

Autumn term 1 musical appreciation 2024-25

Musical Collaborations – what makes a good partnership?

Music for Black History Month

Week beginning	Value	Artist/ composer	Links
2.9.24	School vision and values	<p>Our values are 'Service and Friendship' so we are looking at music where artists have collaborated together and looking at what makes such a good musical friendship.</p> <p>"Be a Light" is a song recorded by American country music singer Thomas Rhett and features guest vocals from four of his friends: Reba McEntire, Hillary Scott, Chris Tomlin, and Keith Urban. Rhett wrote the song in 2019 and released it as we went into lockdown in March 2020. He said that the song "was really just about being a light in a dark place; being an encouragement to people." The message in the song fits really well with the vision and values of our school. We tell our children to 'shine like lights in the world'.</p>	<p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5GTNpUSs5JA</p>
9.9.24	Service and friendship	<p>Miley Cyrus and Beyonce</p> <p>"Il Most Wanted" is a song by American singers Beyoncé and Miley Cyrus. It was released on April 26, 2024.</p>	<p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=APLoAgQupF0 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HUEF-NzPnD8</p>

		<p>The title refers to how they are seen in the music industry.</p> <p>It is a mix of pop and country music. The singers have a different musical style but they blend them together, singing in a duet throughout the song. The song is about a strong friendship and being there for another person.</p> <p>They had collaborated before on a larger project in the USA for stand up to cancer. You can hear Miley and Beyonce here along with other American singers.</p>	
16.9.24	Service and friendship	<p>Lang Lang & Eschenbach —— Debussy Petite Suite & Mozart Sonata in D for two pianos</p> <p>Lang Lang is a Chinese pianist who has performed with major orchestras around the world and appeared at many leading concert halls. He is a very famous performer.</p> <p>He can also be seen as a judge on the Channel 4 show 'The Piano'.</p> <p>Eschenbach is a conductor and pianist. He is much older than Lang Lang and is seen as a mentor to him. Lang Lang says of the older musicians that he looks up to 'They are not only my teachers but also close friends, and they teach me a lot about life'.</p>	<p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p-GizLKld0g&t=36s</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eLPU59KA2eQ</p>
23.9.24	Service and friendship	<p>DJ Marshmello & Bastille</p> <p>Marshmello (real name Christopher Comstock) is an American electronic music producer and DJ. Bastille are an English indie-pop group. They have collaborated on the song 'Happier' together and</p>	<p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-H4umqfVoHk</p>

		<p>again have blended their different music styles to complement each other.</p> <p>Dan Smith, lead singer said, 'We had a really interesting time getting to work on it with Marshmello who managed to find some euphoria in a pretty melancholy, direct song. It's always good to step into somebody else's world for a minute and we're excited to be a part of it.'</p>	
30.9.24	Service and friendship	<p>Andrea Bocelli</p> <p>Andrea is an Italian tenor. He sings classical music but is well known for doing 'crossover' music where he fuses opera with pop music. Here he is singing with two well known pop musicians: a duet with Ariana Grande 'E Più Ti Penso' and one with Celine Dion 'the Prayer'.</p> <p>Andrea was born with a sight impairment. He lost his vision completely at 12 when he was hit in the eye by a football.</p> <p>He always showed a great talent for music and at 6 he started to play the piano and later learned to play the flute, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, guitar, and drums. By age 7, he was able to recognize the famous voices of the time and tried to sing like the great singers.</p>	<p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z8SYtmvEI9U</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qt_0kgSOrkU</p>
7.10.24 Black History Month	Perseverance and respect	<p>Celine Dion is a Canadian pop singer. With over 200 million records sold worldwide, Dion is the best-selling Canadian recording artist, the best-selling French-language artist, and</p>	<p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j-Ou-ggS718&t=14292s (3.56)</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sphcehASrdo&t=15s</p>

		<p>one of the best-selling musical artists of all time.</p> <p>In 2022, she announced she had been diagnosed with stiff-person syndrome, a rare neurological disease. She said the disease affected every aspect of her life, making it difficult to walk, and affected her vocal chords. She cancelled all of her tour dates and stopped singing. It was a very sad and difficult time for her and she had to work hard to try and recover some of her voice. She sang in public for the first time in 4 years at the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games in Paris. She performed "Hymne à l'amour" from the Eiffel Tower. It was an incredible achievement and showed how hard she had persevered.</p>	
<p>14.10.24 Black History Month</p>	<p>Perseverance and respect</p>	<p>We have listened to Nina Simone before – she is considered one of the greatest singers of all time however, she had to fight for her career. She always aspired to be a concert pianist but despite doing a good audition, she did not get a place at music school which she said was due to the colour of her skin.</p> <p>Her daughter, Lisa Celeste ‘Simone’ Stroud, said: “Can you imagine putting in five hours of practising every day for five to seven years and you get to your audition and they reject you and it’s not because you weren’t good enough but <i>because of how you look?</i>”</p>	<p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RTGiKYqk0gY https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=inNBpizpZkE</p>

		<p>In order to keep her music career going, she played in jazz bars and wrote and sang her songs. She became so successful that she went on to record over 40 songs and often used her songs to challenge racism and inequality. She was a civil rights activist who made a difference through the power of her music.</p> <p>In 2003, just days before her death, the music school that she had not got into awarded her an honorary degree for her services to music.</p>	
<p>21.10.24 Black History Month</p>	<p>Perseverance and respect</p>	<p>Beyonce and her country music friends</p> <p>Beyonce released an album called 'Cowboy Carter' which although was considered a country music album, it managed to blend lots of diverse music genres like R&B, folk, rock, pop, hip hop and even opera.</p> <p>One of the songs 'Blackbird' is a cover of a song by the Beatles. She asked fellow black country singers to collaborate with her: Brittney Spencer, Reyna Roberts, Tanner Adell, Tiera Kennedy.</p> <p>The song uses the original instrumentation used by the Beatles. Paul McCartney was impressed with the cover version "I think she does a magnificent version of it and it reinforces the civil rights message that inspired me to write the song in the first place. I think Beyoncé has done a fab version and would urge anyone who has not heard it yet to check it out. You are going to love it!"</p>	<p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xhempeEjGUA</p>

