

Argentina as New Epicenter of urban Music



Exercise 1

Pre-Questions

1. How do you define music?
2. Who is your favorite composer or musician?
3. When do you often listen to music? Do you use it for entertainment? Business? Personal interest?

Exercise 2

Article

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Bizarrap, Duki, Maria Becerra, Tiago PZK, Nicki Nicole, Paulo Londra are some of the Argentine artists who took center stage in urban popular music. It seems that freestyle, trap, reggaeton and rap is already trending globally and these exponents who started in freestyle competitions in the parks of Buenos Aires now dominate streaming platforms and social networks. They have received Latin Grammy nominations and achieved the first positions of the world rankings.

Exercise 3

Differences of Terms

Music often has these three elements. It varies depending on how much of those ingredients present in a music someone would make. These three ingredients might be familiar, but many still get confused—they are melody, harmony, rhythm...pretty common names for new born babies, since they each have unique pretty meanings.

- MELODY** μελωδία (meloidia), which means “music” or “song”, is a sequence of single notes that is musically satisfying
- HARMONY** ἁρμονία (harmonia), meaning "joint" “agreement” or “concord", a word that refers to the combination of simultaneous musical notes in a chord
- RHYTHM** ῥυθμός (rhuthmós), literally means “movement”, “symmetry”, “rhythm”, pertains to the timing of events on a human scale

Each term has their unique meanings and important roles when it comes to music. Imagine they were siblings—Melody, Harmonium and Rhythm.

Melody is the soul of music. It is the foreground to the backing elements. Harmony dictates the heart or emotion. Rhythm, representing the body, deals with the beating. This results in songs that can move the hips of listeners. Having three elements in balance creates good-quality music.

In some articles, Timbre was also included which refers to the quality of the sound. It is used to describe if the sound is light, flat, smooth, smoky, breathy, rough, and so on.

Exercise 4

Roleplay

Given the situation, brainstorm and think of the best answer possible. discuss your answer with your partner.

Imagine your friend asking you to come to a music concert. But on that day, many artists decided to have a concert in a different genre. Which one will you go to? What genre will you choose?

Exercise 5

Discussion

1. Why do you think most of the iconic composers came from Argentina?
2. Would the record change after years?
3. Choose one Argentine artist you mostly relate to. Why?

Exercise 6

Further Discussion

1. Who is the most well-known composer in your country as of today?
2. What makes your music unique from other places?
3. If you'll produce your own song, what would be the title?