

## Further Reading

### Further Learning

### Appreciation in Music

Appreciation refers to the recognition, understanding and enjoyment of the quality or significance of something.

Appreciation in music involves listening attentively or watching a performance and describing it using appropriate music terminologies.

Critical listening involves paying attention to the use of elements of music in a piece of music. It should not just be casual listening, it is listening to identify and critique the use of the elements of music.

A listener is expected to behave in a certain way during critical listening. for example:

- use positive remarks when giving feedback
- maintain silence and avoid activities that distract others
- listen attentively
- observe etiquette by showing respect to the performers and other members of the audience
- make notes
- appreciate the performance by nodding positively or applauding.

A listener should pay attention to the following during the appreciation of the music

- message in the song, folk dance or folk song
- use of elements of music such as texture, melody, form, harmony, dynamics, tempo, pitch, timbre and rhythm
- components and aspects of a folk song and dance; community, participants, costumes, props, ornaments, adornment.
- performance techniques employed such as diction, gestures, tone quality and facial expressions
- performance directions such as dynamics, tempo and style.
- use of instrumental accompaniment.