



Legato in Times of Staccato

Playlist 1 - Monday, April 7th, 2020

Curated by Music Director, Fouad Fakhouri

Listen to #1 Alan Jackson, Jimmy Buffett – It's Five O' Clock Somewhere

Having spent a significant time of my life studying and living in Texas, I love country music. Alan Jackson is amongst one of my favorite country singers and I love the collaboration with Jimmy Buffet in this video. I hope you enjoy this upbeat country song as much as I do.

Listen to #2 Rachmaninov: Piano Concerto No. 2 (Hélène Grimaud & Claudio Abbado)

Rachmaninoff's 2nd piano concert is a brilliant work. I included this particular performance because of the soloist Hélène Grimaud who I think is one of the best pianists alive today. This performance is brilliantly conducted by one of my favorite conductors: Claudio Abbado.

Listen to #3 Elgar: Enigma Variations op.36

This is a great piece by British composer Edward Elgar. The recording I have shared with you is a rare and early recording of him performing his own work.

Listen to #4 LP: Lost on You

One of my favorite American voices of today is Laura Pergolizzi (Known as LP). She has such a distinct and unique voice and she is also a very talented songwriter. She has written songs for other artists like Cher, Celine Dion, Christina Aguilera, and Rihanna.

Listen to #5 Trance Music

I have been into Techno and Trance music since my late teens. I love the energy and rhythmic drive behind the music. I have included a sample here that makes me feel happy and energized (and reminds me of college days when raves were big)!

Listen to #6 John Newman: Love Me Again

I love this song and John Newman's voice. The sound is very retro, almost as if this song could have been written in the 60's. The music video, to me, resembles a modern day "West Side Story."



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Listen to #7 Gustav Holst: The Planets

This epic orchestral suite was written between 1914-1916 and will take you on a musical journey through the solar system. Each of the seven movements represents the planets that were visible from the earth at the time the piece was composed.

Listen to #8 Mozart: 'Der Hölle Rache kocht in meinem Herzen' from his opera "The Magic Flute". Performed by Patricia Petibon

Today Patricia Petibon is one of my favorite sopranos. She has a brilliant voice and brilliantly sings this difficult aria.

Listen to #9 Ennio Morricone – Cinema Paradiso

A great Italian movie with a wonderful soundtrack by one of the best living Italian movie composers: Ennio Morricone. I hope you enjoy this video performance of music from the 1988 drama film "Cinema Paradiso" performed in the beautiful Piazza San Marco in Venice and conducted by Ennio Morricone himself.

Listen to #10 Handel: "Lascia ch'io pianga" from the movie "Farinelli"

A great piece by Handel from the movie "Farinelli" about the 18th century celebrated male castrato singer: Carlo Marla Michelangelo Nicola Broschi, known by his stage name Farinelli. The movie, like another movie "Amadeus", takes significant dramatic license with the actual history of Farinelli's life; however, it also sheds light on the life and times of singers that were revered for their brilliant voices and large vocal ranges.

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