Scottish Music 1a - Instruments

Accordion

An instrument with a keyboard played with the right hand and buttons (which play chords) pressed by the left hand. The player pushes and pulls the two sides to operate the bellows.

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Fiddle

Another name for the violin, used in Scottish folk music.

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Clarsach

A small Scottish harp. Played as a solo or in a folk group or to accompany singing

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Bodhran

A Celtic wooden drum held in one hand and played with a wooden beater

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Bagpipes

A musical instrument having a flexible bag inflated either by a tube with valves or by bellows, a double-reed melody pipe, and from one to four drone pipes.

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Pibroch

- The Classical form of the highland bagpipe in theme and variation form..
- The main melody is repeated several times, decorated with **grace notes**

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Scottish Music 1b – Groups

Scottish Dance Band

- A band which plays Scottish music for people to dance to.
- Usually consists of fiddle, accordion, piano and drum kit.

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- Extract 2

Folk Group

- A group of singers and instrumentalists who perform traditional music from a particular country, e.g. Scotland.
- Can include any folk instruments – e.g. bodhran, tin whistle, clarsach, guitar, singers etc.

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- Extract 2

Celtic Rock

- A style that mixes Celtic folk music and rock
- Typical rock instruments such as electric guitar, bass guitar and drums are combined with acoustic Scottish folk instruments

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Scottish Music 1c – Melody/ Harmony

Pentatonic Scale

five note scale e.g. the black notes on a keyboard. A lot of folk music, including Scottish music, uses the PENTATONIC SCALE

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Vamp

- A rhythmic accompaniment with a bass note on the beat and a chord off the beat. Usually played on piano.
- Sounds like an 'oom cha'

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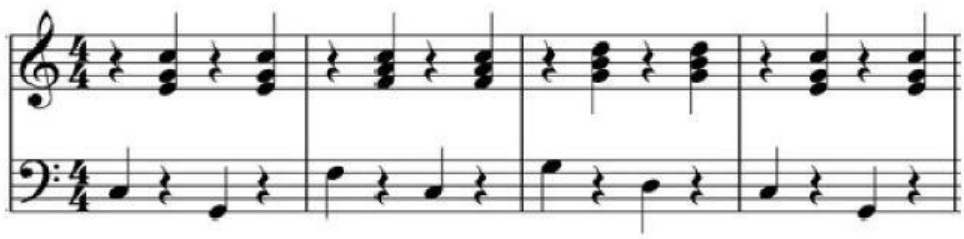

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