

**PHIL 3512/ PHIL 7512X/ MUS 4960/ MUS 7643X    Philosophy of Music**

**Class Number 3876    Section TR11**

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What is music? How does it relate to silence, sound, and noise? Are musical works or pieces created or discovered? What is the relation between a musical piece and its score, performances, and recordings? Are musical improvisations also compositions in their own right? What is the value of music, and what accounts for its power? Is music a language? What are we to make of talk of music expressing and arousing emotions and other mental states? Are there distinct aesthetics of classical, jazz, rock, and various non-Western musics? Using a variety of musical examples, this class will discuss philosophical issues such as these that pertain to music.

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