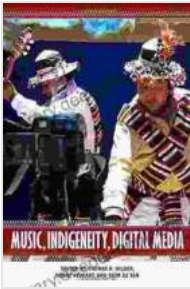


# Music Indigeneity Digital Media Eastman Rochester Studies Ethnomusicology

This article explores the intersection of music, indigeneity, and digital media, examining how digital technologies are transforming the ways in which Indigenous music is created, disseminated, and consumed. Through case studies and theoretical analysis, the article sheds light on the complex and evolving relationship between digital media and Indigenous musical practices.



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## Music and Indigeneity

Music is a central part of Indigenous cultures around the world. It is used to tell stories, pass on traditions, and connect with the spiritual world. Indigenous music is often characterized by its use of traditional instruments, its incorporation of natural sounds, and its focus on community participation.

In recent years, digital technologies have begun to play an increasingly important role in the creation, dissemination, and consumption of Indigenous music. These technologies have given Indigenous musicians new ways to create and record their music, and have made it easier for them to share their music with a global audience.

## **Digital Media and Indigenous Music**

Digital media can be used to support Indigenous musical practices in a variety of ways. For example, digital audio workstations can be used to record and edit music, and music notation software can be used to create and share musical scores. Digital media can also be used to create online archives of Indigenous music, and to develop educational resources about Indigenous musical traditions.

However, the use of digital media in Indigenous musical practices is not without its challenges. One challenge is that digital technologies can be expensive, and this can make it difficult for Indigenous musicians to access the resources they need to create and share their music. Another challenge is that digital technologies can be seen as a threat to traditional Indigenous musical practices. Some Indigenous musicians worry that digital technologies will lead to the loss of traditional musical knowledge and skills.

## **Case Studies**

To illustrate the complex and evolving relationship between digital media and Indigenous musical practices, this article presents two case studies. The first case study examines the use of digital media in the creation of Indigenous hip-hop music. The second case study examines the use of digital media in the revitalization of a traditional Indigenous language.

## **Case Study 1: Indigenous Hip-Hop Music**

Indigenous hip-hop music is a genre of music that combines elements of hip-hop with traditional Indigenous musical styles. Indigenous hip-hop artists often use their music to address social and political issues facing Indigenous communities.

Digital media has played a central role in the development of Indigenous hip-hop music. Digital audio workstations have made it possible for Indigenous hip-hop artists to create and record their music at a high quality. Social media platforms have made it easier for Indigenous hip-hop artists to share their music with a global audience.

One of the most successful Indigenous hip-hop artists is A Tribe Called Red. A Tribe Called Red is a Canadian group that has been making music since 2008. The group's music combines elements of hip-hop, powwow, and electronica. A Tribe Called Red has released four albums and has toured extensively throughout North America.

## **Case Study 2: Revitalization of a Traditional Indigenous Language**

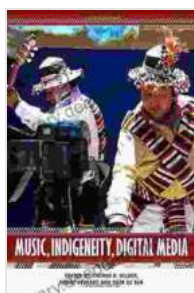
The revitalization of traditional Indigenous languages is a complex and challenging task. However, digital media can play a role in this process. For example, digital language archives can be used to store and share recordings of traditional Indigenous languages. Digital language learning apps can be used to help people learn Indigenous languages.

One example of a successful language revitalization project is the work of the Maori language revitalization movement in New Zealand. The Maori language is one of the official languages of New Zealand, but it is spoken by only a small percentage of the population. The Maori language

revitalization movement has used digital media to help promote the Maori language and to make it more accessible to learners.

The Maori language revitalization movement has created a number of digital resources, including a Maori language website, a Maori language app, and a Maori language dictionary. These resources have helped to make the Maori language more accessible to learners and have contributed to the revitalization of the Maori language.

Digital media is having a profound impact on the creation, dissemination, and consumption of Indigenous music. While digital media can be a valuable tool for supporting Indigenous musical practices, it is important to be aware of the challenges that digital media can pose. By understanding the complex and evolving relationship between digital media and Indigenous musical practices, we can ensure that digital media is used to support and promote Indigenous musical traditions.

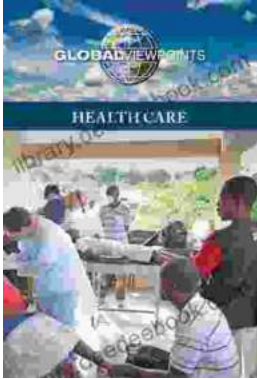


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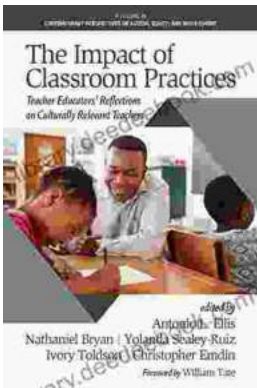
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