

# Juno winner sharing 'Cuban' sounds

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Cuban-Canadian musical revolutionary Alex Cuba performs at Stouffville's Lebovic Centre for Arts and Entertainment - Nineteen the Park March 21.

Within three albums, Mr. Cuba is in the process of remaking Cuban music's image by infusing it with pop, rock and funk.

Mr. Cuba's latest release — Ruido En El Sistema/Static in the System — earned him a 2013 Western Canadian Music award for world recording of the year.

In 2013, he also won a Latin Grammy for best short form music video.

Mr. Cuba, who was born Alexis Puentes in Cuba, joined the family business at age four when he joined his father, Valentin Puentes, and 24 guitarists in a performance that aired on national Cuban television.

In 1999, Mr. Cuba moved to Vancouver.

He recorded an album with his twin brother, then went solo. In 2006, his solo debut earned Mr. Cuba a Juno award for world music album of the year. His second release, *Agua Del Pozo*, earned another Juno for world music album of the year in 2008.

Mr. Cuba has worked with Nelly Furtado, Juan Luis Guerra, Juanes and Ron Sexsmith.

Tickets are \$35 and available at [nineteenon-thepark.com/](http://nineteenon-thepark.com/)



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## PICTURE THIS

Mark Stebbins opened his exhibition *Picture Elements* at the Latcham Gallery Saturday. The show is on until March 29.

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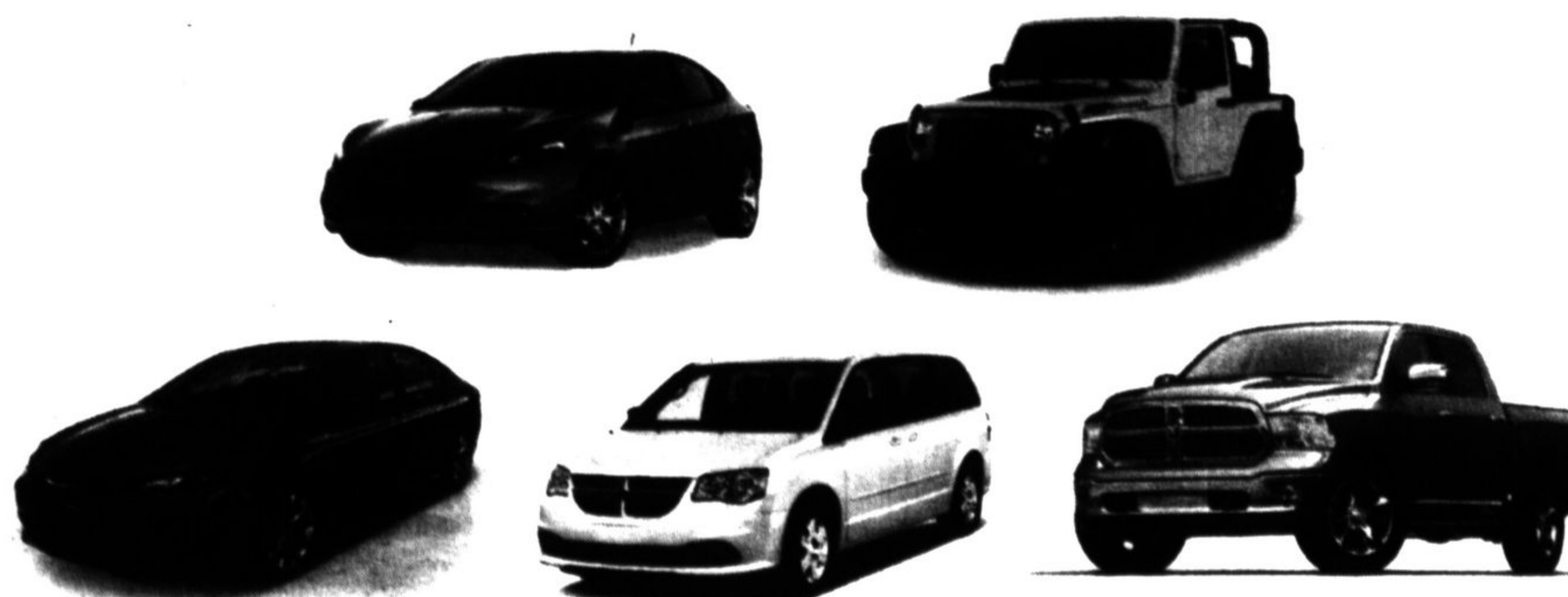
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