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CUE THE MUSIC

Music in Movies

Movies are a big part of American entertainment



Movies engage the senses

1. Visually - movies have tendency to be quite stunning
2. Aurally – the music is composed to suit each film



Thesis: Music in movies has a significant impact on the viewers' perception of what is happening by providing musical cues about characters, moods, and plot foreshadowing.



Movie music operates on several levels and is carefully composed, and arranged to,

- I. Provide foreshadowing of the plot
- II. Define and introduce characters through the use of
 - a. Themes,
 - b. Leitmotifs,
- III. Help set the mood



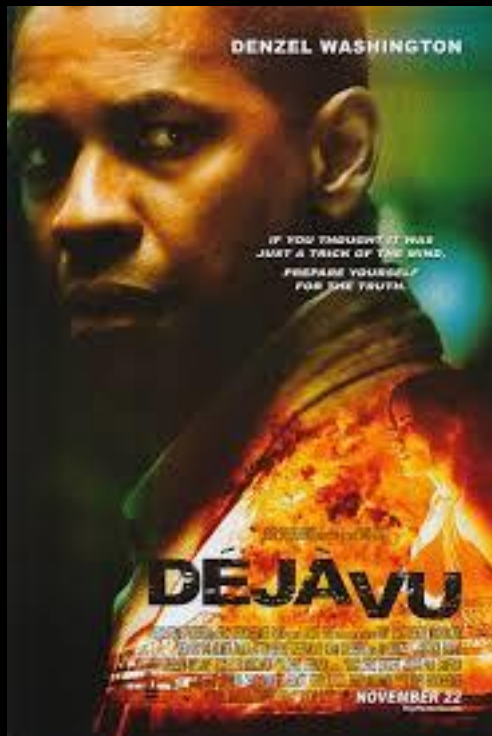
I. Provide foreshadowing of the plot

Foreshadowing: Be a warning or indication of a future event.

Often soundtrack music warns the audience that something (good or bad) is going to happen.



Example: DÉJÀ VU (2006) opening scene



Foreshadowing can also occur musically to give direction to a neutral scene



Music is also used in movies to,

- II. Define and introduce characters through the use of
 - a. Themes
 - b. Leitmotifs



Motif: Short melodic idea

A common device used in movie soundtrack music.

Movie motif: based off the idea of the leitmotif much like what Wagner would have used for his operas.

Used to alert the audience to a certain character.



Example: Mr. Tumnus



John Williams used motifs for a lot of his
Star Wars Characters including,

Leia

Han Solo

Darth Vader

Obi-wan Kenobi



Lastly, movie music is used to

III. Help set the mood



Mood/setting
can include,

1. Emotion (love, hate, desire)
2. Time period/setting
3. Feeling (intense, contemplative, etc.)



Emotion: fear



Setting:

Water



Funeral



City



Open plains



Feeling: intense moment

War has a distinct sound in movies. War music is very repetitive and always has an instrument that plays a driving melody and percussion that is pounding out a rhythm in the background.

War - Narnia



War - Hacksaw Ridge



Music in movies is powerful!

Helps with the telling of the story as well as aids the viewer in mentally recalling details of the story. Music is an integral part of watching movies and the music of movies has a significant role on the viewers.



QUESTIONS?

