

Music, Movies and Moods

Scenario:

Your team is a group of film-making professionals including producers, directors, sound editors, and composers. You have been asked to speak to a college class of aspiring movie makers. The professor has asked you to give a multimedia presentation introducing the students to the role that music plays in film making.

Possible topics to cover (these are only suggestions and are not a requirement for a superior presentation):

1. What role does music play in creating an emotional response?
2. What kind of music would you choose for various movie genres?
3. How does the use of well known emotionally laden music affect a movie?
4. What are the advantages and disadvantages of using music specially created for a movie?
5. What are the advantages and disadvantages of using popular music?
6. Create a short clip and show how a variety of music affects the same scene differently.
7. Select some well-known sound clips and discuss their emotional impact.
8. Discuss scoring a film and selecting accompanying music.
9. Who are some famous composers that specialize in movies?
10. What are some movies that demonstrate excellence in using music?
11. Do a response survey with people by playing famous movie music.

Possible Sources

Newspapers, historians, music teachers, videos, CD's, encyclopedias, history textbooks
Facts on File, United Streaming, Associate Press Extensive Photo Archive and
Internet websites: Email movie makers. Do a survey of musicians. Email music professors with questions about the topic.

Internet links for additional resources are on page 2 of this scenario.

Bibliography

Be sure to have a printed bibliography to hand to the judges before you begin your presentation. You are encouraged to cite all of your sources including graphics. A simple web tool to organize your bibliography can be found at <http://citationmachine.net/>.

Grade 8 2008 Resources

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YouTube - Editing Changes Everything: Music's Effect on Mood

www.youtube.com/watch?v=vpnaHUKdWfY

Editing Changes Everything: Music's Effect on Mood

Movie Making Manual/Music - Wikibooks, collection of open-content textbooks

en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Movie_Making_Manual-Music

Many people do not understand just how important music is so you definitely need someone with experience.

Information is provided on adding music to your movie.

Sound Track: Mood Music

www.videomaker.com/article/7319

Though you may have never thought of it as such, music is a powerful force.

BFI | Sight & Sound | The Best Music in Film

www.bfi.org.uk/sightandsound/filmmusic/scoring.php

"Music is a big factor in helping the illusion of the film come to life. The same way music brings back different periods of our lives."

Quotes from famous directors regarding the importance of music in movies.

Emotion and the Film Scores

www.e-filmmusic.de/emotion_film_scores/emotion_...

This paper discusses some common assumptions made about the emotional effects of film scores and outlines several empirical studies that could be performed in order to test these assumptions.

How Does Music Affect Emotions? - Associated Content

www.associatedcontent.com/article/226000/how_do...

Our emotions are triggered by many things. One of those things is Music.

Case Studies

web.archive.org/web/19970516041728/citd.scar.ut...

This is the main index for the three case studies.

Movies' Best Opening Scenes: Music Sets the Mood in the Film P.S. I Love You

romantic-films.suite101.com/article.cfm/movies_...

Music accompanies visuals but also moves plot along, provides character clues and reveals setting.

This article describes the importance of music in creating mood.

The Aesthetics of Film Music

web.archive.org/web/19970516041845/http://citd....

What is it, exactly, that music contributes to a film?