Note: this was the survey used for The People's Choice in 1995
Questionnaire by Dave Soldier

## The People's Choice : Music

This survey is to assist Komar and Melamid, along with composer Dave Soldier, in creating a CD of the People's Choice Music; America's most favorite and least favorite musical performances. Please answer every question, no matter how difficult.

## Instruments

1. Please circle your three favorite musical instruments.

| violin | guitar | drums | bongos |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| cello | bass | synthesizer | organ |
| flute | piano | bagpipe | trumpet |
| clarinet | saxophone | trombone | banjo |
| oboe | harp | piccolo | harmonica |
| bassoon | mandolin | French horn | accordion |
| tuba | harpsichord | xylophone | balalaika |

other $\qquad$
2. My most favorite of all musical instruments is $\qquad$
3. My least favorite musical instrument is $\qquad$
4. I also hate the $\qquad$ and the $\qquad$ .

## Form

1. My favorite duration for a musical composition is
a. under 3 minutes
b. 3 to 10 minutes
c. over 10 minutes
(e.g., average pop song)
2. I prefer listening to music at a volume most people consider
a. quiet
b. moderate
c. loud
3. I prefer music that is
a. fast
b. slow
c. medium speed (tempo)
4. My favorite music tends to be performed by
a. one or two performers (e.g., folksinger, classical soloist, cabaret)
b. three to ten performers (e.g., rock or jazz group)
c. over ten performers (e.g., orchestra, opera, big band, or chorus)

## Function

1. When I listen to music, the primary response I seek is
a. relaxation
b. entertainment
c. motivation
d. a mood (ambience) e. background f. intellectual stimulation
2. The response least important for me in listening to music is
a. relaxation
b. entertainment
c. motivation
d. a mood (ambience) e. background
f. intellectual stimulation
3. The most important attribute for me in a composition is that
a. it has a singable melody
b. you can dance to it
c. it requires all of your attention
d. it does not require attention
e. it moves my emotions
f. it provides a good atmosphere while doing other things
$g$. it has cool sound effects
h. it provides spiritual transcendence
4. My favorite song subject is about
a. holiday (Christmas)
b. love
c. dancing
d. politics
e. religious
f. a story
g. cowboys
5. I most hate hearing songs about
a. holiday (Christmas)
b. lov e
c. dancing
d. politics
e. religious
f. a story
g. cowboys
6. I most like listening to music
a. as background music for a film or TV show
b. as selections on the radio
c. as a recording that I choose to listen to at home
d. at a dance or a club
e. at a live concert
f. as a recording I choose while driving
g. on the radio while driving
h. while exercising

## Singing

1. I prefer listening to music that
a. has singing
b. has no singing
2. I most like hearing singing by
a. High woman's voice
b. low woman's voice c. high man's voice
d. low man's voice
e. children
3. I most hate hearing singing by
a. High woman's voice
d. low man's voice
b. low woman's voice c. high man's voice
e. children
4. My most favorite singer sings in a musical style best described as
a. opera
b. rock
c. blues
d. rap
e. gospel
f. jazz
g. folk
h. pop
k. easy listening (Muzak) l. country
j. bluegrass
n. $\qquad$
5. The vocal style I most hate is
a. opera
d. rap
g. folk
j. bluegrass
m. punk
b. rock
c. blues
e. gospel
f. jazz
i. cabaret
k. easy listening (Muzak) l. country
n . $\qquad$

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