#### SEMESTER AT SEA COURSE SYLLABUS

# "MUSIC IN HUMAN LIFE: THE INDIVIDUAL, THE COMMUNITY, AND THE PLANET"

Spring 2013
Discipline: Music

Course Title: "Music in Human Life: The Individual, the Community, and the Planet"

**Proposed as Upper Division or Lower Division:** Upper Division

Faculty Name: Daniel Ferguson

**Pre-requisites**: none

#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Music in Human Life: The Individual, the Community, and the Planet

Music is more fundamental to human life and to our identity as a species than most of us realize. Yet music is often treated as trivial, as non-essential, as mere 'entertainment', and countless musical traditions in our world - and the cultures of which they are a part - are endangered and dying. The global discourse on 'sustainability' rarely involves discussion of culture and the arts. But, the long-term 'health' of a community, a society, a nation involves much more than just ecological or economic concerns. In this course we will explore a number of issues and topics that highlight: (1) music's centrality and indispensability to human existence; (2) the relationship of music and the arts to the physical, spiritual, intellectual, social, cultural, economic, and organizational health of humans and human societies; (3) music's embattled and endangered status and the urgency of the work of preservation and/or revitalization of musical traditions, practices, and communities; (4) the interrelatedness of various music-related practices and the health of our earth; and (5) the place of music in the diverse and constantly morphing "soundscapes" in which we find ourselves in our day-to-day lives.

#### **TOPICS:**

#### **DEFINITIONS**

- What is 'Music'?; What is 'Sustainability'?; etc.
- Is music "the universal language"?

#### MUSIC AND THE HEALTH AND VITALITY OF HUMANS AND HUMAN SOCIETIES

- Music and the Brain
- Music and Healing
- Music Therapy

#### ARTS EDUCATION AND MUSIC EDUCATION

- Arts Education
- Music Education and Transmission
- Individual and Social Benefits of a Music Education
- Economic Viability of the Arts, Arts Professions, Policy

# **ENDANGERED MUSICAL TRADITIONS**

- 'Cultural Conservation'
- 'Preservation' vs. 'Revitalization'
- Cultural Policy

# **APPLIED ETHNOMUSICOLOGY**

- What is Ethnomusicology?
- 'Applied Ethnomusicology', 'Public Sector Ethnomusicology', 'Music in the Public Interest'
- 'Repatriation' Projects

# **CULTURAL RIGHTS; CULTURAL HERITAGE; MUSICAL TOURISM**

- Music and Cultural Rights
- Ownership & Copyright
- 'Intangible Cultural Heritage',
- Musical Tourism and the Creative Economy

# SPACE, PLACE, & SOUND

- Sound & Sound Studies
- Space and Place
- Acoustic Ecology
- "Soundscapes"

### SUSTAINABLE MUSICAL INSTRUMENT MANUFACTURING

- Instrument manufacture and sustainability issues: dwindling resources; the impact of harvesting and manufacturing on local communities, economies, and environments; alternative manufacturing methods, partnering
- C.I.T.E.S. [The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (of Wild Fauna and Flora)]

# MISC.

- The United Nations Millennium Development Goals
- Sustainability awareness and propagandizing through song writing and performance
- 'Sustainable' and 'Green' music concerts and festivals

#### **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

Students will acquire a keener awareness and deeper understanding of:

- 1. the centrality and indispensability of music to human life, human societies, and human cultures;
- 2. the relationship of music and the arts to the physical, spiritual, intellectual, social, cultural, economic, and organizational health of humans and human societies;
- 3. the interrelatedness of various music-related practices and the health of our earth;
- 4. the importance and urgency of the work of preservation and/or revitalization of musical traditions, practices, and communities, and how students themselves might participate in that work;
- 5. their place in and impact on the myriad 'soundscapes' in which they find themselves in their daily lives.



**NOTE:** Students are asked to drop an electronic copy of a recent photo (passport, visa, SAS) into a special drop box that Professor Ferguson will create at the beginning of the semester, to be used in a class attendance photo roster. Thanks!

# **REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS**

AUTHOR: Nussbaum, Martha

TITLE: Not For Profit: Why Democracy Needs the Humanities

PUBLISHER: Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press

ISBN #: 0691140642

DATE/EDITION: 2010

AUTHOR: Mannes, Elena

TITLE: The Power of Music: Pioneering Discoveries in the New Science of Song

PUBLISHER: New York: Walker & Company

ISBN #: 0802719961

DATE/EDITION: 2011

AUTHOR: Davis, Wade

TITLE: Light at the Edge of the World: A Journey Through the Realm of Vanishing

Cultures

PUBLISHER: Vancouver, B.C.: Douglas & McIntyre

ISBN #: 1553652673 DATE/EDITION: 2001, 2007

#### **TOPICAL OUTLINE OF THE COURSE**

SESSION	TOPICS & ASSIGNMENTS
A1 1/11	INTRODUCTION TO THE COURSE  Course Syllabus Course Requirements Introductions Stewardship PDF
A2 1/13	'Music' Bakan, "What, in the World, Is Music?" various audio-video files  'Sustainability' Is it too late for planet earth? PDF Sustainability - Misc. Notes PDF Sustainability (Wikipedia) PDF Sustainable development (Wikipedia) PDF Sustainable development (Wikipedia) PDF Sustainable our earth, the 'Blue Marble' photos illustration - our earth, the 'Blue Marble' photos illustration - The Three Spheres of Sustainability  'Music Sustainability' or 'Sustainable Music' Titon, "Economy, Ecology, and Music: An Introduction" Titon, "Music and Sustainability: An Ecological Viewpoint"

#### **UNESCO Films**:

UNESCO - Cécile Duvelle, Secretary, Convention for Safeguarding of ICH

UNESCO - Bolivia - The Andean Cosmovision of the Kallawaya

**UNESCO - Bolivia - The Carnival of Oruro** 

UNESCO - Brazil - Samba de Roda of Recôncavo of Bahia

**UNESCO - Nicaragua - El Güegüense** 

**UNESCO - Tonga - The Lakalaka, Dances and Sung Speeches** 

1/15-16 HAWAII

# **UNESCO Films**:

UNESCO - Russia, Sakha - The Olonkho, Yakut Heroic Epics

UNESCO - Japan - Gagaku

UNESCO - Japan - Kabuki

UNESCO - Japan - Ningyo Johruri Bunraku Puppet Theatre

**UNESCO - Japan - Nôgaku Theatre** 

UNESCO - Korea - Pansori

UNESCO - Korea - The Royal Ancestral Ritual in the Jongmyo Shrine and its Music

	MUSIC AND THE HEALTH AND VITALITY OF HUMANS AND HUMAN SOCIETIES Part 1. Music and the Brain
A3 1/17	Mannes, The Power of Music: Pioneering Discoveries in the New Science of Song Chapter 3: "The Brain Plays Music"
	Chapter 4: "Is Music Our Genetic Birthright?" Chapter 6: "Mind-Bending Notes: Can Music Make Us Smarter?"
	Chapter 6: Mind-Bending Notes: Can Music Make Os Smarter?  Sachs, Musicophilia: Tales of Music and the Brain
	Chapter 9: "Papa Blows His Nose in G: Absolute Pitch"
	"Anatomy of a Tear-Jerker" PDF
	"Sorry, Kids, Piano Lessons Make You Smarter" PDF
	"Sound, the Way the Brain Prefers to Hear It" PDF NPR - Earworms; Why That Song Gets Stuck In Your Head (transcript)
	audio-video - NPR - Earworms; Why That Song Gets Stuck In Your Head (transcript)
	audio-video files: Adele, 'Someone Like You'; Kermit the Frog, 'The Rainbow Connection'; Mozart, Sonata in A minor, K 310
	various illustrations
	MUSIC AND THE HEALTH AND VITALITY OF HUMANS AND HUMAN SOCIETIES Part 2. Music and Healing
A4	Delication IIIAA eta (IIII-III DDE
	Robertson, "Music & Healing" PDF Laderman & Roseman, <i>The Performance of Healing</i>
	Laderman, pp. 115-141 "The Poetics of Healing in Malay Shamanistic Performances
	Stoller, pp. 165-184 "Sounds and Things: Pulsations of Power in Songhay"
	Roseman, pp. pp. 233-269 "Pure Products Go Crazy: Rainforest Healing in a Nation-State"  Koen, "Medical Ethnomusicology in the Pamir Mountains, Music and Prayer in Healing" PDF
1/19	Roseman, CD: Dream Songs and Healing Sounds in the Rainforests of Malaysia [listen to CD, read liner notes]
-,	audio-video - Pamir Music Maddo
	audio-video - Pamir Music Maddoh
	audio-video - Pamir Music Nasir Khusraw
	audio-video - Pamir Tajikistan Badakhshan audio audio-video - Main Puteri 1 of 3, 2 of 3, 3 of 3
	audio-video - Main Puteri documentary 01, documentary 02
	audio-video - Main Puteri raw 01, raw 02
	audio-video - Songhay 01
	MUSIC AND THE HEALTH AND VITALITY OF HUMANS AND HUMAN SOCIETIES
	Part 3. Music Therapy
	two quotes PDF
	Mannes, The Power of Music: Pioneering Discoveries in the New Science of Song
	Chapter 11: "Pain, Pills, or Music?"
A5	Chapter 12: "The Next Wave?"  audio-video - Soundscape Music Therapy, improvising pentatonic music on piano
1/23	audio-video - Gabby Giffords Finding Voice Through Music Therapy (3 parts)
	audio-video - Carly Simon - Haven't Got Time For The Pain - Live at Grand Central
	NPR - For One Soldier, Rap Is A Powerful Postwar Weapon audio-video - NPR - For One Soldier, Rap Is A Powerful Postwar Weapon
	NPR - Singing Therapy Helps Stroke Patients Speak Again PDF
	audio-video - NPR - Brain Damage and Music Therapy
	audio-video - Old Man In Nursing Home Reacts To Hearing Music From His Era
	ARTS EDUCATION AND MUSIC EDUCATION
	Part 1. Arts Education
A6	Nussbaum, Not For Profit: Why Democracy Needs the Humanities - Chapters 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7
1/25	Hedges, "Why the United States Is Destroying Its Education System" PDF
	various PDF files
	audio-video - Dead Poets Society film clip (**start @ 3'30")

1/27-31

**JAPAN** 

#### **UNESCO Films:**

**UNESCO - China - Cantonese Opera** 

UNESCO - China - Kun Qu Opera

**UNESCO - China - Nanyin** 

**UNESCO - China - Peking opera** 

UNESCO - China - Qin

**UNESCO - China - shadow puppetry** 

**UNESCO - China - Xian wind and percussion ensemble** 

Α7 2/1

#### ARTS EDUCATION AND MUSIC EDUCATION

Part 2: The Individual and Social Benefits of a Music Education

The Benefits of a Music Education PDF various audio-video files and PDFs

2/3-8

**CHINA** 

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#### HONG KONG CANTONESE OPERA FIELD LAB

### **UNESCO Films**:

UNESCO - Vietnam - Ca trù

**UNESCO - Vietnam - Nha Nhac Court Music** 

**UNESCO - Vietnam - The Space of Gong Culture** 

UNESCO - Mongolia - Khoomei

**UNESCO - Mongolia - The Traditional Music of the Morin Khuur** 

**UNESCO - Mongolia - Urtiin Duu, Traditional Folk Long Song** 

# **ENDANGERED MUSICAL TRADITIONS**

Part 1. 'Endangered Musics'; 'Cultural Conservation'; 'Preservation' vs. 'Revitalization'

**A8** 2/9

Davis, Light at the Edge of the World: A Journey Through the Realm of Vanishing Cultures

Ch. 1: "The Wonder of the Ethnosphere" Ch. 7: "A Thousand Ways of Being"

Tibet folder – audio clips with texts in PDF; various video clips

#### **ENDANGERED MUSICAL TRADITIONS**

Part 1. 'Endangered Musics'; 'Cultural Conservation'; 'Preservation' vs. 'Revitalization' [cont.]

Α9 2/11 Grant, "Rethinking Safeguarding: Objections and Responses to Protecting and Promoting Endangered Musical Heritage"

Livingston, "Music Revivals: Towards a General Theory" PDF

Turino, "Four Fields of Music Making and Sustainable Living" PDF

Cultural Conservation - a Two-Way Consultation PDF

Hong Kong's last Cantonese opera house saved PDF

Saving The Endangered Music Of Bali And The South Pacific PDF

the MA program in 'Cultural Sustainability' at Goucher College

2/12-17

**VIETNAM** 

#### **UNESCO Films**:

UNESCO - Indonesia - Angklung

**UNESCO - Indonesia - The Wayang Puppet Theatre** 

**UNESCO - Malaysia - Mak Yong Theatre** 

#### **ENDANGERED MUSICAL TRADITIONS**

Part 2: Government Cultural Policy

A10 2/19

Davis, "Cultural Policy and the Tunisian Ma'luf" PDF

Guy, "Governing the Arts, Governing the State: Peking Opera and Political Authority in Taiwan"

Wilcken, "Pay for Play ... " PDF

audio-video - Defending Cantonese dialect and identity in Hong Kong

2/20-21

**SINGAPORE** 

#### **UNESCO Films**:

**UNESCO - Cambodia - Royal Ballet** 

UNESCO - Cambodia - Sbek Thom, Khmer shadow theatre

**UNESCO - China - Grand song of the Dong ethnic group** 

#### **APPLIED ETHNOMUSICOLOGY**

Part 1. What is Ethnomusicology?

A11 2/23 Bruno Nettl, The Study of Ethnomusicology: Thirty-one Issues and Concepts

Ch. 1 "The Harmless Drudge: Defining Ethnomusicology" PDF

Ethnomusicology (Wikipedia)

Meyers - Ethnomusicology, An Introduction - Ch.1 Ethnomusicology PDF

Steven Feld - definition of ethnomusicology PDF

2/25-3/1

**MYANMAR (BURMA)** 

#### **UNESCO Films**:

UNESCO - India - Buddhist chanting of Ladakh

**UNESCO - India - Chhau dance** 

UNESCO - India - Kalbelia folk songs and dances of Rajasthan

UNESCO - India - Mudiyettu, ritual theatre and dance drama of Kerala UNESCO - India - Ramlila, the traditional performance of the Ramayana

**UNESCO - India - The Tradition of Vedic Chanting** 

#### APPLIED ETHNOMUSICOLOGY

Part 2. 'Applied Ethnomusicology', 'Public Sector Ethnomusicology', 'Music in the Public Interest'

A12 3/2

Applied Ethnomusicology - A Conversation with Jeff Todd Titon PDF Titon, "Music, the Public Interest, and the Practice of Ethnomusicology"

Sheehy, "A Few Notions about Philosophy and Strategy in Applied Ethnomusicology"

#### APPLIED ETHNOMUSICOLOGY

Part 3. 'Repatriation' Projects

A13 3/5 "Music Repatriation" folder (Inupiak and Hopi repatriation materials)

Bringing the Songs Home - Columbia Center for Ethno Alaska repatriation project PDF

Fox & Sakakibara - project summary PDF

audio-video - Aaron Fox - music repatriation project podcast

Trevor Reed - Returning Hopi Voices . . . PDF

audio-video - repatriation - Hopi repatriation podcast

various illustrations

3/6-11

**INDIA** 

**UNESCO Films:** 

**UNESCO - Central Asia - Shashmagom Music** 

UNESCO - Central Asia - The Art of Akyns, Kyrgyz Epic Tellers

**UNESCO - Central Asia, China - Manas** 

**UNESCO - Uzbekistan - The Cultural Space of the Boysun District** 

#### **MUSIC & CULTURAL RIGHTS**

Part 1. Music and Cultural Rights; Ownership

Weintraub & Yung, Music and Cultural Rights

"Introduction" (Weintraub)

A14 3/13 "Use and Ownership: Folk Music in the People's Republic of China" (Rees)

"Representation and Intercultural Dynamics: Romani Musicians and Cultural Rights Discourse in Ukraine" (Helbig)

Manuel, "Composition, Authorship, and Ownership in Flamenco, Past and Present"

Seeger, "Ethnomusicology and Music Law"

McCann, "All That Is Not Given Is Lost; Irish Traditional Music, Copyright, and Common Property"

Dor, "Communal Creativity and Song Ownership in Anlo Ewe Musical Practice ..."

various audio-video files

#### **MUSIC & CULTURAL RIGHTS**

Part 2. 'Intangible Cultural Heritage'

A15 3/16 Yung, "Historical Legacy and the Contemporary World: UNESCO and China's Qin Music in the Twenty-first Century,"

in Weintraub & Yung, Music and Cultural Rights, 140-168

Grant, "Rethinking Safeguarding: Objections and Responses to Protecting and Promoting Endangered Musical Heritage" [review] UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage

audio-video - Vietnamese Ca trù 06 UNESCO Intangible Heritage

audio-video - Qin - Liu Zhengchun, 'Qiujiangyebo'

A showdown over traditional throat singing divides China and Mongolia PDF

Cantonese Opera Recognized as World Heritage for Two Years

3/18

**MAURITIUS** 

# **UNESCO Films**:

UNESCO - Malawi, Zambia, Mozambique - The Gule Wamkulu

UNESCO - Mozambique - The Chopi Timbila

UNESCO - Zambia - The Makishi Masquerade

**UNESCO - Zimbabwe - The Mbende Jerusarema Dance** 

A16 3/19	MUSIC & CULTURAL RIGHTS Part 3. Musical Tourism and the Creative Economy  Gibson & Connell, Music and Tourism: On the Road Again [selections TDB] Music tourism PDF A Soundtrack for Scottish Tourism A Soundtrack for Scottish Tourism Conclusions statement If Only More Cities Took Music Tourism Seriously Music tourism adds plenty of notes to British economy Music Tourism in the U.K. Contributes \$1.4 Billion Each Year to Economy Texas Music Office home page Wee trip to Scotland - Jim & Susie Malcolm's music tours illus - Malcolm music tours poster 01 top illus - Malcolm music tours poster 02 bottom illus - The Arts and Healing in Spain & Morocco poster illus - The Arts and Healing in Spain & Morocco information flier
A17 3/22	SPACE, PLACE, & SOUND Sound & Sound Studies; Space and Place; Acoustic Ecology; Soundscapes  "Soundscape" (Wikipedia) PDF Feintuch, "Cape Breton Fiddle Music: Social and Economic Setting of a Regional Soundscape" Greene, "Ordering a Sacred Terrain: Melodic Pathways of Himalayan Flute Pilgrimage" Lee, "Technology and the Production of Islamic Space: The Call to Prayer in Singapore" Sakakeeny, "'Under the Bridge': An Orientation to Soundscapes in New Orleans" various audio-video files
A18 3/24	SPACE, PLACE, & SOUND [cont.]  Feld, "Waterfalls of Song: An Acoustemology of Place Resounding in Bosavi, Papua New Guinea" in Feld & Basso, Senses of Place, pp. 91-135.  various audio-video files  folders: Scottish Highland Games soundscape - Grandfather Mountain & Loch Norman

### 3/25-30

**SOUTH AFRICA** 

#### UNESCO Films:

UNESCO - Senegal, Gambia - The Kankurang, Manding Initiatory Rite

UNESCO - Central African Republic - The Polyphonic Singing of the Aka Pygmies

#### THE UNITED NATIONS MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS UN Millennium Development Goals 00 (brief) PDF UN Millennium Development Goals 00 (outline) PDF UN Millennium Development Goals 01 Eradicate Poverty & Hunger (brief) UN Millennium Development Goals 01 Eradicate Poverty & Hunger (complete) UN Millennium Development Goals 02 Achieve Universal Primary Education (brief) UN Millennium Development Goals 02 Achieve Universal Primary Education (complete) UN Millennium Development Goals 03 Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women (brief) UN Millennium Development Goals 03 Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women (complete) UN Millennium Development Goals 04 Reduce Child Mortality (brief) UN Millennium Development Goals 04 Reduce Child Mortality (brief) 2010 Addendum UN Millennium Development Goals 05 Improve Maternal Health (brief) A19 UN Millennium Development Goals 05 Improve Maternal Health (brief) 2010 Addendum 4/1 UN Millennium Development Goals 05 Improve Maternal Health (complete) UN Millennium Development Goals 06 Combat HIV-AIDS, Malaria And Other Diseases (brief) UN Millennium Development Goals 06 Combat HIV-AIDS, Malaria And Other Diseases (complete) 1 UN Millennium Development Goals 06 Combat HIV-AIDS, Malaria And Other Diseases (complete) 2 UN Millennium Development Goals 06 Combat HIV-AIDS, Malaria And Other Diseases (complete) 3 UN Millennium Development Goals 06 Combat HIV-AIDS, Malaria And Other Diseases (complete) 4 UN Millennium Development Goals 07 Ensure Environmental Sustainability (brief) UN Millennium Development Goals 07 Ensure Environmental Sustainability (complete) UN Millennium Development Goals 07 Ensure Environmental Sustainability (complete) slumdwellers UN Millennium Development Goals 07 Ensure Environmental Sustainability (complete) water UN Millennium Development Goals 08 Develop a Global Partnership for Development (brief) UN Millennium Development Goals 08 Develop a Global Partnership for Development (complete) – science UN Millennium Development Goals 08 Develop a Global Partnership for Development (complete) - trade SUSTAINABILITY AWARENESS AND PROPAGANDIZING THROUGH SONG WRITING AND PERFORMANCE audio-video - 8 Goals For Africa - audio 00 audio-video - 8 Goals For Africa - audio 01 audio-video - 8 Goals For Africa - Ivrics and info PDF audio-video - 8 Goals For Africa - video A20 audio-video - Michael Jackson, Earth Song 01 4/4 audio-video - Michael Jackson, Earth Song 02 audio-video - Save The Planet - Song and Video by Michael Droste and Jeffrey Walker audio-video - Summer of Sustainability - Australian Music Festivals audio-video - There's a Better Way (by Douglas Stambler) audio-video - Whale Song ad (Optus.com.au, cell phone co.) Pitch to the Planet CD PDF

4/6-10

**GHANA** 

#### **UNESCO Films:**

**UNESCO - Baltic States - The Baltic Song and Dance Celebrations** 

UNESCO - Yemen - The Song of Sanaa

UNESCO - Iraq - The Iraqi Maqam

UNESCO - Palestinian - The Palestinian Hikaye UNESCO - Turkey - The Mevlevi Sema Ceremony

A21 4/11	SUSTAINABLE MUSICAL INSTRUMENT MANUFACTURING; C.I.T.E.S.  Bow Makers Unite Behind a Precious Tree PDF Gibson - Raid, Environmental Enforcement Leaves Musicians in Fear PDF Gibson - Wall Street Journal, Gibson guitar raid PDF Gibson - Why Gibson Was Raided By The Justice Department PDF Greenpeace and guitar companies - CAMPAIGN FOR SUSTAIN PDF GreenWood - Old World Craft Musicwood - The Documentary (website) MusicWood press releases 01-05 Rainforest Moss Guitar PDF SoundWood Jam Combines Music and Sustainability Taylor - How has the Lacey Act influenced the way you do business PDF Taylor - Save the Sitka, Save the Guitar PDF Taylor - Walnut Windfall PDF Taylor - Walnut Windfall PDF Taylor - Wood & Steel, Summer 2004 PDF - p.8 "Mahogany Futures" Taylor - Wood & Steel, Summer 2005 PDF - p.23 "Mahogany the Hard Way" Taylor - Wood & Steel, Summer 2011 PDF - p.20 "Mahogany Branches Out" Taylor - Wood & Steel, Summer 2012 PDF - p.13 "Ebony's Final Frontier" The Musicwood Documentary by Helpman Productions — Kickstarter various audio-video clips various illustrations C.I.T.E.S. [The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (of Wild Fauna and Flora)] C.I.T.E.S. Website: http://www.cites.org/
A22 4/14	ETHNOGRAPHIC FIELD RESEARCH Is ethnographic fieldwork 'disruptive'?  Meyers - Ethnomusicology, An Introduction, Ch.2 Fieldwork PDF Beaudry, "The Challenges of Human Relations In Ethnographic Enquiry" [In Barz & Cooley, Shadows in the Field (2nd ed. 2008, complete) PDF]  Wissler, "Grief-Singing and the Camera: The Challenges and Ethics of Documentary Production in an Indigenous Andean Community" PDF
A23 4/17	STUDENT PRESENTATIONS

# **UNESCO Films**:

**UNESCO - Italy, Sardinia - Sardinian Pastoral Songs** 

UNESCO - Portugal - Fado 01

UNESCO - Portugal - Fado 02

UNESCO - Slovakia - The Fujara and its Music

UNESCO - Spain - Flamenco

**UNESCO - Spain - The Mystery Play of Elche** 

**UNESCO - Spain - The Patum of Berga** 

UNESCO - Cécile Duvelle, Secretary, Convention for Safeguarding of ICH

4/25 SPAIN



**FIELD ASSIGNMENTS** (At least twenty percent of the contact hours for each course.)

- 'Soundscape Field Journal: You are required to keep a 'Soundscape Field Journal' describing in detail the day-by-day 'soundscapes' that you encounter in each country that you visit. In it you will document your individual experiences both casually encountering and proactively seeking out and experiencing music-related activities throughout your stay in that country. In certain countries, you will likely need to proactively seek out encounters with the music performance traditions that are listed on UNESCO's "Intangible Cultural Heritage" list (those which we will discuss in class), and then document these encounters, and the processes that led you to them, in your field journals. Guidelines will be provided.
- <u>Field Lab</u>: You are required to attend the <u>Field Lab</u> that has been designed for this course.
   You will take detailed notes on all aspects of the excursion <u>as it is transpiring</u>. These notes will be incorporated into the 'Field Journal' <u>and</u> will form the basis of the written <u>Field Lab</u>
   Report. A student who fails to attend the Field Lab will fail the course.

#### THE "MUSIC IN HUMAN LIFE" FIELD LAB:

Students in the "Music in Human Life" course will participate in a field lab focusing on **Cantonese opera**, one of China's most beloved forms of regional music-theater as well as one of the music traditions included in UNESCO's "Intangible Cultural Heritage" list.

The field lab will take place **in Hong Kong** 香港 on **Thursday 7 February 2013**. This is the <u>first</u> of our two Hong Kong days, i.e., the <u>fifth</u> of our six China days. For this reason, and because attendance at the field lab is mandatory, students are advised to make their China travel plans carefully to allow them to be in Hong Kong no later than mid-morning on February 7th.

In the early afternoon we will walk from the MV Explorer to the nearby Tsim Sha Tsui East 尖东 station of Hong Kong's famous MTR (Mass Transit Railway) where we'll catch the train for a 20+ minute ride out to the New Territories town of Shatin 沙田. We will then walk a short distance to the Hong Kong Heritage Museum 香港文化博物馆 where we will tour the Cantonese Opera Exhibit. After the museum visit, if time allows, there will be the opportunity to taste some unique Hong Kong snacks, such as Shatin chicken congee 沙田鸡粥 (OOPEX).

We'll then return to Kowloon on the MTR and stroll to the corner of Austin and Canton Roads in the rapidly developing West Kowloon District (most of which is built on land reclaimed from the harbor) where the government has erected a very unique performance venue called the West Kowloon Bamboo Theatre 西九大戏棚, a recreation of the traditional bamboo theaters built in small towns and city neighborhoods expressly for staging Cantonese operas for ritual and festive occasions. At 4:00pm we will take a tour of this venue, including the backstage area where performers will be making preparations for that evening's performance.

We'll then take a dinner break (OOPEX) for a uniquely Cantonese meal at a nearby Kowloon restaurant (TBD).

At 7:00pm we will return to the West Kowloon Bamboo Theatre for a performance of the Cantonese opera *Zhou Yu* 周瑜, based on the semi-historical tale "Zhuge Liang Thrice Enrages Zhou Yu" 三气周瑜, taken from the classic Chinese historical novel *Romance of the Three Kingdoms* 三国演义. (An English translation of the story will be provided to students well before our arrival in China so that we can prepare for the performance.)

After the performance we will stroll through some of the older neighborhoods of Kowloon on our way to the Temple Street Night Market 庙街夜市. At the far northern edge of Temple Street, near the Tin Hau Temple 天后庙 compound, we will observe late-night performances by members of Hong Kong's many amateur Cantonese Opera Song 粤曲 clubs, who set up stalls in the area and perform into the wee hours most nights of the year. If students wish, we can then sample more of the unique cuisine of Hong Kong by trying dishes from open-air food stalls called "Dai Pai Dong" 大排档. Students can then independently explore the Temple Street Night Market looking for shopping bargains before returning to the ship.

[Please be advised: Be sure to wear good walking shoes and to bring enough Hong Kong currency to cover out-of-pocket expenses ("OOPEX").]

#### **COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND METHODS OF EVALUATION**

- Attendance: Students are expected to attend each of the 24 class sessions; absences are excused only in the event of genuinely and verifiably serious illness or accident, and a doctor's note is required in such a situation. Five percentage points (5%) will be deducted for each unexcused absence. Five (5) unexcused absences will result in a failing grade for the course. Attendance at the Field Lab is mandatory; a student who fails to attend the Field Lab will fail the course.
- Participation: This class will be conducted as a seminar. Students are assigned multiple readings for each class session (in addition to frequent listening and viewing assignments). Students are expected to prepare well for active participation in <u>all</u> class discussions. 'Participation' will be evaluated according to: (a) the level of the student's preparation and mastery of the reading materials that are assigned for each class session, and (b) the quality of his/her verbal participation in all class discussions.
- <u>'Soundscape Field Journal'</u>: You are required to keep a 'Soundscape Field Journal' describing in detail the day-by-day 'soundscapes' (with special, though not exclusive, attention to music) that you encounter in <u>each country</u> that you visit. In it you will document your individual experiences both casually encountering <u>and proactively seeking</u> out and experiencing music-related activities throughout your stay in that country. [See the Listening & Viewing Guide at the end of this syllabus for guidelines in how to observe and interpret.]
- <u>Field Lab</u>: You are required to attend the 'Field Lab' that has been designed for this course.
   You will take detailed notes on all aspects of the excursion. These notes will be incorporated into the 'Field Journal' <u>and</u> will form the basis of the written <u>Field Lab Report</u>.
- <u>Final Summation Paper</u>. Write a final summation paper on an assigned question or topic (to be provided) and then present that paper, through reading or summarizing, to the seminar during the final session of class. Both the paper and the presentation will be graded.
- UNESCO "ICH" Videos Comparison Mini-Reports. We will be viewing a number of short films (3" to 10" in length) over the course of the semester. These short films are submitted to the "United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization" (UNESCO) when a nation is applying for "Intangible Cultural Heritage" (ICH) status for one of its traditional art forms. There are twelve (12) batches of short films. Students will view all the films in a particular batch prior to arrival in the next port. Each student will then select two (2) of the films in a batch and write a brief one-page comparison of those two performance traditions. [See the Listening & Viewing Guide at the end of this syllabus for guidelines.]

# **EVALUATION:**

TOTAL	500 points	100%
UNESCO Videos Mini-Reports	100 points	20%
Summation Paper & Final Presentation	100 points	20%
Field Lab Attendance and Written Report	100 points	20%
Soundscape Field Journal	100 points	20%
Participation	100 points	20%

#### **RESERVE LIBRARY LIST**

AUTHOR: Andrew Weintraub and Bell Yung, eds.

TITLE: Music and Cultural Rights

PUBLISHER: Chicago & Urbana: University of Illinois Press

ISBN #: 978-0-252-07662-6

DATE/EDITION: 2009 COST: \$25

AUTHOR: Chris Gibson, & John Connell

TITLE: Music and Tourism: On the Road Again

PUBLISHER: Channel View Publications

ISBN #: 978-1873150924

DATE/EDITION: 2005 COST: \$47.80

### **ELECTRONIC COURSE MATERIALS**

AUTHOR: Patel, Aniruddh D. CHAPTER TITLE: Chapter 6: "Meaning"

BOOK TITLE: Music, Language, and the Brain
PUBLISHER: New York: Oxford University Press

ISBN #: 978-0199755301

DATE/EDITION: 2008 PAGES: 299-352

AUTHOR: Sachs, Oliver

CHAPTER TITLE: Chapter 9: "Papa Blows His Nose in G: Absolute Pitch"

BOOK TITLE: Musicophilia: Tales of Music and the Brain
PUBLISHER: New York & Toronto: Alfred A. Knopf.

ISBN #: 978-1400033539

DATE: 2007 PAGES: 129-139

AUTHOR: Feld, Steven

ARTICLE TITLE: "Waterfalls of Song: An Acoustemology of Place Resounding in Bosavi,

Papua New Guinea"

BOOK TITLE: Senses of Place (Feld & Basso, eds.)

PUBLISHER: Santa Fe, NM: School of American Research Press

DATE: 1996 PAGES: 91-135

AUTHOR: Shelemay, Kay Kaufman

CHAPTER TITLE: "Introduction: What is a Soundscape?"

BOOK TITLE: Soundscapes: Exploring Music in a Changing World, 2nd ed.

PUBLISHER: New York & London: W.W. Norton & Company

DATE: 2006, 2001

PAGES: ??

AUTHOR: Nettl, Bruno

CHAPTER TITLE: "The Harmless Drudge: Defining Ethnomusicology"

BOOK TITLE: The Study of Ethnomusicology: Thirty-one Issues and Concepts (New Edition)

PUBLISHER: University of Illinois Press

DATE: 2005 PAGES: 3-15

#### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Miscellaneous resources contained in the following electronic 'folders' on the MV Explorer's Intranet:

Folder 01 Introduction to the Course

Folder 02 Definitions

Folder 03a Music & the Health & Vitality of Human Societies - Music & the Brain

Folder 03b Music & the Health & Vitality of Human Societies - Music & Healing

Folder 03c Music & the Health & Vitality of Human Societies - Music Therapy

Folder 04a Arts Education & Music Education - Arts Education

Folder 04b Arts Education & Music Education - Music Education

Folder 05a Endangered Musical Traditions - Preservation, Revitalization

Folder 05b Endangered Musical Traditions - Govt Cultural Policy

Folder 06a Applied Ethnomusicology - What is Ethnomusicology?

Folder 06b Applied Ethnomusicology - Appl Ethno

Folder 06c Applied Ethnomusicology - Repatriation Projects

Folder 07a Music & Cultural Rights - Ownership

Folder 07b Music & Cultural Rights - ICH

Folder 07c Music & Cultural Rights - Musical Tourism

Folder 08a Space, Place, & Sound - Sound Studies, etc

Folder 08b Space, Place, & Sound - Scottish Highland Games Soundscape

Folder 09 Sustainability Awareness & Propagandizing

Folder 10 U.N. Millennium Development Goals

Folder 11 The Viability of the Arts; Green Concerts & Festivals

Folder 12 Sustainable Instrument Manufacture

Folder 13 Ethnographic Field Research

#### **LISTENING & VIEWING GUIDE**

### A. The Sonic Component:

- 1. Instrumental? Vocal? Both?
- What instruments do you hear? Group them according to the Sachs-Hornbostel classification system: chordophone, aerophone, membranophone, idiophone.
- 3. Consider vocal style: song, speech, or something in between?
- 4. More than one voice part? How many voices? Is one voice dominant or are they of equal importance?
- Consider 'timbre' ('tone color'): Describe the timbres of the instruments and voices you hear. Use any adjectives that you feel are the most richly descriptive and precise.
- Consider 'form': Can you hear any indications of form, structure, or shape? (repetition, contrast, variation, AB, ABA, AAB, 'strophic', 32-bar AABA, 'blues' form, etc etc)
- 7. Consider 'texture': monophonic, polyphonic, homophonic, heterophonic?
- 8. Consider 'harmony': Is there simultaneity of musical pitches intended to be 'harmony'? Describe.
- 9. Compare the vocal parts to the instrumental parts identical, similar, somewhat different, substantially different?
- 10. Consider 'time': rhythm, meter, tempo. Is there a regular, steady pulse? Is there meter or is it metrically free? How is meter established and maintained? Are rhythms and tempos consistent and steady, or do they vary? Are the variations in rhythm and tempo slight or dramatic? Are there multiple rhythms or meters being played simultaneously ('polyrhythmic', 'polymetric')?
- 11. Consider 'melody': Can you ascertain anything about scale? Are the melodies simple or complex? Just a few frequently repeated notes or long and complex? Narrow range or wide range? Are sections repeated? When repeated, are they varied? Is there 'counterpoint'? 'heterophony'?
- 12. Consider 'improvisation': Was this music composed? Is it written down? Is it partially or entirely improvised?
- 13. Consider 'notation': Can you tell if this music is notated, or is it performed entirely from memory without notation?
- 14. Consider the use of language. What language is used in the singing parts? Can you tell anything about the style of language used (ancient or modern, poetic or colloquial, sparse or dense, narrative or impressionistic, ecstatic or mundane, etc)?

### **B.** The Visual Component:

1. Describe the total environment of this performance.

- 2. Who are the people making this music? What does 'participant' mean in this context? Is there a distinction between 'performer' and 'audience'? Who are the audience?
- 3. Are there instruments being played? Describe them in detail. Describe the playing techniques that you observe. Are they played in ways that you expect, or are the playing techniques unusual and unexpected to you?
- 4. Pay close attention to behavior. Do people conduct themselves differently in this setting than what you are accustomed to seeing? In what ways?
- 5. Pay close attention to interaction between and among the participants. Do they interact in ways that are unique, interesting, peculiar? Does their interaction give any indication of a hierarchy among them?
- 6. Is this an indoor or outdoor performance? Do you think there is a significant relationship between the style of music being performed and whether it is being performed indoors or outdoors?
- 7. Describe the clothing and accessories that the participants are wearing. Is there any uniformity? Is the attire traditional, ancient, contemporary, casual, formal, unique to ritual occasions, everyday, ornate, simple, etc etc?
- 8. Is dance present? Is it as important as the music, more important, or less important?
- Consider technology: Observe and describe anything regarding technology construction of instruments; use of amplification for instruments or voices; recording technology; etc.

# C. The Cultural Component (meaning, significance, function, etc):

- 1. Consider the question: "Is this music?" Consider the definition(s) of 'music'.
- 2. Do you get a sense of 'community' among the participants? Describe. What gives you that impression? How might music be contributing to the feeling of 'community' among these people?
- 3. What are the uses and functions of the music in this setting?
  - a. For entertainment?
  - b. For instruction and training?
  - c. For use in religious ritual?
  - d. In rites of passage?
  - e. In healing?
  - f. As a vehicle for narrative (story-telling)?
  - g. As a partner to dance?
  - h. As an expression of individual or collective identity?
  - i. As a facilitator of self-cultivation?
  - j. As protest?
  - k. As a political statement?
  - I. For encouragement or building morale? etc., etc.