

Music biography questionnaire

First name & Surname of the interviewee

Location (City) & Date

Date of birth of the interviewee

First name & Surname of the interviewer

Name of the institution (e.g. residential home)

Job of the interviewer (e.g. carer...)

Singing

1. Did you enjoy singing in the past?

2. With whom did you sing in the past?

[Family (parents, siblings, grandparents, children, grandchildren, partner), choir, school, friends...]

3. On which occasions did you sing in the past?

(at parties, hiking, sports, around the campfire, in church, at bedtime, at war...)

4. What kind of songs did you use to sing in the past?

(Folk and children's songs, pop songs, chansons, choral music, opera/operetta songs, folk music, singer-songwriter songs, pop/country/folk songs, gospel, church songs, local songs...)

5. Do you still enjoy singing today? If so, where and with whom?

6. What occasions do you have to sing today?

(Music group, choir, celebrations, church, music therapy, singing along while radio listening...)

7. What kind of songs do you like to sing today?

8. Which were your favorite songs in the past?

9. Which are your favorite songs today?

Listening to music

1. Did you like/often listen to music in the past?

2. On which occasions did you listen to music in the past?

(radio, records, CDs, live concerts, at celebrations/parties, in church, in the pub...)

3. What kind of music did you prefer to listening to in the past?

(hits, folk music, singer-songwriters, pop music, rock music, classical music, sacred music, opera music, Irish music, jazz, country, gospel, film music...)

4. Do you still enjoy listening to music today?

5. On which occasions do you listen to music today?

6. What kind of music do you like to listen to these days?

7. Name some pieces of music that are important for you today.

[e.g. pop songs (Frank Sinatra, Roy Black, Caterina Valente...), rock music (Elvis Presley...), classical pieces (e.g. Mozart's Kleine Nachtmusik, Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata...), folk songs...]

8. Which music programs on TV and radio did you like to watch/listen to in the past?

(Eurovision Song Contest ...)

9. Which music programs on TV and radio do you like to watch/listen to today?

10. Which music cheers you up?

11. Are there any instruments that you particularly enjoy listening to?

Dancing

1. Did you like dancing in the past?

2. On which occasions did you like to dance in the past?
(dance school, folk dance group, disco, senior dance, celebrations...)

3. Which dances did you like to dance/do you like to dance?
(Foxtrott, Cha-Cha-Cha, Walzer, Blues, Tango, Rock'n Roll, Lindy-Hop, Folk dances...)

4. Are there any opportunities for dancing today? Would you like to dance?

Making music

1. Have you learned to play an instrument? If yes, where (music school?) & which one?
For how long?

2. Has anyone in your family played an instrument? If so, which one?

3. With whom and where did you play music in the past?
(in the family, alone, in the orchestra (e.g. wind or string orchestra), in the band (e.g. brass band), in the (string) quartet, in church...)

4. What kind of music did you particularly enjoy playing?
(brass band music, classical, baroque, pop music, rock music, film music, folk music...)

5. Does your instrument still exist? If yes, with whom/where is it stored?

6. When and where did you last play it?

7. Would you like to try it playing again?

Last but not least

In which phases of your life has music played a particularly important role?
(with your children, at a date, at special celebrations, to overcome crises, in war...)
