

## **What makes live music more exciting than recorded music?**

Live music has a significant impact on the listening experience. Recorded music can provide a similar experience, but it won't always measure up. Live music stimulates stronger emotional responses than recorded music.

The memories of a piece will be stronger if it is heard live, since all five senses are associated with the performance. The smell of the concert hall, the taste of the air, it will all have an emotional association within the mind. This makes the piece more important to a listener, giving it more emotional value. An example of this is the rock band Queen. They would slightly change their music in every concert, making it different than the original record. There was always something new for their audience.

The musicality and feeling put into a piece by a musician will sway the emotions of the audience. The audience can feel the music, see how the musician moves while they play. Does the musician sway with the piece, do they stay still, is it clear that they enjoy this piece? In turn, the audience's emotional response will affect the musician. Does the audience like it? Do they want more? This encourages the musician to play even better to get that response, resulting in a performance with more emotion than the recording.

Live music means more to the audience and to the musician, because it stimulates more emotions in both groups. It creates a strong emotional bond with the music and the musician and the audience.