

THE DANCE MAKER SERIES

Music for the Dance Performance

Music Selection and Cuts

- ⊙ in addition to listening to the radio and watching popular music videos, view shows in musical theater and in films; really listen to the music; if you like it then consider making a dance to it
- ⊙ ask yourself why this selection would be the best for your performance
- ⊙ you may really enjoy listening to a song, but it may not be right for your performance if the tempo is too slow or fast
- ⊙ you will be listening to this piece of music over and over so really invest your time in a selection you like
- ⊙ know your audience; choose music that appeals to the majority of its members or judges if competing
- ⊙ you may select popular music that is known to the audience, yet not overused like a recent top 40's hit
- ⊙ listen to the lyrics and edit any questionable language
- ⊙ select music that is age appropriate for the performer
- ⊙ music with contrasting tempo changes is more interesting than a repetitious beat
- ⊙ clearly define the style of routine to be performed to the music; for example: lyrical, jazz, hip hop, tap, character, etc . . . ; if unsure then choose a different piece