



# SONIA DE LOS SANTOS



## Who is Sonia De Los Santos?

Sonia grew up in Monterrey, Mexico and has been singing her whole life! She moved to New York City over 10 years ago and since then has been performing all over the world, singing in English and Spanish, playing guitar, mandolin, and jarana. Through her music, Sonia tell stories about her experiences growing up in Mexico, moving to another country and learning about other people.

Sonia and her band are so excited to play these songs for you and share what she has learned about the different countries, rhythms and sounds from the Americas!

## The Jarana



Along with a guitar, violin, trombone, accordion, trumpet and drums, you will also hear the Jarana. The Jarana is a traditional Mexican guitar with 8 strings and the main instrument in the Son Jarocho style from the state of Veracruz in Mexico. Jaranas come in different shapes and sizes. The one Sonia plays is a “jarana primera”, it was custom made and Sonia has been playing it for 9 years.

## “This Land is Your Land”

While here at the Lied Center, Sonia will perform many different songs and will sing them in both English and Spanish. One song, “This Land is Your Land, This Land Is My Land” is a famous song by Woody Guthrie.

## Who Is Woody Guthrie?



Mr. Woody Guthrie was born in 1912 in a small town in Oklahoma called Okemah. He was a singer-songwriter and musician who wrote and performed hundreds of political, traditional, and children's songs. Many of his songs are about his experiences during the Great Depression when he traveled with displaced farmers from Oklahoma to California and learned their traditional folk and blues songs, earning him the nickname the "Dust Bowl Troubadour". Mr. Guthrie wrote "This Land Is Your Land," one of America's most famous songs.

Sonia sings this song in both English and Spanish. Here are the words (or lyrics) in both English and Spanish. Maybe you can learn both versions and then can sing along with Sonia when she performs it for you!

This land is your land, this land is my land  
From California to the New York island  
From the redwood forests to the gulf-stream waters  
This land was made for you and me



And these are the words (lyrics) Sonia wrote for this song in Spanish!

Esta es tu tierra, esta es mi tierra  
Desde California hasta Nueva York  
Desde las montañas a todos los mares

Here is a link where you can see and hear Sonia and her band sing this song:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kdzI5sXxGXY>

### Links

Sonia's website: <https://www.soniadelossantosmusic.com/>

Lied Center's Sonia Video Guide: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eEAz-tay2yIQ&feature=youtu.be>

Lied School Performances page: <https://lied.ku.edu/project/sonia-de-los-santos/>

Sponsored by:

