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My favourite music and series

Hello everybody, I want to welcome you to this presentation of my work. I chose this topic, because, as some of you may already know – I really love music (I can´t sing though, which makes me a bit upset sometimes). The goal I´d like to achieve is to share my passion for music with you, and to tell you, why it´s a very important part of my everyday life. I´ve done this work alone and nobody helped me, because simply, nobody can know more about this topic than I do.

When I was young, I never listened to music, I don´t even think I knew any musicians (which is quite a paradox compared to how many hours I spend listening to music now). The change came in 2nd or 3rd class I think, during music class, when we presented our favourite artists and someone spoke about Tim Bergling, Swedish DJ known as Avicii. I remember we played a lyric video of one of his most famous songs – Hey brother, and I actually loved it. After that, I listened to many of his songs, and he became my number 1 favourite artist, and I think he still is. I´d like to tell you more about him now.

Avicii

Tim was born on 8th September 1989 in Stockholm. He started making music when he was 16. His first and also one of his most famous songs came out in 2011 and it was extremely successful. The song is called Levels, and I believe many of you know it, or at least you heard it sometime. His debut album called ´´True´´ was released in 2013 and was very successful too. Avicii´s probably best song ´´Wake me up´´ and my most favourite one ´´Hey Brother´´ are from this album. In 2015 he released his second album called Stories that immediately became my no.1 favourite. I think it´s the only album in the world, from which I love every single song – I can´t find any bad one there (but it´s just my opinion and you may disagree of course). It was announced that one more album is coming out in June 2019. In the album there´ll be Avicii´s unfinished and unreleased songs. It´ll be called ´´Tim´´ and I am extremely excited to listen to it.

Although Avicii´s songs are full of happiness and positive vibes, his personal life wasn´t really like that. He didn´t do anything other than composing music, performing at his shows or travelling to one of them. He had to deal with a lot of pressure and stress, he also suffered from depression. His lifestyle didn´t really suit

him. All people Tim worked with said that he was an introvert, so he definitely didn´t like the attention that was paid to him. Tim even had to take a break from music in 2016 due to all these problems. Sadly it didn´t help much, because on 20th April 2018 Avicii was found dead in his hotel room in Oman. Police found out, that he committed suicide. Tim was buried on 8th July in Stockholm and now he rests in Skogskyrkogården. At first I didn´t really understand why would he do such thing, but after I watched a movie called Avicii: True Stories, I understood. It is a documentary film about Avicii and it shows exactly what he was going through and that it was too much for him. All his fans around the world miss him, including me. But his awesome music is here forever to bring joy to the world. I believe he was the greatest DJ this world has ever seen. He changed music forever.

His last message for us came out on 20th April 2019 (one year after his death). It says: "Spread positivity through my music, in message and enjoy success but not materialistic success".

I think we should all be like Tim (in the good way of course). He could create depressing songs telling us how bad he felt, like million other artists, but he rather chose to spread positivity and happiness through his music. That´s what made Tim special. Forever in our hearts, minds and ears.

But let´s get to something happier now - think to yourself – what do you think, is the most important part of a song ? Is it the tune, or the text ? If I´d ask you, I think the answers would vary. But in my opinion, it´s the lyrics, that make any song as good, as it potentially is. In many songs that I like, there are so many interesting thoughts and quotes in them. You get much more from the song, when you pay attention to what the artist wants to tell you, than when you just ´´listen´´. I actually wouldn´t be able to get the most from any song, if I couldn´t speak English, because I don´t listen to any Czech songs. I don´t really know why. In my opinion every song in English sounds much cooler and the meanings seem deeper than in Czech.

Also I´m getting to the next topic (which is about how music affects ME, so you may not agree with everything that I say. But I believe some of you might understand) I want to tell you about – it may sound weird, but actually, music affects my mood in many ways. This is also related to a fact, that I listen to different kind of music when I´m happy, sad or sleepy – I mean, whatever I need to do, there´s a type of song that suits that particular situation. For example, when I´m sad I never listen to happy songs. It´s not a clever thing to do, I know, but many of you do the same thing, don´t you ? It really doesn´t help, but you simply can´t resist when you feel miserable. Also, every sad song I know has a beautiful text that might be about something that makes you sad so you can eventually see yourself in it. On the other hand, when I wake up happy, I tune to some great happy song with positive vibes and a perfect day can start, because happy songs can really boost your mood. Also I can´t imagine travelling without music – it´s so cool when you look out of the window of your car, listen to your favourite songs and you can imagine that you are in the music video of that particular song. Especially rainy days are great for this. I could talk about these little things forever, but I believe you all know them very well by yourself.

I don´t have many favourite artists, but there are two more that I´m going to tell you about now.

Ed Sheeran

Edward Christopher Sheeran (everybody calls him just Ed Sheeran) was born on 17th February 1991 in Halifax, England. Besides being a singer and a songwriter, Ed is also a guitarist (as you can hear in many of his songs) and an actor in National Youth Theatre. He released his first album ´´+´´ in September 2011. The most famous song from this album is – without discussion - ´´The A Team´´. His second album ´´x´´ came out in June 2014 and it won the 2015 Brit Award for ´´The album of the year´´. In this album, there are more world famous songs – for example the two Grammy Awards winning ´´Thinking Out Loud´´, ´´Photograph´´, and my two favourites ´´Tenerife Sea´´ and of course - ´´I See Fire´´
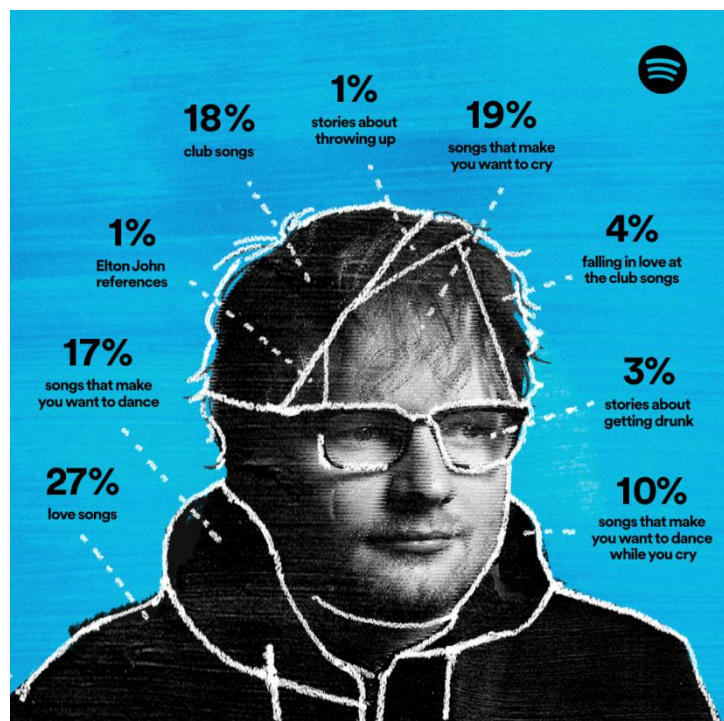
that appeared at the end of a movie The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug. Ed released his newest album ´´÷´´ In March 2017 and it was enormously successful all over the world – it even became the best-selling album of 2017 worldwide. I believe all of you heard the most famous song of this album ´´Shape Of You´´ at least a hundred times. But ´´Divide´´ isn´t only about Shape of you, there are many more famous songs - ´´Perfect´´, ´´Castle on the hill´´, ´´Galway Girl´´ and ´´Happier´´. You definitely know at least one of them.

This year, Ed finishes his Divide tour that began in March 2017. One of his shows takes place in Prague, and I´ll be there. I´m looking forward to it so much. It´s going to be my first big concert that I´m going to attend, and it´s going to be this big.

Imagine Dragons

I´ve only talked about individuals, but there´s one band that I´d like to tell you about. I believe all of you know Imagine Dragons. It´s a four member band from Las Vegas – the USA. The Imagine Dragons were based in 2008 by Dan Reynolds – the lead singer of the band. The other members are guitarist Wayne Sermon, bassist Ben McKee and drummer Daniel Platzman.

Their debut album ´´Night Visions´´ came out in 2012. There are only two worldwide known songs – ´´Radioactive´´ and ´´Demons´´ (I think you know both), otherwise the album is not so well known. Second Imagine Dragons album was released in 2015 (but they were working on it from 2014-2016) under the name Smoke + Mirrors. You might know song ´´Warriors´´ and ´´Shots´´. The other songs aren´t as good as these and I don´t think they need to be mentioned. Imagine Dragons biggest success came in 2017 when album ´´Evolve´´ was released. If you didn´t know any of the songs that I mentioned before, I think you are going to recognize these 100%. The first and second singles of this album are ´´Believer´´ and ´´Thunder´´, that were extremely successful and all of you know them very well I think. ´´Evolve´´ also includes my most favourite Imagine Dragons song ´´Whatever It Takes´´, or for example ´´Walking The Wire´´ or ´´Mouth of the River´´. Their last one album ´´Origins´´ at the moment came out in 2018. In my opinion it´s a bit better than ´´Evolve´´, but both are awesome. The first single of this album is

called ´´Natural´´ and it is stunning and definitely the best song from ´´Origins´´. The other great songs that you could know are ´´Bad Liar´´, ´´Zero´´, or ´´West Coast´´, that is one of my favourites.

Movies and series

Now I am getting to the second part of my work – Movies and series. Like everyone, I like to go to the cinema with my friends sometimes to see some new interesting movies. But otherwise, I´m not really into movies, in fact I don´t watch any on television. On the other hand – I love series, for example the funny ones like The Simpsons or Modern Family, or the more serious ones like American Horror Story, Stranger Things or 13 Reasons Why. And I´m going to tell you more about this one now.

13 Reasons Why

My most favourite TV series is called 13 Reasons Why. It is based on a novel Thirteen Reasons Why by American writer Jay Asher. 13rw came out in 2017 on Netflix. There are currently two seasons with the third one coming out this year.

The story is about a girl called Hannah Baker ,who killed herself. I can´t tell you why she did it, because I´d completely spoil you the whole series. Let´s say she had some problems and nobody helped her. But before she did it, she recorded the ´´reasons´´ on tapes. She made 7 tapes, six of them had two sides, so two stories, two reasons why. The last one had only one side – one reason. That is why the series is called 13 Reasons Why. Each story is about a person, some are friends, some are not, who hurt her, or who didn´t help her enough – Every person on the tapes is the reason why.

Two weeks after Hannah´s death, Clay Jensen, one of Hannah´s friends (or maybe not, you have to watch it to find out), finds a mysterious box in front of his door. Yeah, you are guessing right – there are Hannah´s tapes inside it.

In every episode, Clay listens to one story, travels to places where the stories take place and replays his memories of Hannah inside his head.

I won´t tell you more about the story, because I do not want to spoil it for you, but I can tell you something more about the actors. I think they did a great job, because their roles were really believable and they felt like actual people, not just like ´´characters´´. The series also talk about serious problems of modern world – mental problems, suicide and rape – sadly this all happens to Hannah.

Actors

Hannah is played by [Katherine Langford](#) (*1996, Perth, Australia), who was nominated on a Golden Globe award for her role. She didn´t play in any other famous movie or TV show. She should have appeared in Avengers: Endgame, but her scene was deleted.

Clay was portrayed by [Dylan Minette](#) (*1996, Evansville, Indiana, USA). 13 Reasons why is also Dylan´s biggest role.

My most favourite actress of the whole series is [Alisha Boe](#) (*1997, Oslo, Norway), that played a role of Jessica Davis, she also appeared for example in a movie Paranormal Activity 4, and TV shows Modern Family or Ray Donovan.

And at last, my most favourite actor of the whole series – [Ross Butler](#) (*1990, Queenstown, Singapore), who portrayed Zach Dempsey. For example, he also played in Netflix series Riverdale, and appeared in movie Shazam!

I´d like to thank you for listening to me, I really enjoyed making this work, I definitely found out some new stuff about my favourite musicians and actors. In my opinion this is one of the best works (and surely the longest one) that I´ve ever done, so I hope you enjoyed it at least a little bit and that maybe I inspired you to try some music that I like, or in trying to watch 13 Reasons Why.

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