

SYLLABUS

SEMESTER - 2

BASIC - 9

FILM MUSIC

Credits: 3

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1. Film music

Directly composed or chosen to accompany the motion picture, Guides our response to the images and connects us to them.

Origin of music, Evolution and Genres of Music, Introduction to Contemporary Music (Hindi, Regional & Pop music), Music directors & Composers

2. Function of Music in Film

- a) Establish the setting, specify particular time and place; fashion a mood and create atmosphere; draw attention to elements onscreen or off screen, clarify matters of plot and narrative progression and characters' motivations
- b) Creates mood, an important component in how an audience responds,
- c) The most powerful emotional prompt in a film, encourages the viewers to empathize with onscreen characters.

3. Musical Instruments

- a) Classification of instruments: by the method of producing sound, materials of which they are made, four fold classification accepted by Hindus
- b) History and evolution of Instruments: Ancient Harp and Lyre; Percussion, Stringed, Key Board, Wind, Electric and Electronic instruments, Ensemble

4. The Song, Lyrics and Scoring

- a) **Song:** Structure of a song, generic perceptions, varying compositional approaches, compositional symbolism and socio cultural realities; generates a specific atmosphere.
- b) **Lyrics:** Provides added dimension to a film, the audience and the characters both can hear
- c) **Scoring:** Music arrangement techniques relating to consonance, Resonance, dissonance, unison and syncopation

5. How to read Film music?

- a) As a musical practice: Basic building blocks of music ; Tonality, melody, harmony, rhythm, tempo, dynamics, timbre, instrumentation, and form
- b) As a component of filmic narrative: Film developed in to an art-form to tell stories. Music is a key part of this process, Visual imagery and music as parallel language in film; Music is a complementary element of a film's narrative system, Film music anchors the image to specificity.

Reference Books:

- 1. Britannica- Encyclopedia
- 2. Bhartiya Sangeet Vadya - Dr. Lal Mani Mishra
- 3. Musical Instruments of India- B.C. Deva
- 4. Film Music : by Kathryn Kalinak
