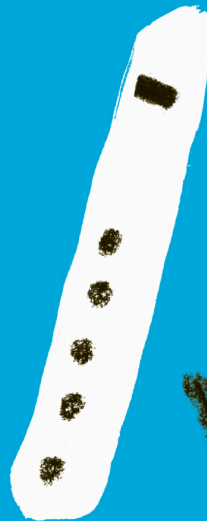


BUSY LITTLE FINGERS



Learn about 10
need-to-know
GENRES



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OPERA

When we sing, we are using the first natural instrument – our voice. When voice and instruments work together, we create opera! Opera is a dramatic performance.

Singers were dressed in elaborate costumes to perform on stage. It was a popular form of entertainment in Italy in the 17th century.

Today, opera is performed on stage in grand theatres, at home for important folks or on the streets. The songs can be sung in Italian, French, German or Chinese. It all depends on what you like and where in the world you're going to when you attend the opera.

Voice!
Diva!
Drama!

MARIA CALLAS was a diva with a soprano that melted hearts. **LUCIANO PAVAROTTI** had a tenor that made people cry when he sang an aria. **JANAI BRUGGER** is an American soprano who captures the hearts of fans around the world with her magnificent voice.

ARIA: A SONG SUNG SOLO.
SOPRANO: A HIGH FEMALE (OR BOY'S) SINGING VOICE.
ALTO: A LOW FEMALE (OR BOY'S) SINGING VOICE
TENOR: A HIGH (ADULT) MALE SINGING VOICE
BASS: A LOW (ADULT) MALE SINGING VOICE.

Powerful!

Gospel!



Passion!

SOUL

Soul music takes a little bit of jazz, rock and country and mixes it with some hip hop, R&B and gospel to create its smooth sound.

It was created in the 1950s by African Americans living in cities like Memphis, Detroit and Philadelphia. Like opera, soul is all about using your voice in a heartfelt and meaningful way.

It is often sung in church.

RAY CHARLES sings soul. DIANA ROSS knows soul.

ARETHA FRANKLIN is often referred to as the Queen of Soul.

Soul uses lots of wind instruments too, including trumpets, saxophones and trombones. Toot toot!

Today, soul is everywhere. Japan has soul. South Korea has soul.



THE WORLD HAS SOUL.

BLUES

Happy-Sad!
Deep!

Got the blues? There are days when we feel kind of sad. Some people call this the blues. The blues is a type of music that helps musicians to express what they feel deep down in their soul.

Rhythmic!

Blues songs are often accompanied by music from the saxophone, the guitar or harmonica. But the best instrument in the blues is the voice, without a doubt.

Like soul, the blues is music made up of other types of music. The blues often sound happy, but the lyrics say something else.

BOB DYLAN sings:

"Oh Mama, can this really be the end?"

MEMPHIS MINNIE

plays the guitar and sings her sorrows away because:

"Cryin' don't do no good."

BESSIE SMITH

is the empress of the blues and her powerful voice really captured those emotions.

"I'm so sad and lonely, won't somebody come and take a chance with me?"

POP

Pop music means popular music, and it was all over the airwaves in the mid 1950s in the UK and USA. It still is today.

Catchy!

Danceable!

Fun!

Pop music is catchy, rhythmic, and it makes the charts. Any song can be a popular song. It's the song that everyone is listening to - and singing and dancing to!

Popular music can be soul, country or rock. It can be K-pop (Korean Pop), J-pop (Japanese Pop) or Mando-pop (Mandarin Pop).

Pop music is global.

Bands like **LITTLE MIX** make popular music. **TAYLOR SWIFT** writes popular lyrics. **RIHANNA** sings popular songs.

