

Symphony Internship Program Essay

Prompt: What makes live music more exciting than recorded music?

A live music symphony is a pleasurable event that is among the most memorable forms of musical engagement. But what makes people want to go all that way when we could just listen to recordings at home? An aspect of popular symphonies is engaging with the musician through moving to the music. Particularly, head and hand movements reflect emotion and impact the body. Studies have shown that when watching someone play music live has a much greater impact on the mind and all the benefits of listening to music are enhanced. Also, microphones can never pick up some of the sounds and emotions that a musician expresses.

In my own experience, I started going to the Lewisville Lake Symphonies a few years after I started ballet. Before going to concerts, I wasn't really engaged in the music and I would just move body parts in class. But after I started piano and attending concerts, my movement dramatically improved in ballet class. Many teachers have said that I was expressing myself and moving to the music instead of being monotone when dancing. My dance teachers all recommend going to live concerts or symphonies because they have seen the positive effects on dancers.

In conclusion, going to see live performances has a greater impact on a person because they are surrounded by sound and they have a visual engagement too.