

Music Performance Critique

Use the following questions as a guide to gather information for your critique. Feel free to come up with any of your own questions for yourself. Sometimes critiques take some research so that you do not write false information. For Example: The name of the lyricist may be difficult to find but not impossible. Approach this assignment as if you were a reporter for a newspaper. Therefore you will need to present your critique with a title for your column. *Eg. Ura's Rockin' Rastaview*

- What is/are the name(s) of the song(s) being performed?
- What is the name of the artist(s)?
- What is the name of the composer(s)?
- Who is the lyricist (if needed)?
- What is the approximate date it was composed or recorded. (may be approximate)
- Where did the performance take place?
- If it was a live performance, how was the attendance?
- What was the instrumentation (number and names of all instruments)?
- What style of music was it? Eg. Pop, reggae, baroque, blues etc.
- Was there anything about the performance that impressed you? Why?
- Did you enjoy this performance? Why?
- Does this music remind you of other music? Why?
- Would you recommend this artist to anyone? Why?
- If you do not like this/these artist(s) personally, in what situation could you hear this music or artist being successful? Eg. Some electronic music or artists are not successful on the radio but find a market in video games or underground club market.

Once you have answered all of the questions, write a music review (good copy) in **paragraph form**. No point form on the good copy. Spelling and grammar count. If you do not follow the format, you will be jeopardizing your mark. This review does require that you state your opinion. So use the following statements types:

- The performer* was.....because.....
- The audience responded to
- He/she effectively because.....

Don't use I liked them because.....

The above are just ideas and examples. You should have your own words and

I am looking for **quality not quantity.**