

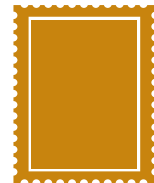
# Meet Yasser!



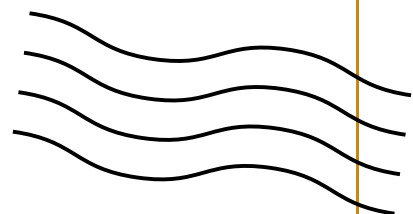
## Greetings!

I'm Yasser! I grew up in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, and I started playing music when I was 11 years old. We will be exploring the rich traditions of Dominican roots music, rhythms, and dance, as they have been a constant source of inspiration for me. These traditions continue to fuel my creativity and push me to write and experiment with my music. It will be an absolute delight to take you on a journey through the captivating world of the Dominican Republic.

Yasser



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Santo Domingo

## We asked Yasser ...

### Can you tell us about one of your earliest musical performances?

When I was 15 years old, I played with my best friend for my high school's final event in front of the whole school! I play guitar and sing. I can play a little bit of bass and a little bit of percussion, but my main instrument is the guitar: electric guitar, acoustic guitar, tres, and cuatro.

### What is your favorite holiday to celebrate?

Christmas! My entire family, including my aunts, uncles, and cousins, get together to eat and celebrate on Christmas Eve. We usually eat a lot, dance a lot, and set off fireworks just after midnight.

### What are some of your favorite foods?

Mmmmm. This is my favorite topic! The signature dish of the Dominican Republic is the one called the Dominican flag, which is white rice, pinto beans, meat, and salad with avocado. But my favorite dish—it's called sancocho—is a stew with plantain, potatoes, yuca, yautia, corn, carrots, celery, chicken, beef, and pork chops mixed together. It is often served with white rice and avocado, and fried plantains as a side. For breakfast, I used to eat mangú: mashed green plantains accompanied with eggs.