



- Carlos Chávez was born in Mexico City in 1899.
- Carlos took his first piano lessons from his brother, Manuel. Later on, he was taught piano by Asunción Parra, Manuel Ponce, and Pedro Luis Ozagón.
- He completed his first symphony at age 16.
- Chávez' music often combines elements of traditional folk songs and modern compositional techniques.
- After the Mexican Revolution, Chávez became one of the first composers to create Mexican nationalist music inspired by the Aztecs.
- In 1928, he founded and became conductor of the Symphony Orchestra of Mexico. Chávez was considered an excellent conductor and often traveled the globe to conduct other orchestras.
- Among his best-known compositions are two of his early symphonies, *Sinfonía de Antígona* and *Sinfonía India*, both one-movement works using indigenous themes.



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