

# Melody - the main tune

## **Ascending**



Going up in pitch.

## **Descending**



Going down in pitch.

#### Range



The difference between the highest and lowest note - wide or narrow

#### Conjunct



Moves up or down by step.

**Dynamics** - how loud or soft the music is played

#### Disjunct



Moves in big leaps.

#### Articulation - how the notes are played

#### Legato



Smooth and flowing.

#### Staccato



Detached, spiky.

#### Piano



Quiet

#### **Forte**



Loud

#### Diminuendo



Getting quieter

#### Crescendo



Getting louder

#### **Texture** - the layers of sound and how they fit together

#### Unison



All doing the same thing at the same time

#### **Imitation**



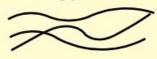
When one part copies another

#### Monophonic



A single voice or instrument

## **Polyphonic**



Different parts that interweave together

# Melody and Accompaniment



A main melody with all other parts in the background

# Structure - the sections and how they are ordered

# **Common Chords and Drum Rhythms**

9th

# Intro

The

beginning

section

section A section that

has new ideas in

it

Contrasting

# Repeated section

A section where you hear the same music again

# Coda

The end section

C - CEG

Dm - DFA

Em - EGB

F - FAC G - GBD

Am - ACE

Major Minor Sus 4 7th

RRRR RF RF

RRRR

RF

# Instrumentation - the instruments used

# Orchestra



Strings, brass, woodwind and percussion instruments

# **Rock Band**



Vocals, electric guitar, bass guitar, drum kit

# Vocal



Male and/or female singer

# String



Violin, viola, cello, double bass

# **Brass**



Trumpet, french horn, trombone. tuba

# Woodwind



Flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, saxophone

# Percussion

Timpani Snare Drum Cymbal **Tambourine** Triangle Bass Drum

# **Rhythm** - the pattern of notes against the beat

# Beat



Steady pulse of the music

# Note value



How long a note lasts

# Time Signature



How many beats in a bar

# **Presto**



Very quick

# Allegro



Quick

# Andante

**Tempo** - the speed of the music



Walking pace

# Adagio



Leisurely

# Largo



Slow and stately

# Blues

#### Exploring The Blues Through Performance/Composition and Listening



# Where Blues and Jazz started

During the 18th and 19th centuries thousands of people were taken as slaves from Africa to America. For these Africans life became a nightmare. Many died on their long journey by sailing ship. Those that survived were sold in auctions and put to work on farms in the Southern states of America. Families were often split up. Children were taken from their parents and husbands from their wives. The life of slavery was cruel and horrible.



Slavery was a nightmare come true. Yet the slaves played and sang music which later influenced music all over the world. From the music of slaves cam blues and jazz.

Trul	Bar 1 2 3 4	Bar 2 2 3 4	Bar 3	2 3 4 Bar 4 2 3 4
Verse 1	C Chord Wake up this morning	C Chord didn't want to go to	C school,	(Riff)
•	F Wake up this marning	F Didn't want to go to	C School,	C (Riff)
	G I know I got to go 'cos	F I don't want to be a	C Fool.	(Riff)
Verse 2 Introduction of Pentatonic Riff	C Everybody's telling,	Me what to do all the	C Time,	(IMPROVISATION)
Pattern Here	F Everybody's telling,	F Me what to do all the	C Time,	(IMPROVISATION)
	G If I keep on working	F I'll be doing just	C Fine.	C (IMPROVISATION)
Verse 3	Improvisation over 12 bar blues (vo	cal and/or instrumental) – use call C F F	and respons C C C	е С С
Verse 4	C Thinkin' of the weekend I can	C Do what I want with my	C Time,	(Riff)
	F Thinkin' of the weekend I can	F Do what I want with my	C Time,	C (Riff)
	G That's the only way I can	F get these school blues off my	C mind.	(Riff)
Coda (Italian word for ending)	G That's the only way I can	F get these school blues off my	C mind.	C .

#### A. Blues Key Words

**RIFF/OSTINATO** – Short, repeated musical patterns often used in **SOLOS**. **IMPROVISATION** – music created 'on the spot' (previously unprepared performance)

**SEVENTH CHORD** – a **TRIAD** (root, third and fifth) with a fourth note added which is seven notes about the root/tonic. **C7** = C, E, G (triad) + **B flat**. **SWING/SWUNG RHYTHM** – performing a regular 'straight' rhythm with a 'lilt' in a "ONE and A, TWO and A" style (using **TRIPLETS**) common in swing music.

#### **B. The Twelve Bar Blues**

Some or all of these chords can be SEVENTH CHORDS (7)

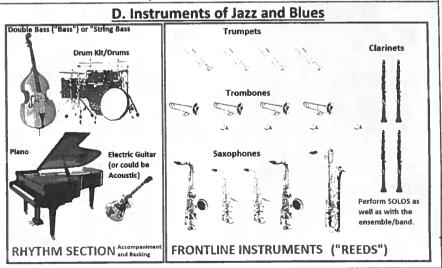
C E G (I)	CEG(I)	CEG(I)	CEG(I)
FAC(IV)	FAC(IV)	CEG(I)	CEG(I)
GBD(V)	FAC(IV)	CEG(I)	CEG(I)

#### C. The Blues Scale

**BLUES SCALE** – a series of notes often used within improvisations in blues music (the Blues Scale on C is shown to the right).



**BLUE NOTES** – additional or extra sharpened or flattened notes in a melody.



# Reggae

#### Exploring Reggae, Syncopation, Off-beat



#### How did Reggae develop?

**REGGAE** is one of the traditional musical styles from **JAMAICA**. It developed from:



A form of Jamaican FOLK MUSIC like CALYPSO popular in the 1950's.

Fast dance music that emerged in the 1950's fusing American R&B with MENTO rhythms and featuring **ELECTRIC GUITARS, JAZZY HORN SECTIONS** and characteristic OFFBEAT RHYTHMS.

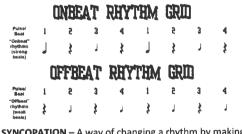
#### **ROCK STEADY**

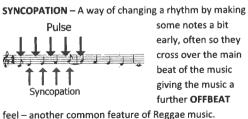
A more vocal style of dance music which used RIFFS, SIMPLE **HARMONIES, OFFBEAT RHYTHMS** and a strong BASS LINE.

Reggae was first heard in the UK in the 1950's when immigrants began to settle. During the 1960's, people began importing singles from Jamaica to sell in UK shops. Now, Reggae is known as the national music of Jamaica.

#### Offbeat Rhythms & Syncopation

OFFBEAT RHYTHMS - Rhythms that emphasise or stress the WEAK BEATS OF A BAR. In music that is in 4/4 time, the first beat of the bar is the strongest, the third the next strongest and the second and fourth are weaker. Emphasising the second and fourth beats of the bar gives a "missing beat feel" to the rhythm and makes the music sound OFFBEAT, often emphasised by the BASS DRUM or a RIM SHOT (hitting the edge of a SNARE DRUM) in much Reggae music.





#### **Musical Features of Reggae**

OFFBEAT RHYTHMS AND CHORDS SYNCOPATED RHYTHMS AND MELODIES **SUNG LYRICS** 

LEAD SINGER often with BACKING SINGERS sometimes singing in CALL AND RESPONSE accompanied by a Reggae band which often features: BRASS INSTRUMENTS and SAXOPHONES, ELECTRIC **GUITARS, BASS GUITAR, KEYBOARDS, DRUMS AND PERCUSSION** INSTRUMENTS.

**VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL IMPROVISATIONS** (see F2)

MELODIC RIFFS (see F5) SLOW, RELAXED ('chilled!') TEMPO

**4/4 METRE/TIME SIGNATURE** 

Most Reggae songs are structured in VERSE AND

CHORUS/POPULAR SONG FORM.

#### 3 Little Birds

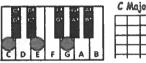
#### Chords:

Play the following chords on beats 2 and 4 only:

/C/C I /C/C I /C/C I /C/C

/F/F I /F/F I /C/C I /C/C

#### C Chord:









F Chord:



Bass Line: Start playing on beat 3:

#### Lines 1, 2 and 4:



Line 3:



#### No Woman No Cry

#### Verse 1

Said I remember when we used to sit In the government yard in Trenchtown Oba, oba-serving the hypocrites As they would mingle with the good people we meet

#### Verse 2

Good friends we've had, oh good friends we've lost along the way In this bright future you can't forget your past

In this bright future you can't forget your pas So dry your tears I say

#### Chorus

No woman, no cry No woman, no cry Oh my Little sister

Oh my Little sister, don't she'd no tears

No woman, no cry

#### Verse 3

Said, said, said I remember when we used to sit In the government yard in Trenchtown And then Georgie would make the fire light – as it was log wood burnin' through the night Then we would cook corn meal porridge Of which I'll share with you

#### Verse 4

My feet is my only carriage So I've got to push on through But while I'm gone... Everything's gonna be alright (Repeat X8)

#### Chorus

No woman, no cry No, no woman, no woman, no cry Oh, little sister, don't she'd no tears No woman, no cry

#### Structure

Intro (Chorus Chords)

Verse 1 (Verse chords)

Verse 2 (Verse chords)

Chorus (Chorus chords)

Verse 3 (Verse chords)

Verse 4 (Verse chords)

Chorus (Chorus chords)

#### Verse •

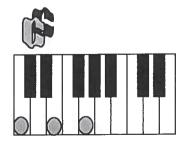
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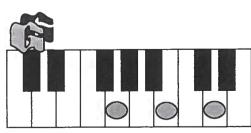
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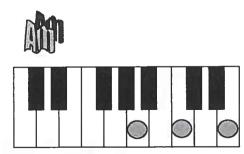
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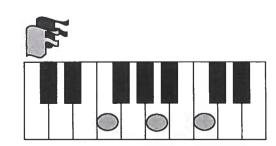
#### **Drums**

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# **Baroque Concerto Grosso**

A BAROQUE CONCERTO GROSSO is an instrumental form involving two groups of performers: the **CONCERTINO** (or Concertante) featuring a small group of soloists accompanied by an orchestral accompaniment called the RIPIENO.

1600-1750

#### **Harmony & Tonality**

All Baroque Concerto Grossos have a CONTINUO part - an accompaniment which "fills in the harmonies and texture" played by the HARPSICHORD (or Organ) (playing CHORDAL HARMONY from FIGURED BASS NOTATION) with the CELLO or BASSOON doubling the Bass Line. MODULATIONS (changes of key) tended to go to the Dominant key or to the Relative minor of the original key. Tonality was mainly DIATONIC and in either clear MAJOR or MINOR tonalities.

Natural trumpets

Rhythm,	Tempo	&	Metre
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The three movements of a Baroque Concerto Grosso were contrasted in **TEMPO** – Fast-Slow-Fast – with a consistent tempo within each movement. Dotted Rhythms were often a feature of the slower/second movements.

#### **Texture**

Mainly **POLYPHONIC** or **CONTRAPUNTAL** textures complex and interweaving of parts, though some **HOMOPHONIC MELODY & ACCOMPANIMENT** sections for musical contrast.

#### Form & Structure

THREE MOVEMENTS - contrasted by TEMPO and a single mood or style within each movement. Movements in

1 <sup>st</sup> Movement	Ritornello or a Fugue	Brisk and purposeful	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Movement	Da Capo Aria or	Slow and song-like	
2" Movement	Ternary Form	often dotted rhythms	
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RITORNELLO FORM began with a TUTTI section which featured a THEME. Between appearances of this Ritornello Theme came **EPISODES** (contrasting sections).

Sometimes feature a short CADENZA section towards the end of the first movement (unaccompanied).

#### **Dynamics**

**TERRACED DYNAMICS** – clear dynamic contrasts achieved by the whole orchestra changing the volume suddenly (rather than Crescendos or Diminuendos). No building up or fading down of volume in Baroque Concerto Grossos.

#### Melody

Melodies are decorated and embellished with **ORNAMENTS** (often by performers) e.g. trills, turns, mordents and grace notes such as acciaccaturas, which make melodies sound "busy". Melodies often long and flowing and use **SEQUENCES** (a musical phrase that is repeated at a different pitch either going up or down) and IMITATION (where one instrumental part is copied (imitated) by other instruments.

#### Soloists

The Baroque Concerto Grosso is a work for two or more soloists. The soloists (CONCERTINO -meaning "little ensemble") were the "stars of the show" and performed demanding and technically difficult parts.

#### Soloists vs. Orchestral Accompaniment

The soloists were always "in the spotlight" but sometimes performed with the accompanying orchestra in TUTTI sections. Musical contrast between sections is important.

#### Venue

Baroque Concerto Grossos were performed either in churches, opera houses or small salons (rooms) or courts of wealthy individuals.

#### **Baroque Concerto Grosso Composers**









Vivaldi

#### Instrumentation - Typical Instruments, Timbres and Sonorities

The orchestra used for a Baroque Concerto Grosso was split into two sections: the RIPIENO (the main orchestra who provided the accompaniment and less technically-demanding parts) and the CONCERTINO (or Concertante) who were the Soloists/Solo Section. The instruments used within the CONCERTINO of a Baroque Concerto Grosso can include: Violin, Cello, Recorder, Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Trumpet and Lute.

The BAROQUE ORCHESTRA typically numbered between 10-30 players. The main and largest section was the STRINGS (1st and 2nd Violins, Violas, Cellos and Double Basses) who played most of the 'main melody'. A small WOODWIND section could consist of 2 Wooden Flutes, 2 Oboes and 2 Bassoons. The BRASS section may feature 2 "Natural" Trumpets and 2 Horns and the PERCUSSION SECTION featured only TIMPANI which were used only for dramatic effects. The CONTINUO player led and directed the Baroque Orchestra from the Harpsichord (no conductor).

# Baroque Solo Concerto

The BAROQUE SOLO CONCERTO grew out of the BAROQUE CONCERTO GROSSO in which a single solo instrument is accompanied by an orchestra.

1600-1750

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#### **Soloists**

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#### **Baroque Solo Concerto Composers**



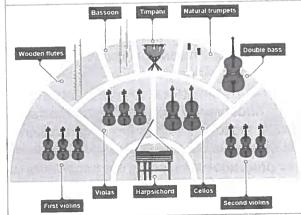






#### Instrumentation - Typical Instruments, Timbres and Sonorities

The orchestra used to accompany Baroque Solo Concertos was slightly larger than the Baroque Concerto Grosso but typically numbered between 10-30 players. The main and largest section was the STRINGS (1st and 2nd Violins, Violas, Cellos and Double Basses) who played most of the 'main melody'. A small WOODWIND section could consist of 2 Wooden Flutes, 2 Oboes and 2 Bassoons. The BRASS section may feature 2 "Natural" Trumpets and 2 Horns and the PERCUSSION SECTION featured only TIMPANI which were used only for dramatic effects. The CONTINUO player led and directed the Baroque Orchestra from the Harpsichord (no conductor). The instruments used as soloists within Baroque Solo Concertos included the Violin, Cello, Recorder, Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Trumpet and Lute.



# Classical Solo Concerto

During the CLASSICAL PERIOD, the Baroque Concerto Grosso went "out of fashion" and Classical composers continued to write SOLO CONCERTOS for a single solo instrument with more difficult and technically demanding solo parts (VIRTUOSIC), accompanied by a

1750-1820

#### **Harmony & Tonality**

SIMPLE HARMONY making use of mainly PRIMARY CHORDS - I, IV and V. **DIATONIC** harmony in either clear MAJOR or MINOR tonalities. **MODULATIONS to RELATED KEYS** (relative major/minor, subdominant major and minor and dominant major/minor).

#### Venue

Performance spaces were becoming larger than in the Baroque period due to size of orchestras. Recital and Concert Halls and Opera Houses were popular venues for performing Concertos.

#### Form & Structure

THREE MOVEMENTS - contrasted by TEMPO and style/mood. RONDO form now popular (ABACADA...) where

1 <sup>st</sup> Movement	Sonata Form	Brisk and purposefu	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Movement	Ternary or Variation Form	Slow, lyrical and song-like	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Movement	Rondo, Variation Form or Sonata Form	Fast and Cheerful	

A is the recurring **THEME** between contrasting EPISODES (B. C. D..) and SONATA FORM (EXPOSITION, DEVELOPMENT, RECAPITULATION, CODA) now popular. Classical Solo Concertos often have long

orchestral sections before the soloist enters - "delayed entry of the soloist". Movements longer than Baroque.

#### Rhythm, Tempo & Metre

The three movements of a Classical Solo Concerto were contrasted in TEMPO -Fast-Slow-Fast and style/mood. Some changes of TEMPO for effect/expression.

#### **Texture**

Busy Baroque Polyphonic Textures now replaced with clearer HOMOPHONIC (MELODY AND **ACCOMPANIMENT)** textures.

#### **Dvnamics**

Wider range of Dynamics - pp, ff, mp, mf **CRESCENDOS** and **DECRESCENDOS** or **DIMINUENDOS** now used showing an increasing range of dynamics and more emphasis on expression in the music.

#### Melody

The melodies in Classical Solo Concertos were LIGHT, SIMPLE and ELEGANT and continue to use SEQUENCES and **ORNAMENTS** (although not as much as in the Baroque period). Musical phrases are BALANCED and EVEN (e.g. 4 or 8 bars) maybe with some QUESTION AND ANSWER phrases.

#### Soloist

CADENZA – became integral to the end of the 1st movement (and sometimes last movement) – very difficult and VIRTUOSIC unaccompanied sections allowing the soloist to show off their technical skill often containing lots of fast scale passages, broken chords and decorated and ornamented melodies. Often cadenza sections end with a long, held TRILL to signal to the orchestra to enter again for the final CODA section. Cadenzas were improvised by the soloists during performance, however, composers such as Beethoven wrote cadenzas out on the score. The soloist's part was more technically demanding and VIRTUOSIC than in Baroque Concertos.

#### Soloist vs. Orchestral Accompaniment

Sometimes the soloist and orchestra perform sections in **DIALOGUE** with each other. The conductor follows the soloist and the orchestra follow the conductor depending on the soloist's **INTERPRETATION** of the piece (which requires rehearsal).

#### **Classical Solo Concerto Composers**



Havdn

Solo Trumpet, Flute. Oboe, Bassoon, Violin. Cello and Piano Concertos



Mozart

27 Solo Piano Concertos and Concertos for Solo Violin, Clarinet, Horn and Early style was



Piano and Violin. "Classical"

#### Instrumentation - Typical Instruments, Timbres and Sonorities

As the Harpsichord declined in popularity, Classical composers no longer added CONTINUO parts to the orchestral accompaniment and a CONDUCTOR was now established to lead the orchestra. The CLASSICAL ORCHESTRA grew in size and new instruments such as the Clarinet were added. The CLASSICAL ORCHESTRA typically numbered between 30-60 players. The STRINGS (1st and 2nd Violins, Violas, Cellos and Double Basses) continued to be the 'main section' playing most of the 'main melody' and contained more players than in Baroque orchestras. The WOODWIND now typically featured 2 x METAL Flues, 2 x Oboes, 2 x Bassoons, and 2 x (newly invented) Clarinets. BRASS continued to consist of 2 x Horns and 2 (now valved) Trumpets and the PERCUSSION continued to feature only the TIMPANI. Classical composers wrote Solo Concertos for instruments including the PIANO (newly invented and replacing the Baroque Harpsichord), VIOLIN, CELLO, FLUTE, OBOE, **CLARINET** (also newly invented), **BASSOON** and **FRENCH HORN**.

# Romantic Solo Concerto

**ROMANTIC SOLO CONCERTOS** continued to be instrumental works for a **single solo instrument** with orchestral accompaniment but became much more **DRAMATIC** sounding and emotive. Sometimes **DOUBLE CONCERTOS** were written for 2 solo instruments.

Form & Structure

1820-1900

#### Harmony & Tonality

Harmony continued to be mainly DIATONIC but much more use of CHROMATIC HARMONY, DISSONANCE (clashing notes and chords) and ADDED NOTE CHORDS e.g. 9ths to create dramatic effects.

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1 <sup>st</sup> Movement	Sonata Form	Allegro – soloist plays virtually throughout
2 <sup>nd</sup> Movement	Ternary or Variation Form	Slow, lyrical and song-like, often short and acting mainly as an introduction to the very fast and virtuosic finales. Sometimes linked to final movement with a pause.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Movement	Rondo, Variation or Sonata Form	Fast and Cheerful

#### THREE MOVEMENTS –

(sometimes "linked" (Mendelssohn) or even in just one movement (Liszt)

#### Rhythm, Tempo & Metre

Frequent changes of time signature and tempo.

#### Texture

HOMOPHONIC (MELODY AND ACCOMPANIMENT) but more complex than in Classical Concertos.

#### **Dvnamics**

Extremes of dynamics common (*ppp*, *fff*) and specific **EXPRESSION MARKINGS** *e.g. espressivo, dolce, appassionato* 

#### Melody

The regular and balanced phrases of the Classical Concerto were less important with composers giving more freedom to expression within their melodies which were now often long and dramatic, loud and powerful or warm and emotional.

#### Soloists (and Articulation)

The soloist's part became even more difficult, VIRTUOSIC and technically difficult to play. CADENZA sections continued to allow the soloist to "show off" becoming more complex and difficult with lots of MELODIC DECORATION, ORNAMENTATION and FAST SCALE PASSAGE and demanding playing techniques particular to the solo instrument e.g. glissandi on the piano, double stopping and harmonics on the violin. Cadenzas were now written out and not improvised by the performer. Soloist often enters immediately (NO ORCHESTRAL INTRODUCTIONS) at the start of the 1st movement sharing themes with the orchestra.

#### Soloists vs. Orchestral Accompaniment

In the Romantic period, the soloist stepped forward as a "heroic figure" with the orchestra slipping back into a more "subordinate" role, but these changing roles also added to excitement and drama and more "competition" between soloist and orchestra. The conductor continues to follow the soloist and the orchestra follows the conductor. The soloist's interpretation of the music is now more important due to the music being more dramatic and powerful.

#### Venue

Many Romantic Solo Concerto composers were also VIRTUOSO PERFORMERS e.g. Franz Liszt, Chopin, Clara Schumann and Niccolo Paganini (Violin Virtuoso) who wrote and performed in large-scale public concerts, subscription concerts and festivals. Larger concert halls had to be built due to the rise of the "middle class" concert goer.

#### **Romantic Solo Concerto Composers**



**Beethoven** 

Late Concertos



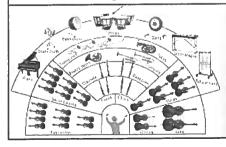
Liszt
Piano Concertos





Mendelssohn
Solo Violin Concerto

#### Instrumentation - Typical Instruments, Timbres and Sonorities



The Romantic orchestra was large and often contrasted dramatically with the soloist. With the growth of the Romantic orchestra, new TIMBRES and SONORITIES became available to composers who explored rich and colourful orchestration. The STRINGS section was enlarged again, often with the addition of Harps. New instruments were added to the WOODWIND section such as the Double Bassoon, Cor Anglais, Bass Clarinet and Piccolo. The BRASS section saw Trombones and a Tuba added along with an extra Trumpet and two further French Horns and the PERCUSSION section now featured a vast array of Drums, Cymbals, Pitched Percussion and other instruments which could be hit, struck, banged or plucked! There could be between 90-100 players in a Romantic orchestra. Romantic composers wrote Solo Concertos for almost any orchestral instrument, but the PIANO and VIOLIN continued to be popular choices as solo instruments.

# The Purpose of Music in Film

Film Music is a type of Descriptive Music that represents a mood, story, scene or character through music; it is designed to support the action and emotions of the film on screen.

#### To create or enhance a mood

Frequent effects used by Film Music composers to create or enhance a mood include:

- A repeated OSTINATO pattern
- Sustained notes of LONG DURATION
- TREMOLO strings
- A CRESCENDO with the DYNAMICS gradually getting louder
- Increasing TEMPO (Accelerando)
- PITCH getting higher
- The use of SILENCE before something dramatic (to make you jump!)
- Unusual harmonies such as the use of minor and DISSONANT or CHROMATIC CHORDS, DISCHORDS and DIMINISHED CHORDS
- IRREGULAR TIME SIGNATURES (5/4, 7/8)
- Rapid Scale Patterns help create a frantic mood and a feeling of unrest and urgency
- INTERRUPTED CADENCES create a sense of tension and suspense
- The use of the **TRITONE** (Augmented 4<sup>th</sup>)
- The use of low pitch brass and strings to provide a "dark sound"
- The use of percussive metallic sounds
- The use of SUSPENSIONS that don't resolve to build tension and make you think danger is near
- Frequent changes in DYNAMICS to hint an imminent danger
- The use of electronic sounds and synthesisers
- The use of SAMPLED SOUNDS
- The use of effects such as REVERB or DISTORTION applied to electronic, synthesised or sampled sounds to change and manipulate the sound
- The use of unusual (often electronic) instruments e.g. Rósza's use of the Theremin in his soundtrack to Alfred Hitchcock's thriller 'Spellbound' (1945)

#### To function as a Leitmotif

A frequently recurring short melodic or harmonic idea which is associated with a character, event, concept, idea, object or situation which be used directly or indirectly to remind us of one not actually present on screen. Leitmotifs can be changed (sequencing, repetition, modulation) giving a

To link one scene to another and smooth

over visual cuts, providing continuity

Repeated sections of music can be used to

link different parts of the film together - it

earlier in the film. The style of music can

also change within a film with different

can remind you of something that happened

sections of the film having different moods -

love, humour, battle/war. Film scores may

be MONOTHEMATIC where the entire film

David Raksin's "Laura" (1944) which is heard

circumstances, that it comes to "haunt the

score is based upon a single melody e.g.

so often and in many different

listener".

hint as to what will happen later in the film or may be heard in the background giving a "subtle hint" to the viewer/listener.



# used especially in animated films, cartoons and comedy films and is where the music

This is known as MICKEY-MOUSING and is

To emphasise a gesture

mimics every small movement reinforcing or illustrating the action e.g. sliding trombones as characters journey up and down in a lift, a descending chromatic scale as a character

goes down a set of stairs. Timing is crucial when using Mickey-Mousing and

Film Music composers often use CLICK
TRACKS to help them time their music

exactly.



#### To provide unexpected juxtaposition/irony

Using music which the listener/viewer wouldn't normally expect to hear creating a sense of uneasiness.

comparison or even humour *e.g.* 

Tchaikovsky's "Swan Lake" is heard in the 'Dracula' (1931) film.



# To influence the pacing of a scene making it appear faster/slower/more comprehensive

Film Music composers often use fast, dramatic music in action sequences to "drive the action and pace forward". In love or romantic scenes, a slow, sweeping theme on the Strings can be used to "slow the pace down".

#### To give added commercial impetus

The independent commercial 'afterlife' of the film score has become an increasingly important aspect of Film Music. "Hit" songs will help sell the film and are often used in the opening or closing credits. Songs may be used as title tracks but can return 'in the background' of the film soundtrack later. All of the James Bond films feature 'big songs' often released as popular music singles independently to help advertise the film and

add commercial impetus.



# To illustrate geographic location or historical period

Westerns often use music "from the time" to set the scene using 'traditional' instruments. Films set in a different country often combine traditional instruments "associated with a particular country" in their soundtracks to help the audience imagine the film's setting and give a sense of "place" e.g. the Sitar can help "place a film" in India or the Bagpipes help "place a film" in Scotland. Films set in a particular historical period e.g. the 1970's or 1980's, may use pop songs from the time to set the scene with the audience recognising the songs and reminding them of that particular decade.

# wHistory of Film Music

#### **Early Film Soundtracks**

Early films had no soundtrack ("Silent Cinema"), so music had to be provided live, usually IMPROVISED by a pianist or organist. The first soundtracks appeared in the 1920's and used existing music, particularly from operas and ballets (Wagner and Verdi) and libraries of "Mood Music" were formed.

#### Film Music in the 1930's and 40's

Soundtracks first appeared at the end of the 1920's and until the Second World War, Hollywood hired Classical composers to write huge Romantic-style film soundtracks.

#### Film Music in the 1950's and 60's

In the 1950's and 1960's, film producers tried using contemporary popular and classical styles, including jazz and experimental music but from the 1970's, there was a rise of post-Romantic Film Music.

#### **Film Music Today**

Film music today often blends popular, electronic and classical music in a flexible way that suits the needs of the particular film. Nevertheless, Hollywood still creates superstar composers whose film music often takes on a life of its own away from its original context, on CDs, downloads and in the concert hall.

# How Film Music is Produced

#### **Music Spotting**

The Film Music composer attends a 'music-spotting' session with the Director and decides where music is to feature in the finished film.



#### **Cue Sheets**

Cue Sheets are then produced containing accurate timings (in seconds and fractions of seconds) of all dialogue and descriptions of the action.

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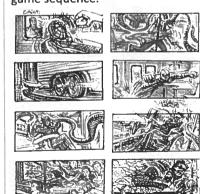
#### **Click Tracks**

An electronic metronome which facilitates the accurate synchronisation of music to events exactly – used extensively in creating music for animated films and cartoons.



#### Storyboards

A graphic organizer in the form of illustrations or images displayed in sequence for the purpose of previsualising a motion picture, animation, motion graphic or video game sequence.



# Diegetic and Non-Diegetic Film Music

within the film for both the characters and audience to hear e.g. a car radio, a band in a nightclub or sound effects such as guns in the distance or screeching car breaks. Also known as SOURCE MUSIC or IN-VISION MUSIC.

music which is "put over the top" of the action to increase the effect of the film and for the audience's benefit and which the characters within the film can't hear e.g. music to accompany a car chase.

Also known as UNDERSCORE or

INCIDENTAL MUSIC.

# Musical Features of Film Music

#### Pitch & Melody

**LEAPS (DISJUNCT MELODIC MOVEMENT)** and **CHROMATICISM** for weirdness and "baddies" - STEPWISE (CONJUNCT MELODIC MOVEMENT) and **DIATONIC** melodies for happiness and "goodies".

**RISING MELODIES** for increasing tension or increasing triumph -**FALLING MELODIES** for decreasing tension or hopelessness/defeat. Westerns often feature a "BIG THEME" played on sweeping Strings. Q&A phrases can represent "Good vs. Evil". The interval of a FIFTH is often used in Sci-Fi film soundtracks as its "bare, open and sparse" sound quality matches that of "outer space".

#### Rhythm

**FAST** for chases and hectic situations. SLOWER can mean more hesitant. IRREGULAR rhythms for threatening or unusual situations and REGULAR rhythms for safety or more "normal" situations. OSTINATO rhythms for repeated sounds e.g. horse's hooves. SYNCOPATION and **CROSS-RHYTHMS** to create tension and unease. "Traditional" dance rhythms e.g. American Square Dance, Tango and Bolero often used in soundtracks to Westerns.

#### Articulation

**LEGATO** or flowing for happier situations - STACCATO or spiky for more challenging ones or to represent 'frozen' or 'brittle'. ACCENTS (>) for violence SFORZANDOS (sfz/sf) for sudden emphasis and to create a 'shock'. **PIZZICATO** (strings) – plucking the strings to create short, detached notes.

ARCO (strings) - using the bow to play.

Horror Film soundtracks often use

**EXTREME DYNAMICS or SUDDEN CHANGES IS DYNAMICS to** enhance sudden actions on-screen and to "shock" the listener.

#### **Dynamics**

LOUDER for bolder or more powerful (whether good or bad) -**SOFTER** for more timid/weak **CRESCENDOS** used for increasing threat, triumph or proximity -**DECRESCENDOS** and **DIMINUENDOS** used for subsiding things and things 'going away into the distance'.

#### **Texture**

THIN or SPARSE textures used for bleak or lonely situations.

THICKER or FULLER textures used for warmer, more "normal" situations and THICK, DENSE orchestral sounds heard during battles and chases.

Complex **POLYPHONIC** textures for confused or very active situations.

HOMOPHONIC MELODY AND **ACCOMPANIMENT** texture used for more straightforward or calm situations or for "love themes".

#### Harmony

**DIATONIC** harmony for simpler situations and good characters.

**CHROMATIC** harmony for more complex situations or bad characters.

**CONSONANCE** for normal situations or "good" characters.

**DISSONANCE** for scary situations or "evil" characters often using notes which are a semitone apart.

MAJOR for happier - MINOR for sadder. SEVENTH CHORDS (including the use of the flattened 7th) often used to create harmonic richness, especially in Westerns. Sudden changes of harmonies create unexpected moods. ATONAL and BITONAL harmonies used to create ambiguous

atmospheres often in Sci-Fi or Supernatural Film soundtracks.

Metre 2/4 or 4/4 for Marches, 3/4 for Waltzes. Metre isn't as important in Film Music as the importance is on the music directly matching and enhancing the on-screen action which sometimes doesn't fall into the regular divisions of a time signature. "Big Themes" and songs used within films are often in 4/4 metre. IRREGULAR TIME SIGNATURES often used to create unease and tension with a lack of clear pulse.

#### **Duration**

LONG, held notes are often used in Westerns to show the vast open spaces of the North-American plains or to help describe the vastness of open space in a Sci-Fi film soundtrack.

SHORT notes are often used to describe "busy", chaotic or hectic situations e.g. a bustling crowd, a chase scene or a battle.

PEDAL notes are long held notes in the bass line above changing harmonies and melodies and can also create tension and suspense.

#### **Leitmotifs, Themes & Motifs**

A frequently recurring short melodic or harmonic idea which is associated with a character, event, concept, idea, object or situation which be used directly or indirectly to remind us of one not actually present on screen. Leitmotifs are often fraamented e.g. in Horror films to show the deteriorating state of the hero or heroine as the film progresses.

The **SIGH MOTIF** is often used – a short rising then falling melody in an arch shape. Animated films and cartoons use a range of MUSICAL CLICHÉS - short motifs e.g. pedal notes, 'calamity motif', cluster chords etc. which are used every time a character does a certain action or ends up in a certain situation.

#### **Timbre & Sonority**

Traditional orchestral instruments often combined with electronic instruments. Orchestral instruments played in different ways e.g. slashing the bow across the strings of a violin

Sound Effects combines with traditional and electronic instruments.

Brass Fanfares often used in Space Film soundtracks and in films when there is a battle or warfare.

"Traditional" musical instruments 'of the time' help place a film in a specific place or time period.

Unusual instruments often used in Sci-Fi. Space or Horror films - Theremin, Celesta. Instruments such as a the glockenspiel used in Horror film soundtracks to create tension.

# Video Game Music





#### **Early Video Game Music**

Early video game music consisted primarily of SOUND EFFECTS, CHIPTUNES (a style of music which used simple melodies) and early sound SYNTHESISER technology. SAMPLING began in the 1980's allowing sound to be played during the game, making it more realistic and less "synthetic-sounding".



#### How Video Game Music is used within Video Games

Music within a video game is often used for CUES (knowing when a significant event was about to occur).

Video game music is often heard over a game's title screen, options menu and bonus content as well as during the entire gameplay. Music can be used to increase tension and suspense e.g. during battles and chases and can change, depending on a player's actions or situation e.g. indicating missing actions or "pick-ups".

#### **How Video Game Music is Produced**



Fully-orchestrated video game music scores are now popular technology is used in their creation but less in their performance. The composer uses music technology to create the score, it is then played by an orchestra and then digitally converted and integrated into the game. Video game soundtracks have become popular and are now commercially sold and performed in concert with some radio stations featuring entire shows dedicated to video game music.

#### **Character Themes in Video Game Music**



Characters within a video game can also have their own THEMES – like LEITMOTIFS within Film Music. These can be manipulated, altered and changed adapting the elements of music - orchestration, timbre, sonority, texture, pitch, dynamics depending on the character's situation or different places they travel to within the game.

#### Famous Video Game Music Composers and their Soundtracks



#### Koji Kondo Super Mario Bros. (1985) The Legend of Zelda (1986)



Martin O'Donnell and Michael Salvatori Halo (2002)



## Michael Giacchino

The Lost World: Jurassic Park (1997) Medal of Honour (1999) Call of Duty (2003)



Jesper Kyd Assassin's Creed (2007)



**Tommy Tallarico** 

Mieko Ishikawa

Dragon Slayer (1993)





# Film Music Composers and their Soundtracks

# **Bernard Hermann**



**Psycho** Vertigo Taxi Driver

#### Jerry Goldsmith



Planet of the Apes Star Trek The Motion Picture The Omen Alien

John Williams Star Wars laws Harry Potter Indiana Jones Superman E.T.



The Lion King Gladiator Pearl Harbour Madagascar Dunkirk Blade Runner 2049



Titanic Apollo 13 A Beautiful Mind Braveheart Star Trek II Aliens

#### John Carpenter



Halloween Halloween II Halloween III The Fog Season of the Witch

#### **Harry Robinson**



Twins of Evil Countess Dracula Demons of the Mind The Ghoul

#### **Ennio Morricone**



The Good, The Bad and The Ugly For a Few Dollars More The Mission Exorcist II

#### Elmer Bernstein



The Magnificent Seven

#### Jerome Moross



The Big Country

#### **Carl Stalling**



Many "Looney Tunes" and cartoon shorts.

#### John Barry



James Bond Films

#### **Danny Elfman**



Mission Impossible (adapted) Dick Tracv **Batman Returns** Men in Black Spider-Man

#### **Wendy Carlos**



Clockwork Orange The Shining

#### **Rachel Portman**





# Rock 'n' Roll of the 1950's and 1960's

Rock 'n' Roll combines elements of Rhythm and Blues and Country and Western Music and emerged in the mid-1950's.

Rock 'n' Roll helped establish the typical pop music instrumental combination of Lead and Rhythm Guitars, Bass Guitar and Drum Kit.

Repetition is an important feature of Rock 'n' Roll meaning untrained composers and performers could quickly and easil learn music and then improvise over the basic structure.



Lyrics
Simple, repetitive and easily
memorable – teenage concerns:
love, relationships, cars, school life
and holidays.

# Tempo & Metre Fast (Allegro) – ideal for dancing. 165-185 bpm. 4/4 Time Signature.

#### **Harmony & Tonality**

# Major tonality using mainly simple and repetitive Primary Chords – I, IV & V with slow Harmonic Rhythm often in the 12-Bar Blues Structure: I, I, I, I, IV, IV, I, I, V, IV, I, I. Close Harmonies used in the vocals.

#### Melody

Often uses 'blue notes' (flattened 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> against a major chord). "Catchy" Melodies have a narrow vocal range. Vocal and guitar melodies use repeated phrases, riffs and hooks.

#### **Dynamics**

Consistent loud volume – Forte (f) often louder in the choruses – Fortissimo (ff) achieved through amplification.

#### Rhythm

Backbeat (accenting 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> beats of the bar on the snare drum). Often features a Walking Bass Line. Syncopation, Swung Rhythms and Boogie-Woogie rhythms also used.

#### Texture

Homophonic (Melody & Accompaniment) Texture – a solo singer accompanied by instruments. Some textural variety within songs e.g. instruments 'dropping out'.

#### Articulation

Harsh, brash and raw sound possessing energy and drive.
Accents on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> beats of the bar provide the Backbeat.

#### Accompaniment

Sometimes Call and Response between solo voice and accompaniment (band or backing singers). Lead singers and/or instrumental solos backed by band.

#### Form & Structure

Verse-Chorus Form with a short
Introduction (often instrumental
but sometimes vocal), solo verses,
chorus, instrumental section
(improvised solos or shuwaddy
section featuring Scat singing)
ending with a Coda/Outro.

#### **Vocal Performance & Technique**

Mainly male lead singers using high-pitch vocals and Falsetto giving an untrained or shouty tone/timbre with screeches, jeers and cheers. Portamentos and Scat Singing often used.

#### **Technology**

Amplifiers for Electric Guitars used for the first time. Basic effects such as Reverb and Echo. Clean guitar sounds (not overdriven). Double-track lead and backing vocals for richer sounds. "Raw" sound of recordings.

#### Venue

Dance Halls, Clubs (live), Concert Halls, Juke Boxes, Coffee Bars, Radio and to buy on Record/Vinyl.

#### **Artists, Bands & Performers**

Little Richard, Elvis Presley, The Beatles, Bill Haley & The Comets, The Beach Boys, Johnny Cash, Chuck Berry, Buddy Holly, Chubby Checker, The Doors.

#### Instrumentation - Typical Instruments, Timbres and Sonorities

Early Rock 'n' Roll – lead vocalist accompanied by a small group of acoustic instruments – piano, drum kit, saxophone, trumpet, harmonica, trombone and double bass. The Electric Guitar soon became an essential part of Rock 'n' Roll and Backing Singers/Vocalists were frequently used in Rock 'n' Roll songs.



















# Rock Anthems of the 1970's and 1980's

By the 1960's, Rock 'n' Roll evolved into a new style of music, known simply as Rock Music. There are many sul Princes of Rock Music

Hard Rock - loud and aggressive, distorted electric guitars, solo guitar sections, use of power chards

Glam Rock - theatrical and glitzy, catchy books, spangly suits and make a

rogressive.Rock - experimental and complicated structures, long instrumentals with effects and mythologica



#### Lyrics

Wider subject matter than the simpler lyrics of Rock 'n' Roll with themes such as: politics, philosophy, religion and literature with darker, powerful and more serious lyrics. Powerful anthemic choruses designed to be sung loudly by the audience.

#### Tempo & Metre

Moderate to Medium Fast (*Allegro Moderato*)
110-120 bpm.
4/4 Time Signature.
Strong steady "Rock Beat".

#### **Harmony & Tonality**

Early Rock uses mainly Primary Chords (I, IV & V) but later Rock uses Auxiliary Chords, Chromatic Chords, Added Sixth Chords, First and Second Inversion Chords and Altered Note Chords. Power Chords (chords which don't contain the 3<sup>rd</sup> e.g. C5) are a key feature of Rock Music and Modulations (in the Bridge section) became more common.

#### Melody

Performed by the lead singer with lyrical vocal phrases featuring repeated patterns. The lead Electric Guitar plays Strong Guitar Riffs based on short sections of the main melody.

#### **Dynamics**

Due to heavy amplification, Rock Music is designed to be performed very loudly – Fortissimo (ff).

#### Rhythm

Strong and Driving Rhythms.
Incessant Drumming Patterns.
Use of a heavy Bass Drum and continuation of use of Backbeat (emphasising the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> beats of the bar on the Snare Drum).

#### Texture

Homophonic (Melody and Accompaniment) Texture although thick Polyphonic Textures are often used when singers, guitars and drums play different rhythms at the same time.

#### Articulation

Effects added to guitars: Distortion, Echo, Reverb, Overdrive, Delay, Wah-wah and Feedback (the noise made when a mic or guitar are too close to a speaker).

#### Accompaniment

Lead singer accompanied by band that provide the accompanying rhythm, bass line and chords, although there are opportunities for virtuosic instrumental solos.

#### Form & Structure

Verse-Chorus Form. Long Intros.
Modulation in the Bridge
(extended instrumental solo
improvisation). Memorable
Chorus. Rock Songs often of longer
duration – some 7-8 minutes.

#### **Vocal Performance & Technique**

Mainly male vocal lead-singer singing with a growly, raspy and husky-style of singing using very high pitch screams singing with Vibrato but not Falsetto.

#### Technology

Amplification technology developed – louder volumes. New sounds and effects:
Distortion, Wah-wah, Delay, Overdrive.
Multi-track recording created increasingly complex textures.

#### Venue

Louder amplification = increasingly larger audiences in stadiums, sports arenas and pop festivals. Performances feature special effects – light shows and pyrotechnics.

#### Artists, Bands & Performers

Led Zeppelin, The Who (Hard Rock)
Black Sabbath, Iron Maiden (Heavy Metal)
David Bowie, Queen, KISS (Glam Rock)
Yes, Pink Floyd (Progressive Rock)
Sex Pistols, Blondie (Punk Rock)

#### Instrumentation - Typical Instruments, Timbres and Sonorities

The basis of a Rock Band is a Lead Singer, Drum Kit and Trio of Guitars: Lead Electric Guitar, Rhythm Guitar and Bass Guitar. The sound of Rock Music centres upon the Electric Guitar. Sometimes a Piano, Hammond Organ, Electric Keyboard/Synthesiser or Strings may be added or other (often strange!) timbres and effects!















# Pop Ballads of the 1970's, 1980's and 1990's

Pop Ballads originated from Folk Music, usually being a story sung to simple musical accompaniment sung by wandering minstrels in the 15<sup>th</sup> Century. Although Pop Ballads are now often performed on stage to huge audiences, they still manage to maintain the intimacy of a performer telling a moving story through music. Pop Ballads were often written and performed by Singer-Songwriters who often accompany themselves on the guitar or plane.



#### Lyrics

Tell stories often with a sentimental romantic theme telling some kind of love story, often with a romantic "twist" right at the end to keep people listening.

#### Tempo & Metre

Slow and Moderate Tempo (Moderato, Andante, Adagio, Lento) to emphasise the meaning of the words. 70-100 bpm. 4/4 Time Signature. Ritardandos and Tempo Rubato used.

#### Harmony & Tonality

Chord Progressions (guitar and/or piano) such as I, V, VI, IV. Slow Harmonic Rhythm. Often use Chord Inversions, Repeating Block Chords, Broken Chords or Arpeggios.

Modulation in final chorus. Chords II, III and IV used more.

#### Melody

Mainly Diatonic melody sung by the lead singer. Duos/Trios also common and often sing in Close Harmony.

#### **Dynamics**

Start off quite soft – Mezzo Piano (mp) – usually increasing towards the chorus with a Crescendo often ending in a louder, fully-scored final Chorus.

#### Rhythm

Accompanying drum patterns on the Snare Drum often feature Syncopated Rhythms accenting the  $2^{nd}$  and  $4^{th}$  beats of the bar.

#### Texture

Homophonic (Melody & Accompaniment) Texture – a solo singer accompanied by simple instruments or large band. Texture often builds towards the end becoming thicker for a big final 'climax' in the last Chorus.

#### Articulation

The main vocal melody, performed by the lead singer and the accompanying chords are normally performed Legato – smoothly throughout.

#### Accompaniment

The Accompaniment of a Pop Ballad always supports the Lead Singer! The story is the most important part and the lead vocals should be clear and unhidden. Backing vocalists and accompanying instruments support

#### Form & Structure

Verse-Chorus Form. Verses in Strophic Form. Bridge/Middle 8 (8, 16, 24 or 32 bars) often features new material before a Modulation in the final Chorus. Parts of the Verse or Chorus can be repeated for emphasis or effect.

#### **Vocal Performance & Technique**

Expressive and Emotional Vocal Performance is key to a Pop Ballad: A Cappella, Vibrato, Falsetto, Melisma, Portamento, Riffing, Ritardandos, Tempo Rubato, Large Vocal Ranges, Long Held Notes.

#### **Technology**

Heavy Reverb on the vocals often used to create a warm sound.

#### Venue

Pop Concert, Radio, TV, CD, MP3 Download Internet Sites, YouTube.

#### **Artists, Bands & Performers**

Billy Joel, Lionel Richie, Chris de Burgh, Celine Dion, Mariah Carey, Elton John, Bette Midler, Take That, The Carpenters, Sting, Extreme, Seal, Robbie Williams, Lionel Richie, George Michael, Eric Clapton.

#### <u>Instrumentation – Typical Instruments, Timbres and Sonorities</u>

No "set list" of instruments which accompany Pop Ballads but often featured are: Guitars (Acoustic, Electric and Bass), Drum Kit, Vocals (Lead and Backing Singers – often called BVOX), Piano, Electric Piano, Saxophone and Strings – either live orchestral or synthesised "Lush String Pads" using Music Technology.













CONVENTIONS OF POP

# Solo Artists from the 1990's to the Present Day

Solo Artists often change their music from album to album. They perform in a wide range of venues for small and large audiences and their styles of music include: Rock, Rap, Indie, Electronic Music, Dance Music and Conventional Pop Music. Each singer has been influenced with their own individual sound and character, depending on the kind of message and image they want to express. Typically a performance may feature a gradual build-up or increase in terms of instrumentation, texture and dynamics as the song progresses.



#### **Vocal Performance &**

#### **Technique**

In addition to
AutoTune, other vocal
effects such as
Panning and Filters
(e.g. 'telephone' or
'phasing' by changing
the EQ of a sound to
distort it in some way)
are applied during
production.

#### **Technology**

Digital Technology becoming more sophisticated with a wide range of Digital Effects (Reverb, Echo, Delay and Distortion still used).

Recording Techniques allowing producers much greater control over their music.

AutoTune — a device or facility for tuning something, especially a computer program which enables the correction of an out-of-tune vocal performance.

Sampling — sections or loops taken from other recordings

Drum Loops — electronically creates using technology and then repeating it.

Advanced Recording Software and Computer Sequencers (ProTools GarageBand, Logic). Overdubbing resulting in more complex and thick musical textures.

Highly polished production using computers.

#### Venue

Can range from medium to large sized arenas. Touring now a main income stream for artists instead of simply to promote a new album. Music videos are now as important as the music itself meaning solo artists could achieve different outcomes from each album/track and therefore "reinvent" themselves and their music.

#### **Artists, Bands & Performers**

George Michael, Beyoncé, Sam Smith, Kylie Minogue, Robbie Williams, Eminem, Taylor Swift, Adele, Calvin Harris, Madonna, Michael Jackson, Britney Spears, KT Tunstall, Amy Winehouse, Bruno Mars, Justin Bieber.

#### Instrumentation - Typical Instruments, Timbres and Sonorities

Ranges from traditional "Pop Instrumentation" such as Voice, Drums, Electric Bass and Guitar, Keyboards alongside Electronic Instruments such as Samplers and Synthesisers

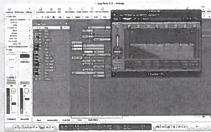








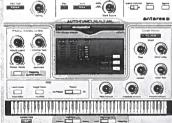












# Indian Classical Music

A RAGA performance is not worked out beforehand and relies on a RAGA (scale) and TALA (rhythm) to which considerable IMPROVISATON and ORNAMENTATION are added by the performers. Some performances are very long and can last all night!

#### Characteristic Rhythms and Metres, Traditional Rhythm Patterns & **Repetition and Ostinato**

Based on TALAS (cyclic/repeating rhythm patterns) played by the TABLA. One single TALA used for a piece. Each TALA has a certain number of beats (regular and irregular TALAS are used). The most popular TALA is called TINTAL - 16 beats per cycle. Over 300 TALAS. HAND CLAPS and WAVES are used to mark certain beats.

#### **Texture**

There are three basic layers to the texture of Indian Classical Music: MELODY (Voice, Sitar, Sarangi, Bansuri, Esraj or Sarod performing the melodic form of the Raga); DRONE (Tanpura or Harmonium performing long sustained noted); RHYTHM (Tabla performing the rhythmic Tala). The opening three sections of a Raga performance all have a 2-PART TEXTURE (melody and drone), the final Gat (or Bandish) section when the Tabla enters performing the Tala has a 3-PART TEXTURE.

Melodies based on RAGAS (scale/mode) – patterns of notes with strict rules about usage. RAGAS (scales) associated with a particular time of day or night or season and have different MOODS. Some RAGAS (scales) vary in ascent and descent e.g. Raga Vibhas (morning Raga); Raga Behag (evening Raga). RAGAS are written down used SARGAM notation.

Pitch & Melody and Harmony & Tonality

#### Tempo

ALAP - slow and free unmetred rhythm with no recognisable beat or pulse. JHOR – speeds up and becomes more rhythmic. JHALA further increase in tempo and greater sense of metre. GAT - very fast tempo with complex rhythms. **TEMPO RUBATO** sometimes added by performers during performance.

#### Ensemble

Indian Classical musicians must work together in order to interpret the music and perform effectively as one including starting and stopping together, agreeing tempo and dynamic changes, similar interpretation of expression and articulation (accents, staccato) as well as balance between parts.

#### **Dynamics**

Generally increase throughout a Raga performance starting of softly (p) during the ALAP and JHOR with a gradual CRESCENDO in the JHALA and very loud at the end.

#### Form & Structure

FOUR sections (no breaks) ALAP - melody and drone, free unmetred, slow, soft. JHOR (JOR) - melody and drone. increase in speed, more rhythmic JHALA - melody and drone, more speed and improvisation GAT (BANDISH) - Tabla enters, tempo and dynamics increase.

#### Origins and Cultural Context of the **Traditional Music**

Around 1700 BC. Developed in temples and royal palaces. Ragas and Talas learnt by the ORAL TRADITION. Master-Student tradition. Spirituality (Hinduism) an important part.

#### **Musical Characteristics of Folk Music**

A RAGA performance based on one RAGA and one TALA with freedom for **IMPROVISATION** and **ORNAMENTATION** during performance. No fixed length.

#### Impact of Modern Technology on **Traditional Music**

Available via the internet (YouTube®) and heard at cinema, radio and live concerts. Indian instruments now heard in jazz, pop and rock (live or sampled)

#### Artists, Bands & Performers of Indian







Ravi Shankar Anoushka Shankar Alla Rakha

#### Instrumentation - Typical Instruments, Timbres and Sonorities **ESRAJ HARMONIUM BANSURI SARANGI**

**TANPURA** SITAR

**SAROD** 











**SINGER** 



**TABLA** 

# Punjabi Bhangra

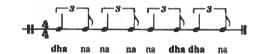
Bhangra is a type of FUSION MUSIC —blending together and combining elements of WESTERN POPULAR MUSIC, CLUB DANCE MUSIC, HINDI FILM MUSIC and FOLK MUSIC FROM THE PUNJABL REGION. Traditional Punjabl drums and string 1970's and 1980's and fused CHAAL rhythms with Western popular genres such as HIP-HOP, DISCO and DRUM 'N' BASS



#### Characteristic Rhythms and Metres, Traditional Rhythm Patterns & Repetition and Ostinato

The basic rhythms of Bhangra are played by the DHOL - a double-headed drum producing two sounds - HIGH and LOW. POLYRHYTHMS, CROSS-RHYTHMS and SYNCOPATION can be created by combining rhythms from the two drum heads. The CHAAL rhythm in 4/4 metre consists of a repeated 8-note pattern played on the DHOL. The CHAAL rhythm is 'swung' with a TRIPLET-feel. Vocal shouts of the word 'Hoi' are often added on

the second and fourth beats of the CHAAL rhythm and the DHOLAK and/or TABLA add decorative, more complex rhythms. The TUMBI often plays repeated RIFFS or OSTINATOS using the CHAAL rhythm.



#### Texture

**HOMOPHONIC (MELODY AND** ACCOMPANIMENT) - instruments support vocal melody.

#### Tempo

Fast-paced dance music, usually in 4/4 METRE around 140-195 bpm.

#### **Dynamics & Articulation**

Consistently **LOUD** with exciting and dramatic expression. Strong **ACCENTS** on the 1<sup>st</sup> beat of the bar.

#### Pitch & Melody and Harmony & Tonality

Singing has an important role within Bhangra often featuring HIGH-PITCH MALE VOCALISTS (in the tenor range) - the melodies use a SMALL RANGE OF NOTES and backing singers often shout 'Hoi' at certain points in the song. The lead vocalist/singer sings SHORT PHRASES in Puniabi. often BENDING NOTES and making use of MICROTONAL INTERVALS and frequent use of the interval of a MINOR THIRD. It is common for the vocal melody to fall in pitch at the end of a phrase. Harmony is often very simple, based on one or two REPEATED CHORDS.

#### Form & Structure

Similar to Western Popular Music in **POPULAR SONG FORM** including VERSES and a repeated CHORUS, often with an introduction and some **INSTRUMENTAL** sections.

#### Origins and Cultural Context of the **Traditional Music**

Bhangra originally refers to a type of Punjabi dancing taking place around harvest time where festivities would be accompanied by music. It became popular at other celebrations such as weddings and New Year parties and now the soundtrack of **BOLLYWOOD** cinema.

#### **Musical Characteristics of Folk Music**

Working farmers would sing songs to the sound of the DHOL. The dance rhythm accompanied a male synchronised dance with energetic steps and acrobatic stunts.

#### Impact of Modern Technology on **Traditional Music**

Modern Bhangra today uses a lot of music technology - REMIXES, SAMPLING and DJ **SOUND EFFECTS** such as **SCRATCHING** as well as using DRUM MACHINES. Using these effects, Bhangra has evolved into a CLUB **DANCE GENRE** with an individual and improvised dance to accompany it.

#### Artists, Bands & Performers of Puniabi **Bhangra**







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#### Instrumentation - Typical Instruments, Timbres and Sonorities -

Electronic instruments (Electric Guitars, Electric Bass, Synthesizers and Keyboards) are often added to these;

DHOL



**TABLA** 





**ALGHOZA** 







**DHOLAK** 









# Eastern and Arabic Folk Rhythms

Due to Greece's geographical location, its music is influenced by music from Europe, Asia and the Middle East. Consisting of sones and dances. Greek folk music is used for celebrations and social events. Lots of Palestinian music



#### Characteristic Rhythms and Metres, Traditional Rhythm Patterns & Repetition and Ostinato

Many Greek songs and dances use IRREGULAR RHYTHMS and IRREGULAR METRES e.g. 5/8 or 7/8. SIMPLE TIME is also used in Israeli folk dances e.g. 2/4, 3/4 and 4/4). In Arabic music, a rhythm pattern is called a WAZN (similar to a Tala in Indian music). Two popular Arabic WAZN rhythms are shown below and can be performed on the DOUMBEK (D = DOUM - a low tone played in the centre; T = TEK - a high tone played on the edge with the right hand; K = KA - ahigh tone played on the edge with the left hand)





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#### Pitch & Melody and Ornamentation

Greek folk music uses SIMPLE MELODIES but allows freedom for the player, performer or singer to **DECORATE** and **ORNAMENT** those freely especially decorating repeated notes. Melodies move mainly by STEP (CONJUNCT MOVEMENT) covering a relatively small range of notes. The melodies are lyrical (expressive) and enjoyable to sing. Often melodies are harmonised by another part playing a THIRD HIGHER giving PARALLEL MELODIES. Arabic melodies are based on MAOAM and IMPROVISATION is an important feature. Israeli folk dances have melodies played on the clarinet, violin and accordion, often using GRACE NOTES and PITCH BENDS to create a distinctive sound with MELODIC **DECORATION** and **ORNAMENTATION**.

#### Dynamics, Expression and Articulation

Greek folk music - simple but highly expressive melody lines with performers exploring the TIMBRE and **SONORITY** of the instrument including playing techniques such as TREMOLO (Bouzouki) and slides (GLISSANDO) and singers using MELISMA (singing several notes per syllable).

#### **Harmony and Tonality**

Greek music uses DIATONIC MAJOR AND MINOR CHORDS. Tonic and Dominant notes are emphasised by the bass instrument and music sometimes MODULATES to the relative major/minor. Arabic music is often based on a MAQAM (type of scale/mode often accompanied by a DRONE) which is divided into MICROTONES. The closest scale in Western music which resembles this is the **DOUBLE HARMONIC SCALE** also called the **ARABIC SCALE**: C, Db, E, F, G, Ab, B C. Israeli folk dances often feature the bass guitar playing the ROOT and FIFTH of a chord with other instruments performing chords on the OFF-BEAT.

#### Tempo

Greek, Arabic and Israeli folk music is often FAST – designed for dancing. Arabic music often begins with an IMPROVISATION free of tempo and Israeli folk dances often feature a gradual ACCELERANDO (speeding up) throughout the performance.

#### **Texture**

Greek folk music has a clear HOMOPHONIC (MELODY AND ACCOMPANIMENT) texture - a prominent melody with accompaniment, often featuring OFF-BEAT CHORDS.

#### Form & Structure and Phrasing

Greek folk music - short sections which are repeated. Clear structure with regular phrasing with sections separated by clear CADENCES. Sometimes instruments and singers perform in DIALOGUE with each other.

#### Origins and Cultural Context of the **Traditional Music**

Greek folk music - songs and dances at celebrations, social events, cafés, restaurants and bars. Middle Eastern folk music shaped by Arabic, Jewish and Christian influences.

#### **Musical Characteristics of Folk Music**

A typical ensemble in Greek folk music could consist of the DOUBMEK, BOUZOUKI, violin, bass and vocals. Palestinian and Arabic music often features the OUD, while Israeli music has taken on many more Western musical instruments such as the guitar and the piano. The harmony is often MICROTONAL.

#### Impact of Modern Technology on **Traditional Music**

Globalization means more people around the world have access to Eastern Mediterranean, Arabic and Israeli folkl Music via the Internet (YouTube®) which can also be heard on the radio or television and at live concerts.

#### Artists, Bands & Performers of Eastern Mediterranean and Middle Eastern and Arabic Folk Rhythms







Yannis Parios Le Trio Joubran Effi Netzer

#### Instrumentation - Typical Instruments, Timbres and Sonorities

**BOUZOUKI** 

OUD

**DOUMBEK** 

**TAMBOURINE** 

**TABLA BALADI** 

MIZMAR

**NEY** 

MIJWIZ

**SANTUR** 













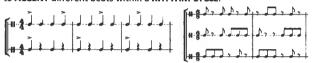




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#### Characteristic Rhythms and Metres, Traditional Rhythm Patterns & Repetition and Ostinato

REPETITION and CYCLIC RHYTHMS used to organise music. A repeated rhythm pattern (OSTINATO or TIMELINE) is used as a basis for IMPROVISATION to "hold the piece together". Use of SYNCOPATION, POLYRHYTHMS (shown below right), CYCLIC RHYTHMS and CROSS-RHYTHMS (shown below left). MASTER DRUMMER can give musical 'cues' to performers to change rhythms during a performance and can also choose to ACCENT different beats within a RHYTHM CYCLE.



#### **Texture**

In West Africa, drum ensembles have 3-5 players each with a distinctive method of striking their drum and playing interlocking rhythms. This creates a THICK and complex **POLYPHONIC** texture.

#### **Origins and Cultural Context of the Traditional Music**

African Drumming is 'traditional' and handed down via the ORAL TRADITION (not written down). Not performed 'at a concert', rather everyone joins in by dancing or playing an instrument. singing or clapping. Combines other art forms and heard at special occasions and celebrations. Many Africans believe that music serves as a link to the spirit world.





Other percussion instruments such as clappers, maracas, scrapers, gongs and xylophones (called BALAFONS) produce their sound by vibration and are known as IDIOPHONES.

African instruments are often made from plants and animal products such as hide and bone. African musicians are very fond of PERCUSSION instruments and use a wide variety of drums (called MEMBRANOPHONES) Drums are traditionally used as an accompaniment to singing, dancing, working and communicating between villages. Drummers are typically the most respected members of their community.

#### Pitch & Melody and Harmony & Tonality

Most African melodies are based on a "limited number of pitches" - four, five, six or seven note SCALES and are normally short and simple, often expanded by REPETITION and IMPROVISATION. The pitch in African drumming is largely determined by the tuning of the drums. African singers often create vocal harmony by singing in thirds, fourths or fifths. UNISON and PARALLEL OCTAVE harmony is also common. The basic form of African Vocal Music is CHORAL SINGING known as CALL AND RESPONSE where one singer (SOLOIST) or small group of singers sings a line and the whole group (CHORUS) makes a reply (often a fixed REFRAIN) - like a "musical conversation" - in alternation with the "lead singer". The soloist often IMPROVISES. African singers often "shout words" (VOCABLES) and male and female singers enjoy using their highest VOCAL REGISTER known as FALSETTO. African singing can be accompanied by instruments but can also be unaccompanied (A CAPPELLA).

#### **Dynamics**

Since African Drumming is often performed outside and at social gatherings and celebrations, the dynamics are generally LOUD (FORTE -f) or VERY LOUD (FORTISSIMO -ff), but like changes in tempo, can be indicated by the MASTER DRUMMER.

#### Musical Characteristics of Folk Music

Traditional drums such as the **DJEMBE, TALKING DRUM** and **DUNDUN** remain popular in African music today, often combined with a number of percussion instruments. stringed instruments and woodwind instruments. RHYTHM remains a key feature of African drumming.

#### Tempo

FAST - designed for dancing and social gatherings - tempo will match the dance steps. The MASTER DRUMMER can both establish the tempo as well as speed up (ACCELERANDO) or slow down (DECELERANDO) or even set a new tempo with musical 'cues'.

#### Impact of Modern Technology on **Traditional Music**

African music has been a major influence on the development of popular music contributing rhythms. structures, melodic features and the use of improvisation to such styles as blues, gospel and jazz, brought over to America by slaves. High quality recordings of traditional African music are now possible with advanced recording techniques

#### **Bolokada Conde**

Ensemble

A MASTER DRUMMER often leads giving

signals to the rest of the group to change

rhythms or sections of the piece and can

**IMPROVISES** highly complicated rhythms

and can indicate the ending of a piece of

AND RESPNOSE SECTIONS which are

'responded' by the drum ensemble.

music as well as playing the "CALL" to CALL

also control the TEMPO. He often

**Artists, Bands & Performers of African** 

**Drumming** 



**Ladysmith Black** Mambazo

Stringed instruments (CHORDOPHONES) such as bows, lyres, zithers, harps and the KORA are popular as well as some woodwind instruments (AEROPHONES) such as whistles, flutes, reed pipes, trumpets and horns.



#### Ornamentation

The MASTER DRUMMER can elaborate and decorate his solo drum part with **ACCENTS** and playing in a technically demanding style to "show off" to the rest of the drum ensemble and audience.

#### Form & Structure and

#### **Phrasing**

The structure of a piece of African drumming depends on the MASTER DRUMMER and has no fixed or determined length, entirely dependent on the rhythms used.





Instrumentation - Typical Instruments, Timbres and Sonorities

GOURD



MBRIA

BALAFON



FLUTE









# Calypso and Steel Band

Calypso is the national dance of Trinidad and Tobago. Steel Bands also originated from these islands. Caribbean music combines elements of AFRICAN MUSICAL INFLUENCES - SYNCOPATION, CROSS-RHYTHMS, PERCUSSION, CALL AND RESPONSE and EUROPEAN MUSICAL INFLUENCES - TONAL HARMONIES AND MELODIES and instruments.



#### Characteristic Rhythms and Metres. Traditional Rhythm Patterns & Repetition and Ostinato

**CALYPSO** is originally the national dance of Trinidad and Tobago and is particularly associated with social gatherings such as CARNIVAL. Calypso is normally in 4/4 METRE and uses SYNCOPATION combining story telling with memorable melodies. Calypso often uses three-beat rhythms with two long beats followed by a short beat. An example of a Calypso rhythm is as follows:

SYNCOPATION is also used in Steel Pan music, both in the melody line and in the chords which are often performed OFFBEAT.

#### Pitch & Melody and Ornamentation

The melody of Calypso music often features IMPROVISATION by the instrumentalists often on an "established", pre-existing (folk) melody or one that has been composed who add ornaments and decorate a melody line during a performance.

#### **Origins and Cultural Context of the Traditional Music**

Calypso is the national dance of Trinidad and Tobago and is based on a traditional syncopated rhythm. Steel Bands also originated from these islands. Steel Drums were discovered in the late 1930's by hitting a dented section of an oil barrel which produced a particular tone.

# **Musical Characteristics of Folk Music**

Calypso and Steel Band music has African musical influences including: Syncopations and Cross-Rhythms, use of percussion instruments, call and response and singing styles as well as European musical influences including tonal harmonies and melodies and instruments such as the guitar.

#### **Harmony and Tonality**

Harmony of Calypso often enriched used ADDED NOTE CHORDS e.g. added 6ths, 7ths and 9ths and Diminished 7th chords. The HARMONIC RHYTHM of Steel Pan music is SLOW - with a single chord often lasting an entire bar. Harmonies are mainly simple and use PRIMARY TRIADS in MAJOR TONALITY and phrases often end with PERFECT CADENCES. The BASS PAN plays the ROOT of the chord, the

CELLO/GUITAR PAN plays the THIRD AND FIFTH of the chord and the ALTO PAN plays the ROOT AND THIRD of the chord. A typical CHORD RHYTHM could be:



#### Dynamics, Expression and Articulation

Since Calypso and Steel Pan music is designed to be performed at carnivals and outdoors accompanying dancers or in front of large audiences, the dynamics are generally VERY LOUD - FORTISSIMO (ff). Steel pans are played with sticks/beaters with rubber tips and notes of LONG **DURATION** are playing by ROLLING, giving a TREMOLO effect which produces a 'shimmering' sound as is a unique TIMBRE/SONORITY to Steel Pans.

#### Texture

Steel Pan music – mainly HOMOPHONIC (MELODY AND ACCOMPANIMENT) additional textural layers added by CHORD RIFFS and percussion instruments which thicken the musical texture.

#### Form & Structure and Phrasing

Calypso often uses CALL AND RESPONSE regular (e.g. 4 or 8-bar) phrases which are IMPROVISED. Songs are normally in POPULAR SONG FORM. Steel Pan music often has a recurring 'A' section and made up of short REPEATED PHRASES.

#### Impact of Modern Technology on **Traditional Music**

With advances in recording technology, Harry Belafonte recorded a "Calypso Album" in 1956 selling more than a million copies bringing Calypso to a wider audience worldwide. Calypso has also been used in modern-day films e.g. "Under the Sea" from 'The Little Mermaid'.

#### Artists, Bands & Performers of Calypso and



**Harry Belafonte** 



**Mighty Sparrow** 



David Rudder



**Andry Narrell** 

#### Instrumentation – Typical Instruments, Timbres and Sonorities

Instruments used in Calypso include the Acoustic and Bass Guitars with Trumpets, Saxophones, Electric Guitars, Drum Kit, Vocals and LATIN

PERCUSSION which includes many types of drums and hand-held percussion instruments including:

Steel Bands began in Trinidad when a great many oil drums were left lying around after World War II. It was soon found that they could be turned into musical instruments. Steel Pans are made by cutting oil drums into different

Names of the Steel Pans (in descending pleth order)	The part they play in the band			
Soprano, Ping Pong, or First Tenor	Usually play the melody			
Double Alto, Double Second or Second Tenor	Play a second melody underneath the Soprano part			
Single Alto	Play two-note Chords			
Cello, or Guitar	Play Chords, Melody or Bass			
Bass	Plays the Bass Part			

concave bowls. Each individual note is then beaten into a small area of the bowl. Small rubber-headed sticks are used to strike each note. These days, Steel Bands consist of a number of different-sized Steel Pans, and a rhythm section of Latin-American percussion instruments. Each pan or pair of pans has its own name according to its pitch-range. Some of the pans have more than one name although they mean the same thing



# Samba

Music in Latin America is widely influenced by colourful and exotic carnivals and a range of dance styles. Carnivals may include FANFARRAS, featuring brass instruments associated with fanfare, and almost always a SAMBA BAND.



#### Rhythm and Metre, Form & Structure and Phrasing, Repetition and Ostinato & Ornamentation

Built around OSTINATOS usually 4 or 8 beats long (regular phrases). Each group of instruments can have their own Ostinato featuring OFFBEAT RHYTHMS and SYNCOPATION. Often the **SON CLAVE SYNCOPATED** rhythm is used, either the 2:3 or 3:2.

Samba music is built up of lots of different sections. For each section the SAMBISTA will need to know an OSTINATO.



Samba music often starts with an INTRODUCTION often featuring CALL AND RESPONSE RHYTHMS between the Samba Leader and ensemble. The main Ostinato rhythm of Samba is called the GROOVE when all the instruments of the Samba Band play their respective rhythms over and over again forming the main body of the piece. The GROOVE is broken up by BREAKS - 4 or 8 beat rhythms providing contrast and MID SECTIONS – one or two instruments change the rhythm of their ostinato and the others stay the same or stop. Sometimes BREAKS and MID SECTIONS feature a SOLOIST who "shows off" their rhythms. The SAMBISTA must signal to the group when to change to a different section which is normally done with an APITO (Samba

Whistle - loud!). A piece of Samba can end with either a CALL AND RESPONSE pattern or a pre-rehearsed ending phrase of rhythm. The FORM AND STRUCTURE of a piece of Samba may look like the following:

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#### **Texture**

Texture varies in Samba music, often MONOPHONIC where a single rhythm is heard as in CALL AND RESPONSE sections, sometimes POLYPHONIC where sections of the Samba band play different rhythms (OSTINATOS) creating CROSS-RHYTHMS (when two rhythmic patterns that "conflict" with each other occur simultaneously) creating a thick texture of interweaving and interlocking rhythms.

#### **Dynamics, Expression and Articulation**

The dynamics of Samba music are normally very loud it is music designed to be performed outdoors at carnivals and is played by large numbers of instrumentalists and to accompany dancers and processions with large audiences watching and listening. Sometimes, a CRESCENDO is used at the end of a piece of Samba music for dramatic effect.

#### Tempo

Samba music is generally fast at around 104 bpm and keeps a constant tempo to assist the dancers or processional nature of the music. Sometimes the SAMBISTA (Samba leader) uses (TEMPO) RUBATO - tiny fluctuations in tempo for expressive effect.

#### Pitch and Melody & **Harmony and Tonality**

Samba music is based on rhythms rather than melodies although the pitch of certain instruments within the Samba band provides musical contrasts.

#### **Origins and Cultural Context of the Traditional Music**

Samba is a musical genre and dance style with its roots in Africa via the West African slave trade and African religious traditions. Samba is an expression of Brazilian cultural expression and is a symbol of carnival. Samba schools formed and compete bringing people together.

#### **Musical Characteristics of** Folk Music

The instruments of Samba have been influenced by Portuguese colonies who imported slaves from Africa, while the rhythms of Samba are of African origin.

#### Impact of Modern Technology on Traditional Music

Samba has become popular as a Latin-American ballroom dance on TV shows such as Strictly Come Dancing and Dancing with the Stars. Samba has also been mixed/fused with Drum 'n' Bass in a musical fusion creating "Sambass" and artists and groups of popular music have used sounds and rhythms of Samba in their music e.g. Gloria Estefan and Jamiroquai.

Artists, Bands & Performers of Samba







**Exaltasamba** 

#### Instrumentation - Typical Instruments, Timbres and Sonorities

**SURDO** REPINIQUE TAMBORIM CHOCOLO

**APITO** 

AGOGO BELLS

**CAIXA DE GUERRO** 

**GUIRO** 

**TIMBALES** 

CUICA

CONGAS CLAVES COWBELL











**RECO-RECO** 



















