

Music

around the world



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Music around the world is a collection of compact discs (CDs) in our Central Collection. It reflects the cultural diversity of humanity and the nationalities of the human race. Even if you don't understand what is being sung it's still amazing to listen to the music of other countries and appreciate good music. The CDs feature folk music of well-known as well as lesser-known countries. All the CDs mentioned are available on interlibrary loan from the Central Collection.

There's a saying that goes 'Music makes the world go round'. I really identify with that. Following is a selection of CDs that I had the pleasure of reviewing.

Music around the world - Hungary

Performer: Istvan Rakos and his Gypsy ensemble

The first song sounded like a sing-a-long song but even though I don't understand the language I was still tapping my feet and keeping rhythm to the music. Whilst listening to this CD I was typing in tune to the music. The music reminded me of the Gypsies. Included are instrumental tracks as well.

Das ist Schön / Ich wunsch dir einen schönen Abend
Die Morgendämmerung – Meine Mutter ist sehr böse
Die Lerche
Strasse nach Akacos
Potpurri ungarischer Melodien I
Wir werden uns nie wieder Sonntags sehen / Von jetzt an
Hoilik Tanz
Verfluche mich nicht / Lasst uns tanzen
Wenn die Geige weint
Herbstabend
Potpurri ungarischer Melodien 2
Warum kann ich dich nicht lieben / Apfelbaum.

Music around the world - Jamaica

Performer: Sulabama

What can you expect from Jamaica but reggae? I really liked the one track, *I'll be missing you* and the way it was sung – I didn't know that there are love songs in reggae. Reggae is noted for its tradition of social criticism through its lyrics, although many reggae songs discuss lighter, more personal subjects, such as love and socialising. Some reggae lyrics attempt to raise the level of political consciousness of the audience by criticising materialism, or by informing the listener about controversial subjects such as apartheid.

System
Dance dance people
Speak out
I'll be missing you
There's mystery
Live as one
Cheer up people
War is real
Mind yourself mister
Save planet earth
Policeman
Medicine.

Music around the world - Middle East

Performer: Anello Capuano; track 11 performed by The Whirling Dervishes

This is an instrumental CD and reminded me of music for belly-dancers. It sounded like Muslim music as there was no singing, only instrumental music. I could imagine myself in Egypt or Morocco and visualised women swaying their hips and dancing to the music of this CD.

Raqset el ha wanem (Egypt)
Two wedding songs (Saudi Arabia)
Taqsim ud / Samai bayati (Egypt)
Taqsim (Middle East)
Allah yatik bissabar / Sennia ul bir Rakset zabakly / Kadife (Turkey)
Reng (Iran)
Ay jan / Alap robab / Srang srang srang (Afghanistan)

Duff solo (Middle East)
Taqsim cura / Love song (Uzbekistan)
Hay (Turkey).

Music around the world - Philippines; Malaysia

Performers: *Tipanklung (Musical group)*

This is also an instrumental CD. I liked the first track – it took me back to my primary school years when the whole class made music with reed organs and flutes. I truly enjoyed it. The Malaysian tracks have more of an instrumental beat with a modern-day tempo.

Philippines

Bulaklak
Naaalala
Pangasinan
Bulacan
Kalinga
Visayan
Tagalog.

Malaysia

T Kuala Lumpur – Negara Ku
Mong – Untuk tarian
Laga – Makan sireh
T Kuala Lumpur – Buru
Kompang – Bulan
Lagu – Serampang laut
T Kuala Lumpur - Gocoh.

Music around the world - Latin America

Performers: *Los Caballeros (Musical group)*

This CD awakened the Latin diva in me. It took me to Cuba, Mexico, Colombia, and elsewhere in Latin America. It's a stunning CD to listen to if you are into Latin music. I could imagine myself with my two left feet salsa-ing, and being the sexy Latin-American diva shaking my 'booty' to the sound of the music.

Mi rosita encantrara
Tu ausencia
A un amor (instrumental)
Ne mae
Pajaro campana
El condor pasa
El desafio
Rancho querido
Para ti mi susy

Lamento paraguayo
Malambo
Rio rebeide
Aicuahama trigenita
Marilu (instrumental)
Mi reinita hechilera
Mi atarraya
El tren
Abvelita yerocy (instrumental)
Serenata del cambape
Caballito
Calecita.

Music around the world - Greece: The sound of the bouzouki

Performers: *Kings of Bouzouki (Musical group)*

Listening to this CD I imagined myself in a Greek restaurant – the music really encompasses everything I associate with Greece. I could literally see the white houses and the royal blue sea. I just wanted to break a plate after every track!

Horevontas
Onira
Poylia taxidiotes
I Elena apo tin drama
Voskotopos
To nero apo tin limni
Kokkino forema
To perazma
Tin mikri poy agapo
Entousiazmos apo xoro kilias
Ballos, xoros
Ta empodia toy arsenikoy
Hassapico
Den Katalaveno
H atimi
O eavtos moy
Yiati me tosi dipsa
Hassaposerviko, horos
Den boris
Tote, kala
Des edo.

Other CDs included in this series also available in the Central Collection

Antilles: *Zouk & Biguine*
 Austria
 Bolivia
 Chile
 Corsica

Egypt
 Israel
 Jamaica: *Black reggae*
 Japan
 Maroc [Morocco]
 Nepal
 Russia
 Scotland
 Switzerland
 Tex Mex
 Tibet: *Tibetan monks*
 Turkey.

