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THE ROLE OF MUSIC IN THE UKRAINIAN RESISTANCE

РОЛЬ МУЗИКИ В УКРАЇНСЬКОМУ ОПОРИ

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As many worlds exist, so do as many wars. The world has been divided, redistributed, divided again... No state exists eternally: it either joins something, separates, or gets destroyed. The endless division of the world continues. And behind these global cataclysms, someone stands, someone is eager to conquer, subjugate, and possess everything.

Unfortunately, wars are not made by nations, but by individual figures. It's so easy to incite national animosity and so hard to stop bloodshed.

Russia's war against Ukraine has profoundly changed the lives of the Ukrainian people overnight. Putin's aggression is a continuation of centuries-old Russian aggression against the freedom of Ukrainians. Throughout all stages of Ukrainian history, what is happening today has essentially occurred. It just takes on different forms in different times.

Perhaps someone mistakenly believes that war is not a time for songs. But, in reality, songs often lead into battle, help cope with emotions in the most difficult times, and boost morale. Ukrainians are one of the most musical nations in the world, so it's not surprising that our performers and musicians have not only taken up arms to defend the country but also found new inspiration for creativity.

Pain, anger, fear for the future, hatred towards enemies, and love for their country and loved ones – all of this is felt by every Ukrainian. And quite often, internal experiences pour into creativity. For some, a song is an attempt at catharsis, for others – an attempt to experience the horrors of war. And some try to boost the fighting spirit of Ukrainians through songs.

How can music help during war?

Impact on Emotions

People react differently to intense stress. In some, as tension mounts, empathy, joy for life, curiosity, and other feelings are completely shut down, leading to loss of appetite and sleep. They remain in a prolonged, oppressive numbness. In any case, not only casual music lovers but also devout audiophiles mostly do not feel a particular desire to listen to music during wartime. This is normal. Nevertheless, listening can be not only beneficial but even necessary, healing, almost like medicine. The point is that the human nervous system is not always capable of adequately coping with the severe shocks that have become more frequent now, to put it mildly. Favorite music becomes the catalyst that releases suppressed pain, despair, anger, anxiety, and fear. Serious compositions speak directly from the heart. By playing them, you enter into a complex and deeply personal inner dialogue, seeking answers and solutions, delving into yourself, experiencing everything that has happened to you without stifling your emotions.

Restoring Routine

Returning to rituals and daily routines that you were accustomed to in peacetime plays a significant role in supporting mental and physical health. I know that for many, this is now a bit more than unreal – some defend our country, others hide in shelters, some move to safer areas of Ukraine, and others, like me, await the end of the war in emigration. But still, try to find a way to restore at least small elements of your former life; it really reduces stress. Among the favorite activities characteristic of most people, aside from drinking coffee, taking walks, and reading, listening to music should be mentioned.

Resource Mobilization

As is known, music is adept at working with reflexes. Military marches are such an ancient and extensive genre for a reason. For centuries, people who had no idea about musical psychology noticed that certain melodies can evoke a combat mood and surges of courage necessary for battle in soldiers. Do you understand what I'm talking about? It's an excellent stimulant for quickly mobilizing energy in the right direction.

Also, the reaction of Ukrainian musicians to Russian aggression became instantaneous not only in the form of demonstrating a clear civic position. Already in the early days of the war, artists began to release songs that were written with the onset of full-scale Russian invasion.

Mini-review of new Ukrainian songs born during the war:

1. Khristyna Soloviy – Ukrainian Anger

This is a well-known battle hit «Bella Ciao» performed by the Ukrainian artist Khristyna Soloviy. It is believed that the song «Bella Ciao» was loved and sung by participants of the Italian resistance movement against the Nazi regime. The historical accuracy of this fact is not confirmed. However, various versions of this musical piece, which became folk, are known. This does not

detract from the heroic associations and the mobilizing component of the spirit of this anthem. In our case, Khristyna wrote her own text in Ukrainian. The text is sharp, fierce, which gave the appropriate name – «Ukrainian Anger.»

2. Stefania – Kalush Orchestra

This song won at Eurovision 2022 and became a true European hit. After the performance in the final of the competition, the band called to save Mariupol and «Azovstal». «Azov» thanked the band for their support. After the victory, the musicians put their Eurovision trophy and pink bandana up for auction. They sold for almost \$1.3 million, with the funds going to the army.

3. My Relatives» – alyona alyona feat Jerry Heil

«This track is about pain, about longing, about memories and about family warmth. And about what unites all of us, wherever we are,» wrote alyona alyona on her Instagram, talking about her new collaboration with Jerry Heil. It's hard not to agree with her. The song, released just before Easter 2022, became a real symbol of families separated by war. Although the song was created before the Russian invasion and was primarily about lockdown, after its release, the words from this track took on a completely different meaning.

4. Foreign Artists' Support

Winners of Eurovision 2021, the Italian band Maneskin, created a powerful recording in support of Ukraine and Ukrainians, calling for help for refugees worldwide. «How do you sleep at night?» they ask in their track, showing frightening footage of Ukrainian cities destroyed by Russian occupiers in their video. Previously, Eurovision winners canceled concerts in Russia in solidarity with Ukrainians.

5. 2step – an updated version of Ed Sheeran's song

He recorded it with the lead singer of the band «Antytila» Taras Topolia after the full-scale invasion. The filming of the «Ukrainian» part of the video took place in Irpin, Kyiv, and the Kharkiv region, where the band «Antytila» arrived as part of the 130th Territorial Defense Battalion to reinforce the eastern grouping of the ground forces of the Armed Forces of Ukraine. The money generated from the video views on YouTube is directed to the fund of the All-Ukrainian Association of Music Events. The money generated from views on YouTube videos is directed to the fund of the All-Ukrainian Association of Music Events.

In conclusion, it can be noted that the war that broke out in 2022 significantly influenced the Ukrainian music scene, transforming it into an important arena for expressing national identity and shared pain. Music has become not only an entertainment tool but also a powerful instrument of mobilization, unity, and expression of the national spirit. Ukrainian musicians have demonstrated tremendous strength in creativity, creating songs that resonated with the nation's heart, reflecting the tragedy of war, solidarity with the wounded and lost, as well as hope for a peaceful future. Their creativity

has become not only music but also a language of collective struggle and sympathy. The war has also changed the perception and role of music in society, emphasizing its importance as a means of communication, empathy, and expression of collective emotions. Music has become not only a reflection of reality but also a reminder of hope that even in the darkness of war, the light of peace can shine.

Thus, Ukrainian music after the onset of war in 2022 has become a symbol of national resistance, mobilization, and hope for a better future. It continues to play a key role in shaping national identity and supporting the spirit of the nation in the most challenging times.

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МИСТЕЦТВА В ЗАКЛАДАХ ВИЩОЇ ОСВІТИ**

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В умовах сьогодення у сфері музичної культури відбувається оновлення та модернізація окремих виконавських традицій. Саме тому важливо посилити культурну цінність національного музичного мистецтва, що потребує адаптації та трансформації в контексті сучасних світових мистецьких тенденцій з обов'язковим збереженням ключових виконавських традицій. Варто відзначити, що з метою популяризації виконавського мистецтва проводяться численні мистецькі конкурси, фестивалі, проекти, майстер-класи тощо. Відомо, що ансамблеве музикування актуалізує мотиваційні ресурси майбутніх фахівців, розвиває комплекс їхніх здібностей. Гра в ансамблі вимагає від учасника колективу щоденної праці та вдосконалення виконавських умінь задля досягнення гармонійної цілісності, узгодженості з іншими виконавцями.