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Lecture by Yurima Blanco

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Ernesto Lecuona (Guanabacoa, 1895-Tenerife, 1963) is the most widely known Cuban musician, distinguished by his versatility as a composer, pianist, orchestra director, music entrepreneur, and editor. Previous studies underline his contribution to lyrical theater as an expression of Cuban identity, yet they usually pay scant attention to his only opera: *El Sombrero de Yarey* (1946). This lecture proposes a first approximation to Lecuona's score and eventually the analysis, reconstruction, and performance of his unpublished work.

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