What is Mariachi? With roots reaching back as far as 600 years ago, indigenous people of México made music that imitated the sounds of the Earth and their environment. The development of songs and instruments further led to the term “Mariachi” in the 18th century. During that time in the United States, Mariachi music had been reborn and moving forward at full steam. Today, Mariachi has now introduced electric instruments and computer technology into its repertoire.