

What makes live music more exciting than recorded music?

Live music is more engaging than recorded music. When listening to live music, an audience is able to hear a musician's emotions firsthand in real time. Recorded music is fixed so that it can deliver the same performance each time the audience listens to it, but live music cannot produce the same performance every time. Particularly, different musicians will have distinctive emotions towards a piece, which leads to disparate interpretations and performances of the piece.

Recorded music makes it harder for the audience to catch dynamics and differences in the tone than live music. While the audience is listening to live music, they are able to see a musician getting involved in the piece. Hearing a piece played live allows the audience to encounter something unexpected. Live performances are spontaneous and exciting because of their inherent unexpectedness and uncertainties. Recorded music is consistent since nothing changes in the performance no matter how many times it is played, making it sound flatter than live music does.

When listening to live music, an audience has only one chance to hear it, which makes the moment extra precious. Even if the audience listens to the piece again in another performance or through a recording, their experiences will never be the same because of different settings and musicians. Live music also allows the audience to enjoy music with an energy that cannot be replicated through recorded music. Even

though recorded music is more commonly available nowadays, nothing will be compared to the experience received during a live performance.