

Autumn term 1 musical appreciation 2023-24

Musical Collaborations – what makes a good partnership?

Music for Black History Month

Week beginning	Value	Artist/ composer	Links
4.9.23	Service and friendship	<p>Ed Sheeran and Taylor swift</p> <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>British musician Ed Sheeran has been good friends with musical artist Taylor Swift for over a decade.</p> <p>They are both very successful musicians and between them, they have 16 Grammy Awards and have played live to millions of fans.</p> <p>Their friendship goes back to 2012 decade to when Sheeran found out Swift was a fan. They then got together and over the last 10 years have written three songs together.</p> <p>Ed says of her: "She's one of the only people that actually truly understands where I'm at,"</p>	<p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2qzcHLyv3N0&list=PL11bOJGTrscP9rRf6dqkVNwnbhX9FIQaM&index=20</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w1oM3kQpXRo</p>

<p>11.9.23</p>	<p>Service and friendship</p>	<p>2CELLOS 2Cellos are a Croatian cellist duo. They are two classically trained cellists Luka Šulić and Stjepan Hauser. They played instrumental arrangements of well-known pop and rock songs, as well as classical and film music. They no longer perform together but lots of their live performances can be watched on YouTube.</p> <p>They met each other when they were teenagers and went to a music school together. Before they became partners, the two cellists were sometimes considered rivals, competing against each other in music competitions.</p> <p>They play both classical and pop/ rock. You will notice they sometimes change their instrument from a classical cello to an electric one. In the Whole Lotta Love vs. Beethoven 5th Symphony, you will see the two genres of music play against each other before finally uniting together.</p>	<p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dxxg6NenmBQ</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uT3SBzmDxGk&list=RDEM3VGq8Ysq0P67pRncwzau9A&start_radio=1&rv=Dxxg6NenmBQ</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gNVNsuh5B8g</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x8yymm3DtVA</p>
<p>18.9.23</p>	<p>Service and friendship</p>	<p>Vivaldi Antonio Vivaldi was born in Venice, Italy, which is where he spent most of his life. His father taught him to play the violin, and the two would often perform together.</p> <p>Many people think Vivaldi was the best Italian composer of his time. He wrote concertos, operas, church music and many other compositions.</p>	<p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eMYy0_dXzOs</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SoSmePfmill</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XoxlwCticJk</p>

		<p>Here are some of his pieces of music where two performers are duetting together. In each one, look how they communicate with each other. They can't talk while they are performing so they will often look at each other, change their body language, lean into each other... even raise eyebrows. They have to work together so that their performance is in unison.</p> <p>Gloria - Laudamus Te This is a choral piece of music. Here, two sopranos are singing together.</p> <p>Four seasons - Summer Kristine Balanas (violin) and Margarita Balanas (cello) are sisters from Latvia. Both perform as soloists but sometimes they duet together. Here they are playing a movement from Vivaldi's Four Seasons called 'Summer'. It is a piece of music that is normally performed with solo violin and chamber orchestra but here they turn it into a duet.</p> <p>Double cello concerto Here the 2Cello's perform the Largo which is a slow movement from Vivaldi's double cello concerto.</p>	
25.9.23	Service and friendship	<p>David Bowie and Freddie Mercury -</p> <p>"Under Pressure" is a song by the British rock band Queen and singer David Bowie.</p> <p>It was written by the band and David one day when they were together. Freddie said "We were fooling around and then just sort of jamming with tracks and</p>	<p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DZBCUfGAbN8</p>

		<p>suddenly we said ‘why don’t we just see what we can do on the spur of the moment?’</p> <p>The song is now considered one of the greatest collaborations of all time.</p> <p>The song reached number one on the UK Singles Chart, becoming Queen's second number-one hit in their home country and Bowie's third, and also charted in the top 10 in more than 10 countries around the world.</p> <p>Unfortunately, they never actually performed the song live together. This video is edited together to show them both singing the song.</p>	
<p>2.10.23 Black History Month</p>	<p>Service and friendship</p>	<p>Faouzia & John Legend - Minefields</p> <p>"Minefields" is a song recorded by Moroccan-Canadian singer-songwriter Faouzia and American singer-songwriter John Legend</p> <p>Faouzia Ouihya was born in Morocco and moved with her family at the age of one to Canada. Faouzia began writing songs and poems when she was five years old and playing piano at the age of six. She later studied how to play guitar and violin. She speaks fluent English, French, and Arabic.</p> <p>John Stephens was born in Ohio, USA. He began playing the piano at age 4. At the age of 15, Legend won a Black History Month essay competition run by McDonald's, answering "How do you intend to</p>	<p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jKIEUdAMtrQ&list=PL11bOJGTrscP9rRf6dqkVNwnbhX9FIQaM&index=1</p>

		make Black history?" with an essay about how he intended to be a successful musician.	
9.10.23 Black History Month	Perseverance and respect	<p>Samuel Coleridge Taylor Samuel Coleridge- Taylor was an English composer, conductor and political activist once hailed by 20th-century critics as a "musical genius".</p> <p>Born in London in 1875 to an English mother and a father originally from Sierra Leone, he identified as Anglo-African. His name was given to him after the famous poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge.</p> <p>Conscious of his African descent, Taylor's classical compositions were heavily influenced by traditional African music. This piece of music 'Deep River' is based on an a traditional African-American spiritual.</p> <p>Written in 1904, 'Deep River' was originally arranged for the piano but was recently arranged for a trio by cellist Sheku Kanneh-Mason with added violin and cello. He performs here with his brother and sister, Braimah and Isata.</p> <p>You can listen to both versions here.</p>	<p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RE4gfBSCRTA</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v_KMY_D9W4M</p>
16.10.23 Black History Month	Perseverance and respect	<p>Philip Herbert</p> <p>Elegy: In memoriam - Stephen Lawrence</p>	<p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tKN2SsJb_NQ</p>

	<p>Black history – jazz link</p>	<p>Philip Herbert was born 1960 in London and is an award-winning British Composer. He has written choral music, chamber music, music for film, dance and for the concert hall.</p> <p>He has a keen interest in the historical contributions which Black Composers have contributed to classical music and researches and talks about this on tv and radio.</p> <p>Elegy - In Memoriam Stephen Lawrence was composed by Philip after watching the news coverage of the death of Stephen Lawrence, a black British teenager murdered in 1993 by a gang of young white men. He gave a tribute to him by composing an elegy. An elegy is a poem that is written to remember someone who has died; something to help people reflect on their life. It is written for 18 string players—each representing one year of Lawrence’s life</p> <p>Philip says he hopes the music will help us “press together across our communities to help realise [Stephen’s] dreams.”</p>	
<p>23.10.23 Black History Month</p>	<p>Perseverance and respect</p>	<p>Beyonce – Sprit from the Lion King Beyoncé Giselle Knowles-Carter (born September 4, 1981) is an American singer, songwriter, record producer, dancer, and actress. She was the lead singer of the all-girl R&B group Destiny's Child and then in 2003 released music as a solo artist. With over 25 years of experience in music, Beyoncé is one of the best-selling music artists of all time, the</p>	<p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=civgUOommC8</p>

		most Grammy nominated woman artist, and arguably one of the greatest entertainers in history.	
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'Spirit' was a song written for the remake of The Lion King. The song discusses how Simba returns home. It is written in the style of a gospel ballad that opens with lyrics chanted in Swahili by male choristers.