

NIGERIAN/WESTERN MUSICIANS

Popular music is the music that has gained public appeal and is usually produced for commercial purposes. There are various kinds of popular music as given below:

1. Afrobeat
2. Juju
3. Makossa
4. Rhythm and Blues
5. Hiphop
6. Afro pop
7. Reggae
8. Salsa
9. Rock
10. Fuji

Musical styles

(a) African Musical Styles

These are musical styles that originated from Africa. Many of them were created out of previous African musical traditions. Some are fusion of more than one musical style. Western musical instruments have been used in playing many of them especially the guitar and keyboard. Some of them are

1. Juju
2. Sakara
3. Highlife
4. Akuko na Egwu (Narrative song)
5. Nkwa etc.

(b) Western Musical Styles

These are styles that were borrowed from the western world. Recently, Africans have begun to add African elements to western musical styles when they perform them. Some of them

were created with the influence of African-Americans in America. Examples of Western musical styles include:

1. Salsa
2. Waltz
3. Sarabande
4. Gigue
5. Calypso
6. Blues etc.

Popular African musicians

1. Victor Uwaifo
2. Bright Chimezie
3. Chief Stephen Osita Osadebe
4. Victor Olaiya
5. Fela Anikulapo Kuti

6. Innocent Idibia (2 face)
7. Ayodeji Balogun (Wizkid)
8. David Adeleke (Davido)
9. Chibuzor Azubuike (Phyno)
10. Peter and Paul Okoye (P-Square)

Popular Western musicians

1. Michael Jackson
2. Diana Ross
3. Dolly Parton
4. Robert Kelly (R.Kelly)
5. Ed Sheeran
6. Celine Dion
7. Justin Bieber
8. Rick Ross
9. Adele
10. Rihanna

Musical instruments used majorly in African musical styles are local membrane drums, talking drums, local flutes, wooden slit drums, pot drum, xylophone etc.

Musical instruments used majorly in Western musical styles are piano, guitar, western drums, violin, saxophone, trumpet and so on.

Summary

Music listening requires various skills. One should be able to recognize pitches, differentiate pitches and at large, be able to appreciate various music styles. There are several popular music styles. They can be grouped into African and Western musical styles. There have been notable musicians who have contributed to both styles. There are also various musical instruments that have been useful in creating the musical styles.

Review Questions

1. List various kinds of popular music
2. State the two musical styles
3. List five African popular musicians
4. List five African Western musicians
5. List African instruments used for music making.
6. List Western instruments used for music making.