

Are You A Music Snob?

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Being a music enthusiast is a great thing, but it can be easy to fall into the trap of becoming a music snob. This can limit your enjoyment of music and alienate others who may have different music tastes. If you want to avoid being a music snob, the following are some things to consider:

Be Respectful of Other People's Music Tastes

Everyone has different tastes in music, and it's important to respect that. Just because someone likes a different genre or artist than you doesn't mean they have bad taste. This mindset can be referred to as "music elitism" - the hatred and disapproval of any other music genre other than those enjoyed by the "elitist". A music elitist will often find themselves in frequent debates and arguments over music and why their own preferences are "correct".

Be Open-Minded

Don't limit yourself to only one genre of music. Be willing to explore and discover new genres and artists that you may have never heard before. There is no such thing as "bad" music. Rather than labeling a song or an artist as "bad", try and find something you can appreciate about the music instead of writing them off. With a more positive mindset, you may be surprised at what you discover.

Don't Be Judgemental

Music is a personal thing, and people often have emotional connections to the music they love. For some, music can be as grand as a sonic experience, and passing judgement can be upsetting and often leave a person offended. Because music can have an emotional connection, passionate music lovers can take it personally, even though the judgement may not be directed towards you. A person should not be identified to their musical tastes.

Don't Use Music to Show Off

As a musician, it's important to be educated and well-versed in all aspects of music. Having proficient knowledge in any subject, music or not, can make you feel confident about yourself, but be careful not to cross the line and become egotistical. Using music to show off your knowledge can potentially come across as condescending and arrogant. Instead use your knowledge of music to educate others in a way that can be appreciated.

Be Humble

Remember that music is subjective. Don't act like you know everything about music - there is always something new to be learned, regardless of how educated you may or not be. The willingness to learn from others will only improve you as a musician, a music analyst, avid listener, etc.

Keeping all of this in mind, you can avoid being a music snob and instead become someone who enjoys and appreciates music for what it is - a form of artistic expression that can connect people in meaningful ways.