

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

" Art of appreciating the divine, the nature, the sounds of nature and creatures of the world in any form –poem, painting, sculpture, murals, creative writings and music-vocal & instrumental- is a God-given talent. Music being the theme on the month, children of Middle School eulogize music and musicians in their own ways in this edition. As Plato has said -Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and life to everything." Do read and appreciate.....

MUSIC

Music is an art of expressing our feelings through sounds .When we listen to music our heart beats to the rhythm. There are many genres of music such as rock, pop, jazz, rap etc. **Rock music** is a broad genre of popular music that originated as " rock and roll" in the United States in the late 1940s and early 1950s, developing into a range of different styles in the mid-1960s and later, particularly in the United States and the United Kingdom. There are popular bands that play rock music such as Iron maiden, Imagine Dragons, One republic, The score etc. The next kind of popular music is **pop**.

The word pop was derived from the word popular, this type of music that originated in the United States and the United Kingdom. Few popular pop singers are Jason Derulo, Maroon 5, Justin Bieber etc.

The other very popular type of music which many people know of is Rap. Rap basically means rapid. In this type of music, singers also called rappers sing really fast .Some popular singers are Eminem, CARDI -B, Juice WRLD, Polo -G .etc.

The last type of popular music is Jazz. **Jazz** is a **music** genre that originated in the African-American communities of New Orleans, Louisiana, United States, in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Some popular Jazz artists are Miles Davis, Herbie Hancock, Wynton Marsalis.

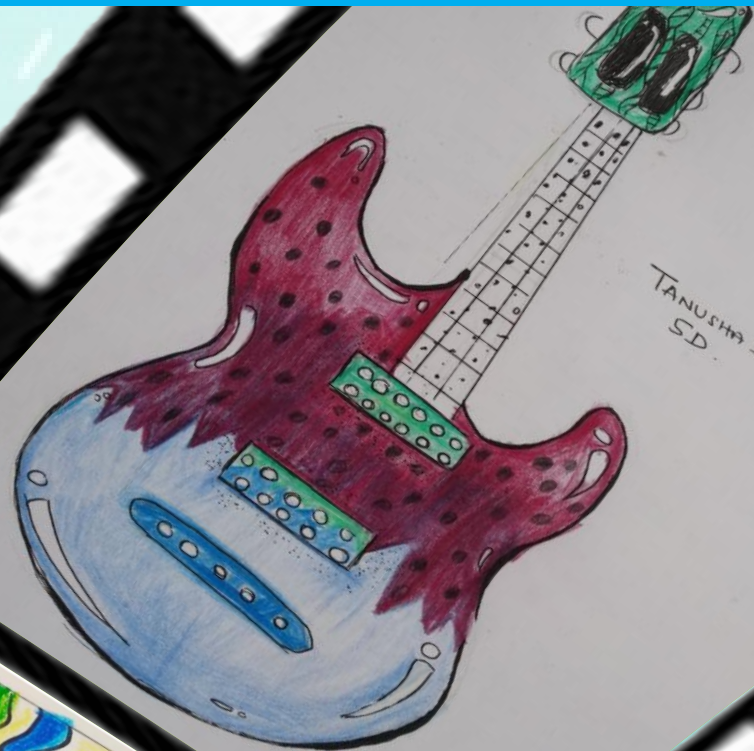
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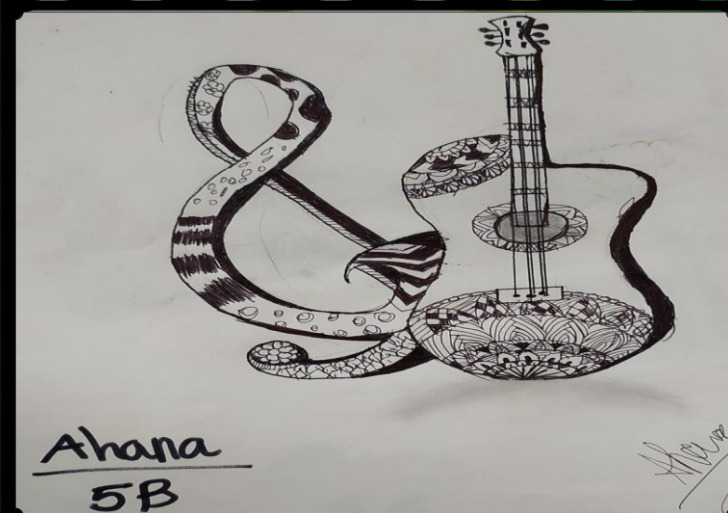
Music is the universal language, the one thing everyone understands. A single combination of notes has the power to elicit joy in someone, engrossing them in the music. Studies have proven that music increases one's neurological capacity and is a strong motivator. While everyone knows about the genius of Beethoven and Mozart, one brilliant composer is quite often overlooked. Saint Tyagaraja was a composer of Carnatic Music, and most of his songs were in Telugu.

His devotion to the god Rama is what has inspired most of his lyrics, which are simplistic yet memorable. About 700 songs have been composed by him, each classified into either a Kriti or a Keerthanai, which are both types of songs in Carnatic Music. Tyagaraja Aradhana, the commemorative music festival is held every year in Thiruvaiyaru in Thanjavur district of Tamilnadu, from January to February in Tyagaraja's honour.

This is a week-long festival of music where various Carnatic musicians from all over the world converge at his resting place. On the Pushya Bahula Panchami, thousands of people and hundreds of Carnatic musicians sing the five Pancharatna Kritis in unison, with the accompaniment of a large bank of accompanists on veenas, violins, flutes, nadaswaram, mridangams and ghatams. Saint Tyagaraja's songs continue to touch the hearts of millions today, and will never be forgotten.

- Ashwath Sundar Rajan – 8D





MUSIC - A JOY

Music is a joy to one's soul. The first music is said to have been invented in Africa. They used primitive flutes made from animal bones to play music, but before that rhythmic clapping was the only way to play music. The father of music is Johann Sebastian Bach. After being orphaned at age 10, he lived for 5 years with his brother Johann Christoph before continuing his musical journey in Luneburg. Interesting fact is that music is older than language and language is also considered a special type of music. There are many types of instruments in music. The violin also known as a fiddle plays classical and sweet to hear music. Many people have mastered playing the violin for example, Niccolo' Paganini. He was born in the year 1783 and died in the year 1840. He was a popular idol who inspired romantic mystique. He was a very good musician and I like his works a lot. I consider music dear to me. I hope you do too.

- Ananya 5B

MUSIC

Have you ever wanted to listen to new music but did not know where to look? I am a musician and listen to a lot of different music so I thought I could show you some music you might not have heard of.

I am going to classify the music according to genres and artists: -

• Rock

Rock music is generally defined by acoustic instruments, music that is playable live and has many different sub genres that fit the taste of different people. I would recommend listening to classic bands such as Guns n Roses, Bon Jovi, Nirvana, Green day, Coldplay, AC/DC, Queen, Paramore and more modern bands such as Twenty One Pilots, Linkin Park, Skillet, Panic at the disco and Fall Out Boy. A distinct sub-genre of rock is metal, that has deep voiced vocals, fast tempo, multiple guitars, and loud drumming. This is one of the sub-genres of rock that many people dislike due to the "loudness" of the music, but I personally love it, and urge you to at least try it once. Some great metal bands include Megadeth, Lamb of God, Iron Maiden, Motorhead and Trivium.

• EDM

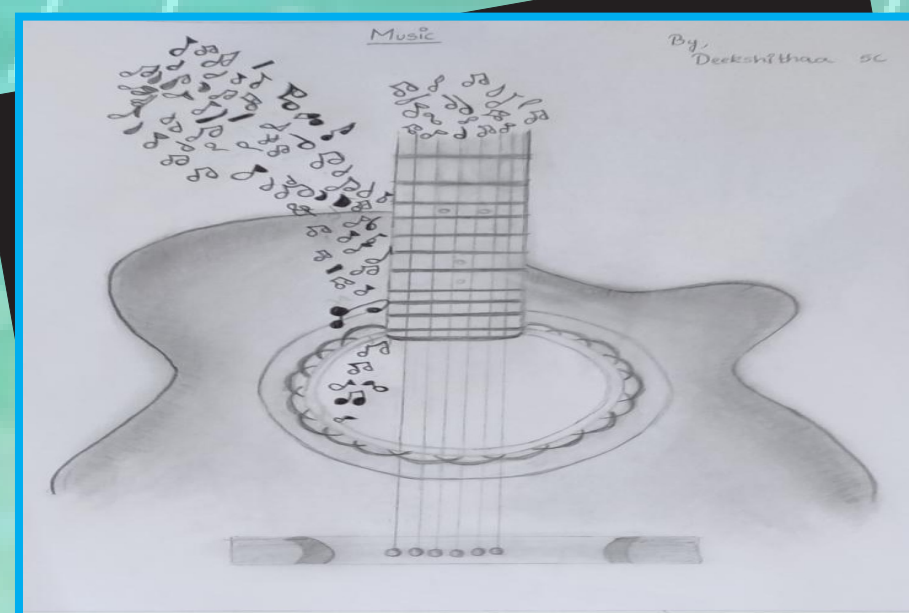
EDM is a shortened form of electronic dance music which is purely produced with the means of a computer, and thus, is usually created by one person. EDM does not have any defining characteristics and is one of the most diverse genres of music. I am pretty sure you have all heard of Alan Walker, Marshmello and the Chainsmokers, but EDM music is much more than them, and a big treasure for those willing to explore. Some artists you could listen to are, Avicii, Skrillex, Martin Garrix, Deadmau5, Hardwell, Daft Punk and KSHMR.

• Pop

The term pop was coined because of the popularity of the music, so any music that is popular is pop music. Ok, I'm kidding, it started out like that, but now it has turned into a genre of its own. Pop music is focused on vocals, has an emphasis on recording rather than live performances, beats made for dancing, catchy hooks and simple melodies. For this genre I would recommend Bruno Mars, Michael Jackson (duh!), The Weeknd, Justin Bieber, Taylor Swift, Katy Perry, Meghan Trainor, Drake, Adele, Shawn Mendes, Selena Gomez, Ed Sheeran, Charlie Puth, and some pop-rock bands such as Maroon 5 and One Direction.

I hope after reading this you are going to check out some of this music, I really hope you do.

-Adhit T





Muthuswami Dikshitar

Muthuswami Dikshitar was a South Indian singer, veena player, and a legendary composer of Indian Carnatic Music. He is also known by his signature name of Guruguha which is also his mudra and can be found in each of his songs.

He is one of the trinities of Carnatic Music (Thyagaraja, Muthuswamy Dikshitar, and Syama Sastri). He was born on 24th March 1775 in Tiruvarur to Ramaswami Dikshitar. He had two younger brothers, Chinnaswami and Baluswami. Baluswami was the person who adopted the western violin to Carnatic Music. Sri Dikshitar traveled all over India visiting many temples and composing songs on various deities.

One of his famous songs is the beautiful song "Anandamruthakarshini Amruthavarshini" in the ragam Amruthavarshini. There were no rains in the village Ettayapuram in the Tirunelveli district of Tamil Nadu. Muthuswami Dikshitar sang this song and suddenly, thunder clouds started to gather over the sky and rain profusely. Then when he sang the line 'सलिलम् वर्षय वर्षय वर्षय (salilam varshaya varshaya varshaya)' it started raining even more vigorously and the village started to flood. The line, "सलिलम् वर्षय वर्षय वर्षय (salilam varshaya varshaya varshaya)" means Water rain rain rain.

Muthuswami Dikshitar passed away on 21st October 1835 at the age of 60. Even after more than a century, his style of singing is still followed. There are a lot of festivals being conducted to remember him and his musical work.

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INQUISITIVE INDIAN MUSIC

India is one such country where art and culture is a big part of people's lives and music by far tops the list. Whether it is a reality show or a concert, the crowd and viewers give a clear indication that India is a land of music.

The history of musical instruments dates to the beginnings of human culture. Early musical instruments may have been used for rituals, such as a horn to signal success on the hunt, or a drum in a religious ceremony. Cultures eventually developed composition and performance of melodies for entertainment.

The music of the Indian subcontinent is usually divided into two major traditions of classical music: Hindustani music of North India and Carnatic music of South India, although many regions of India also have their own musical traditions that are independent of these.



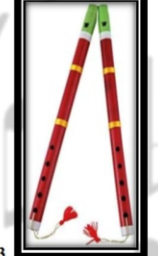
Musical Myth: Tansen is the founder of Hindustani Music and Purandhara Dasa is the father of Carnatic music.

Mysterious Music: Which is the first Music school in India?

then a part of India). It was set up by "Randit Vishnu Digambar Paluskar" on 5th May 1901.

Answer : The First Music School in India is "Gandharva Mahavidyalaya" in Lahore (which was then a part of India).

Into the Unknown – Identify the given instruments ☺ -

Answers:

~ Mokhita Sivakumar 5-D

