

# WESTERN MUSIC

## Teacher's Guide: GRADE 7 - Lesson 8

### Mauritian festivals

**Competency:** Demonstrating Appreciation of Artistic Work

**Element:** Recognise and appreciate cultural diversity in music

**Performance criteria:** Express an understanding of the significance of music in different cultural contexts.

#### Purpose of Activities:

These activities aim to develop students' awareness of the rich cultural diversity of Mauritius through its music. It highlights how music enhances and celebrates the various local cultural traditions. By listening to and reflecting on different musical styles, students will gain a deeper appreciation of the cultural expressions that shape the nation.

#### Learning outcomes

By the end of this lesson, students should be able to:

- Identify music used in different festivals and celebrations in Mauritius.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the diversity of Mauritian musical traditions.
- Demonstrate an appreciation for the role of music in the different festivals of Mauritius.

#### Introduction

Music is deeply intertwined with culture, reflecting a society's values, beliefs and history. Different communities create their own music using unique instruments, styles, and traditions. By exploring how music and culture interact during festivals, we can have a deeper understanding of others and appreciate the rich variety of sounds.

## Activity

### Music Listening

Students are exposed to some of the Mauritian festivals to help them identify distinguishing features, particularly the type of music played.

#### Youtube link

##### 1. Bam bam Mahadev

 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8U5Ut2UWSxQ>

Mahadeva

 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GG6aAMhgiMc>

##### 2. Cavadee song

 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vs83OFn5bNg>

Thaipoosum Cavadee mauritius

 [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Edl\\_8jtA8s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Edl_8jtA8s)

##### 3. Jingle bells

 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3CWJNqyub3o>

We wish you a merry christmas

 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g-OF7KGyDis>

Nwel a lil moris

 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oli3ma6u6d4>

##### 4. Chinese new year 2019

 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ckzf0RjK-Bk>

Chinese new year 2020 celebration

 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xcuH8huY5Tc>

Discuss the role of music in Mauritian festivals and its significance in Mauritian culture.

**Activity****2****Group Presentation - Design a Mauritian Festival Poster**

Students can design posters and flyers for a Mauritian festival. The poster should be visually appealing and designed to motivate people to attend and participate in the event.

**Key requirements:**

1. Theme: Incorporate elements that reflect the vibrant culture and traditions of Mauritius.
2. Visual appeal: Use colors and images that capture attention and convey the festival's mood.
3. Musical Instruments: Include illustrations or images of Mauritian musical instruments to highlight the musical aspect of the festival.

**Resources and materials**

Audio equipment.

Selected audio/video clips from various Mauritian festivals.

**Teaching trajectories/Implementation backgrounds**

**Activity:** Play a selection of videos in class, representing different Mauritian festivals.

**Class Discussion**

1. Discuss with the students which type of music did they enjoy the most and why? Encourage students to express personal preferences and discuss emotional or rhythmic elements.
2. How was this music different from the music they usually listen to?

Prompt students to consider aspects such as instruments, rhythm, and cultural influences.

3. What can they learn about a culture from its music?

Lead a conversation about how music reflects history, traditions, emotions, and community values.