing/listen to?

Well of course, soul music!

Why is soul music one of your favorites?

Soul music makes me feel good. I love looking out at the audience and seeing that my singing is helping others feel good and have a good time.

What is your favorite song?

That is a tricky one.... I think "Sir Duke" by Stevie Wonder.

Why do you like it?

You can actually hear Stevie Wonder smiling in this song. There is an awesome horn part and it gives "shout-outs" to famous jazz musicians that have been inspirations for future musicians.

Who taught it to you or when did you first hear it?

Do you remember where you were or who was with you?

It was definitely on the radio. I think I was in the car going to visit family. I remember us all bopping around in the car!

Let's Find Out YOUR Favorite!

We all have lots of favorite things for many different reasons. That is what makes favorites so special. With a partner, your class, or a person at home take turns asking these questions to share one of your favorites! You can tell, write, or record your answers.

What is your favorite type of music to sing/listen to?

Why is this type of music your favorite?

What is your favorite song?

Why do you like it?

**Who taught it to you or when did you first hear it?
Do you remember where you were or who was with you?**

Great Soul Singers

Here are just a few of the many famous soul musicians:



Aretha Franklin

1942–2018 | Memphis, TN



Ray Charles

1930–2004 | Albany, GA



Carla Thomas

1942–Present | Memphis, TN



James Brown

1933–2006 | Barnwell, SC



Otis Redding

1941–1967 | Dawson, GA



Gladys Knight

1944–Present | Atlanta, GA



Let's Explore Country!

Anders is a musician who lives in Bloomingdale, Georgia. He sings and plays guitar, and he writes his own songs. He also has a very special skill—he doesn't just play guitar, he makes them too!

Meet Anders!

*Greetings
from **Bloomington, GA!***



Dear Musical Explorers,

My name is Anders! I play guitar and sing, mostly country, but I like blues and rock-n-roll too. I started when I was 12 years old. When I was 14 I started to play professionally. I still had to go to school though, so I only played part-time. I love playing music because it makes people happy and that makes me happy! I have played in lots of places and I hope I get to keep doing it for a long time. And I hope you get to play some music so we can make each other happy.

Your friend,
Anders



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We asked Anders...

What do you like to do besides sing?

Well, I am a cabinet-maker by trade. I like making cabinets, and I love playing guitar, so it was inevitable that I start making guitars too. I've been building guitars for about four years. I've built them for my friends and myself. I keep getting better at making them, and now most of the guitars that I play are ones that I have made!

What is one of your favorite memories as a kid?

Roasting marshmallows outside in the snow! I grew up in Michigan, where it snows a lot. When it snows that much, you can't let it keep you from being outside, or else you would never do anything fun. My sister and I used to go hiking with our family in the winter, and we would always build a bonfire and bring a bag of marshmallows with us.

Do you ever write your own songs?

I do! Right now, my favorite song that I've written is called "Pray for Rain." It's a message of encouragement. I think it might be good, but I haven't played it for an audience yet. I always know if my songs are good if people sing along.

Who taught you about country music?

I didn't learn from any one person, I learned from listening to music on the radio—the station I listened to was WITL in Lansing, Michigan. Later on I learned more country music from other musicians in bands I was playing with.



Anders' Guitars

Create A Scene with Music

Choose one of the weather scenes below, or create your own. Use the tune of “Five Feet High and Rising” when adding musical ideas. Now it is your turn to try some musical opposites to see which ones help tell your weather story. Below are some ideas to try. Feel free to try other ideas too!

WEATHER SCENES

Ninety-five & sweltering

It's snowing in Georgia

It's just right at

[school name]

Or choose your own!

MUSICAL OPPOSITES

smooth & bouncy

fast & slow

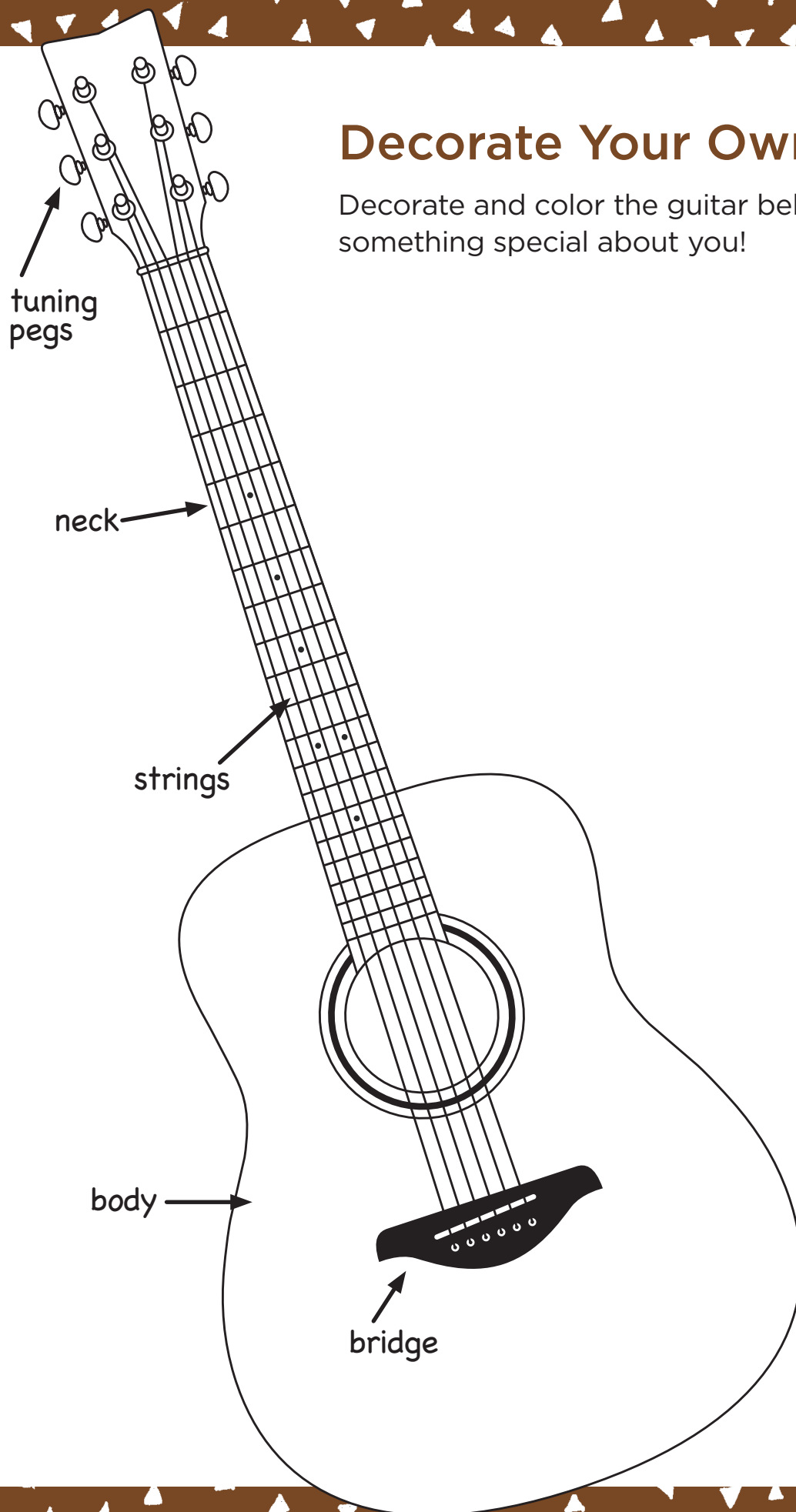
low & high

loud & soft

Or choose your own!

Decorate Your Own Guitar

Decorate and color the guitar below to share something special about you!



Write Your Own Lyrics

Use the boxes to think of word pairs that describe your beautiful world.

Now add your word pairs to the blanks below to create your own verse of "Beauty & Magic."

There is _____ and _____ in this world.

There is _____ and _____ in this world.

There's a song in the wind, everybody sing.

There is _____ and _____ in this world.





Let's Explore Salsa!

Gino is a musician who grew up in the South American country of Ecuador and went to college in Cuba. He is a drummer who grew up listening to salsa. Now he lives in Charleston, South Carolina.

Meet Gino!

Greetings from
CHARLESTON
SOUTH CAROLINA



iHola Musical Explorers!

My name is Gino, and I live in Charleston, South Carolina, where I make music with my band the Cuban Cowboys. Even though I grew up in the South American country of Ecuador, I play music that comes from Cuba—salsa!

I lead my band from behind the congas—large drums that you will see for yourself at our concert this spring. Make sure you wear the right shoes—salsa is music for dancing!

iHasta luego!
Gino



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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.



Gino's Band

Learn the Clave Pattern

“Bistec chuleta” is Spanish for “steak” and “pork chops”—two of Gino’s favorite foods! Gino also uses these words to remember how to clap to the clave pattern in the song “El Manisero” (“The Peanut Vendor”).

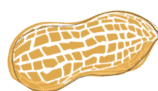
Follow the peanuts below and use the spaces to create your own phrase to remember the clave pattern.



Example:

Bis - tec

Chu - le - ta



Match the Salsa Pattern

Look at the instruments below and write the name of the patterns they play using the word bank.

Piano



Drums



Claves



Bass



Word Bank

cascara

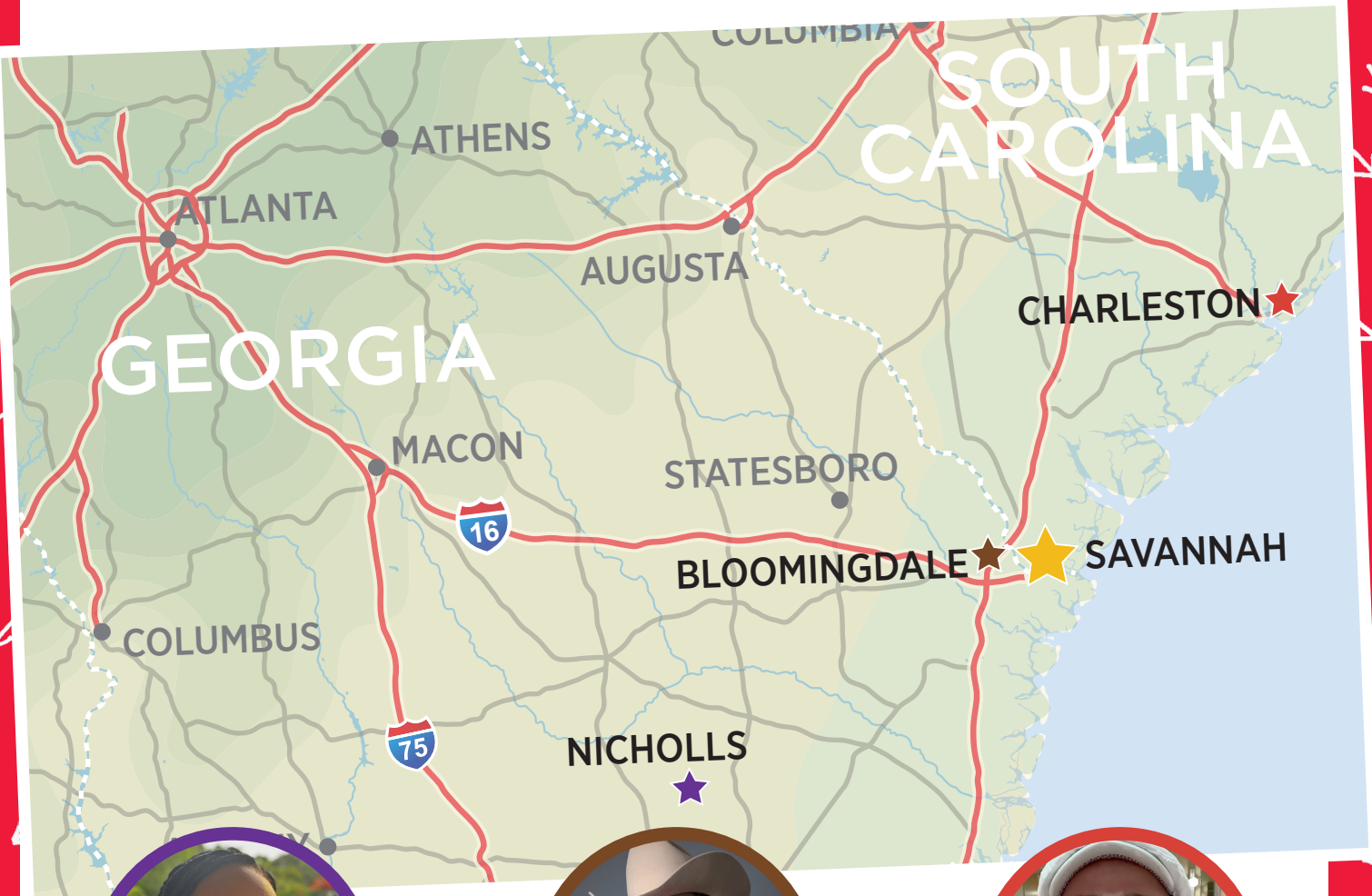
clave

guajeo

tumbao

What Kinds of Music Have We Learned About?

These artists sing all different kinds of music from different places, but they will all be in Savannah to perform just for you!



Laiken performs

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Anders performs

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Gino performs

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