

Music Is?

Music expresses that which cannot be said and on which it is impossible to be silent. ~ Victor Hugo

Music is : Not expressible in words... it is the unseen, it is vibration, it is e-motion riding in sound waves, it is healing, it is inspiring, it is spirit contained in the form of music, it is art... It is???

WHAT IS MUSIC TO YOU?

Think about it...

THIS IS AN IMPORTANT QUESTION !

Music is : the organization of

SOUND IN

Time

Composer

MELODY

Tempo

Style / Period

HARMONY

Meter

Genre / Form

TEXTURE

Rhythm

Social Implications

COLORS/DYNAMICS

Groove

More Ideas: Listen to music a new piece you do not know every day. Listen to the link below to start your journey.

Listen & Look: [Listen to NY Times Anthony Tomassini - Top Classical Music of all Time](#)

Phra-sing

Sing the MUSIC not the notes... If everything is important then nothing is important... ~ Jean Ferrandis

What is a phrase ? A musical sentence. A musical line. A sound shape.

One of my favorite things to do is to find and shape the phrasing of the music.
It is never too early to begin exploring the phra-sing. Be expressive in your practice. Enjoy!

What is phrasing?

Shaping the, sentence, the musical line using: inflection, shape, color, nuance, dynamics, intonation... to communicate & express musical ideas.

How to find a Phrase? Here are some ideas:

1. **Sing it.** Play it... Where does it breathe? How does it come to life? Notice your natural musical instinct!
2. **Listen** to many recordings. Hear it in a live concert. The art of listening, 4 ears, physical, mental emotional & spiritual.
3. Look for the **conversation**. What kind of talking is going? Who and how many are conversing?
4. Study the **Musical Style** of your piece. Baroque, classical, romantic, french, contemporary...
5. **Study** the rhythm, melody and harmony.
6. Look at the **shape** of the notes. The Landscape/Music-scape Is it a mountain, valley, peaks, turns, ocean, desert, forest...
7. Find the **whole Form** of your piece. This will help you find the musical paragraphs and sentences.

More Ideas: Listen to all kinds of great musicians. How do they phrase? How does this move you? Explore all kinds of phrasing.

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