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Two-page Music-Culture writing exercise

A.K.A “Concert report assignment”

This assignment requires that you apply Mark Slobin and Jeff Tilton’s “Music-Culture” model to analyze a musical event of your choice. Ideally you will attend a live-music show (you can find a list of free recommended ones in the “assignments” tab in Blackboard) but you can also choose to view one digitally either through live-streaming or a past video. If you decide go virtually it can be trickier because you need to find a video that is good enough to provide you with the required elements of both music-culture graphs in the studied article. This means that **no matter how you choose to “attend” this event** the following elements **must be** in your critical assessment of it:

*music	*affect
*performance	*performers
*audience	*community
*space/time	*memory/history

Your write-up must be **at least two pages long, written in 1.5 spacing**. Your grade will be lowered if elements are missing or are not successfully addressed. They can overlap and some of them usually do, it is your job to make this apparent. What is different about community and audience? (for example). Don’t assume I know things, describe this event as if it was for someone in another planet, explain everything that makes this event unique and meaningful, your job is to offer a critical analysis of the particular musical event that you witnessed as being part of a broader cultural system that gives meaning to it. You can write either in prose, talking me through the various aspects of the model, or you can present your story with this event (as detailed and filled with information as possible) and then point out the various elements of the model.

- This assignment is **worth 10% of your final grade** (that is a lot, it’s a letter’s worth difference)
- It also plays a major role in whether or not you’ll be **eligible to do a group research project** instead of a final exam (see syllabus for more info on this)
- It is **due September 12** and will get 10% subtracted of final grade if you deliver it later than this.