

World Music

Latin American

Dance music from Brazil and Cuba. Percussion instruments provide lively off-beat rhythms. Dances are the Samba and Salsa – both lively with syncopated rhythm and percussion instruments provide the main backing

Ghanaian Ensemble

A style of music from West Africa – Ghana. The group plays percussion, drums, shakes and bells. In this style of music, rhythms are played repetitively –known as Riff or Ostinato.

South American

One of the oldest wind instruments from South America are Panpipes. These are different sizes of bamboo pipes bound together. The sound is made by blowing across the top.

Caribbean

Music in the West Indies is played on Steel Drums. The drums are made from oil drums and the tops are hammered into panels to make different pitches. The rhythms played are very syncopated.

India

Two instruments are common in Indian music – Sitar and Tabla.

Sitar

a plucked, string instrument- like a guitar with a long neck. As well as melody , the sitar plays a drone.



Tabla

Two Indian drums tuned to different pitches and often used to accompany the Sitar.



Indonesian Gamelan

A type of percussion orchestra. The instruments are mainly metal, tuned percussion. The music is built up in layers with each part starting one after the other

Cross Rhythm

Most world music styles create this effect. The accents on notes suggest that the performers have different number of beats in the bar from each other