

MUSIC ALIVE!

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Military Musicians:

1. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, and Space Force have music groups.
2. The Marine Band is known as "The President's Own."
3. The U.S. Army Band consists of roughly 250 people.
4. Musicians can audition up to the age of 35.
5. Incoming musicians enter at the rank of staff sergeant.
6. Tony Bennett, Glenn Miller, Bill Evans, or Paul Desmond.
7. The U.S. Army Band is based at Fort Myers in Arlington, Virginia.
8. The U.S. Army Strings is a 22-piece string ensemble.
9. The Ceremonial Band plays for diplomatic events and ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery.
10. The U.S. Army Band Down-range performs rock, pop, and R&B.

The Mandolin

1. The mandolin has a teardrop-shaped body with eight strings paired in courses running from the headstock to the bridge.
2. The term "mandolin" comes from the Italian word "mandolino," meaning a smaller version of the lute.
3. The mandolin arrived in America during the 19th century with Italian immigrants.
4. Bill Monroe is considered the "Father of Bluegrass" and formed the Blue Grass Boys in 1939.
5. The mandolin produces a bright, cheerful sound perfect for folk and bluegrass music.
6. Bluegrass emerged as a new genre in the 1940s, heavily influenced by folk music.
7. The Appalachian region of the United States was especially known for traditional mandolin folk music.
8. Chris Thile is mentioned as a contemporary mandolin virtuoso pushing the instrument's boundaries.
9. The mandolin is derived from the lute, which was popular during the Renaissance period.
10. Musicians who play multiple instruments including mandolin are known as "utility" players or "doublers."

The Music of Musical Theater: *Cats*

1. *Cats* premiered in London's West End in 1981.
2. The musical is based on T.S. Eliot's "Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats."
3. The score features an eclectic blend of musical styles including classical, jazz, rock, opera, and pop.
4. "Memory" became the most famous song from the show.
5. Old Deuteronomy is the wise leader of the Jellicle tribe.
6. "The Rum Tum Tugger" is characterized by a rock-inspired style.
7. The Heaviside Layer is where one chosen cat will ascend to be reborn.
8. Macavity is described as the "Napoleon of Crime."
9. Grizabella is the tragic outcast cat seeking redemption.
10. The score prominently features synthesizers balanced with traditional orchestral instruments.

Wyatt Flores

1. Flores is of Mexican descent and was born and raised in Oklahoma.
2. TikTok played a key role in his breakthrough, where he shared song snippets and covers.
3. His music blends traditional country, folk, and Americana influences.
4. Willie Nelson, Merle Haggard, Johnny Cash, or Bruce Springsteen.
5. His shows are typically intimate and stripped-down, focusing on acoustic performances.
6. His father played in bands and exposed him to classic country, folk, and rock from an early age.
7. His debut album is titled "Welcome to the Plains."
8. The song features steel guitars, fiddle, and acoustic instruments.
9. The song describes life in the Midwest, particularly Oklahoma.
10. The song explores themes of resilience, community, and connection to the land.