

## **The Girl From Spain**

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The modern recording studio comes into its own as a zone for composition and creativity. The “Girl from Spain” represents the assembly of recorded elements – not “recorded” in one piece as with the traditional studio, but through multiple sessions and experiments that combine edited recorded performances, MIDI sequences, Beat patterns, and pre-recorded samples.

Pro Tools, the industry standard Digital Audio Workspace, allows us to record and edit audio sources to an exacting degree, not just capturing events but shaping them after the fact in almost every conceivable way (i.e., timing, tuning, level, panorama, spectral or harmonic content, and special audio effects like Reverb and compression).

The Song is a fusion between Flamenco Rumba and Techno, a subgenre of Electronic Dance Music. The class of flamenco and the widespread popularity of Techno in today’s music inspired me to combine them and make a powerful project, where I could combine Digital and Real-world music to achieve a unique outcome.

Flamenco is characterized by the Guitar (recorded and sampled), the trumpet (recorded), the castanets (Digital), the Box or “Cajòn”(Recorded), and Arabian-style voices (sampled), this last element notes the Arab influence in flamenco. Techno is characterized by the digital Brass, the bass, and the rhythmic patterns (such as the kick and more synthetic sounds that compose different rhythmic patterns). By combining this, I achieved the fusion of two of the most influential genres in Spain, creating a mix that brings the best of these two worlds together.

This project opens a door for the fusion of opposite worlds in music to be capable of correlating with each other and opens the door for me as a music producer to begin my path as an artist and creator.

This was created for everybody, to make an older style of music correlate with a newer style of music creates the possibility for every age to enjoy it; being capable of listening to the sounds of the traditional guitar in Spain and the mighty trumpet mixed with the powerful beat that moves the souls of the young generation today, making it a perfect balance for everybody.