

# International

Country	Week Beginning
Bhangra	04.11.24.
Spanish	11.11.24.
Irish	18.11.24.
Chinese	25.11.24.
Calypso	02.12.24.
French	09.12.24.
Ugandan	16.12.24.

# Bhangra

- Bhangra is both a style of music and a genre of dance, originating in the Punjab region of India.
- In India, it was tradition to celebrate a good harvest by dancing and singing songs.



- These songs and dances were in time to a dhol drum.
- The dhol drum is a large traditional drum from North India, and it is played with cane sticks. The player can adjust the tension to produce different bass and treble sounds. The dhol drum is very loud!
- A Bhangra dance is very high energy, where several dancers perform jumps, kicks, spins and various other energetic moves.

# Spanish

- In Spain, music has a long history.
- It has played an important role in the development of Western music, and has greatly influenced Latin American music.
- Spanish music is often associated with traditional styles such as Flamenco and classical guitar.





**KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
LISTEN TO  
IRISH MUSIC**

# Irish Music

- Irish music and songs were not usually written down.
- Instead, adults taught children to play the music by ear. The children learned the songs by heart. Learning the music in this way is called the 'oral tradition'.
- Edward Bunting was the first person to write down harp music. This was at the Belfast Harper's Meeting in 1792.



# Chinese Music

- Chinese traditional music is played with instruments of the xun, chimes, xiao, sheng, pipa, guzheng, guqin, erhu, drums, and the bamboo flute.
- Often this music is played for ceremonies or to accompany dancers or other instruments in an orchestra.
- This music is also played for the background of a play or opera. It is enjoyed at concerts or by listening to recordings.
- Many of the melodies are written about nature. These songs often describe the different seasons and the weather, the mountains and waters, the sky and the moon, and various birds.



# Calypso Music

- Calypso is a type of folk song primarily from Trinidad though sung elsewhere in the southern and eastern Caribbean islands.
- The lyrics of a Calypso song, is usually witty and is focused on a local issue to the island.
- Steel pan drums are used to give it the distinctive Calypso sound.



# French Music

- French music is a rich tapestry of diverse genres and iconic artists, captivating audiences worldwide with timeless melodies and evocative storytelling.



- The accordion holds a special place in French music, adding a distinctive charm to film soundtracks and showcasing its enduring appeal across various musical genres.



- The music of **Uganda** is broad and diverse, ranging from traditional indigenous music to Ugandan versions of many contemporary genres.
- Uganda is home to over 65 different ethnic groups and tribes and they form the basis of all indigenous music.
- The first form of popular music to arise out of traditional music was the Kadongo Kamu style of music, which arose out of traditional Kiganda music.