



Music Styles of the Middle East

Middle Eastern Rights Association

Assyrian Debke (cultural dance – Assyrian [Iraq/Syria/Iran/Lebanon])

- ▶ Juliana Jendo “Bagie”

<https://youtu.be/gIIWnhIp5Vs>



Bollywood (India – Hindi)

- ▶ “Channa Mereya” from the Movie Ae Dil Hai Mushkil

<https://youtu.be/bzSTpdcs-EI>

- ▶ “Mahi Ve” from the movie Kal Ho Na Ho

https://youtu.be/Z2g_5a8TsmQ



Egyptian Sha3be (Arabic)

- ▶ Mahmood El Lithy “Inta Ya Inta”

<https://youtu.be/M7OspTogDM0>



Kurdish Pop and Debke (Kurdistan–North Iraq/West Turkey)

- ▶ Helly Luv “Revolution”

<https://youtu.be/fLMtTQsiW6I>

- ▶ Jamshid “Tan’nek”

<https://youtu.be/y6Oy9gjQ3co>



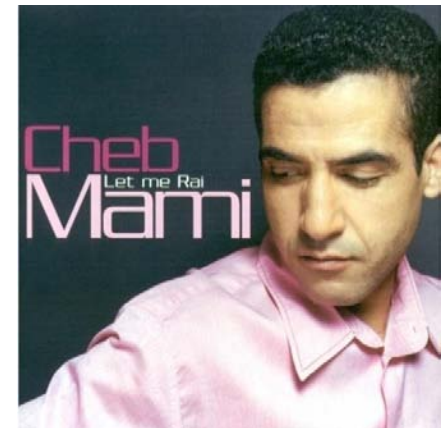
Lebanese Pop (Arabic)

- ▶ Nancy Ajram “Ah We Nos”
- ▶ <https://youtu.be/Zgz8ybG6l-U>



North African Rai (Arabic)

- ▶ Cheb Mami with Sting “Desert Rose”
<https://youtu.be/3gzqsmx1KGU>
- ▶ Cheb Khaled “C’est La Vie” [notice French influence]
<https://youtu.be/H7rhMqTQ4WI>



Palestinian Debke (traditional dance – Arabic)

- ▶ Mohammad Asaf “Ali El Koufia”

<https://youtu.be/yF0xgLQoth8>



Persian Electronic (Farsi)

- ▶ Mohsen Yegane “Sokoot”

<https://youtu.be/b3KbwccPDgY>

- ▶ Bahador Karazmi “Too In Zamoone”

https://youtu.be/5_t0ZESbOPU



Uzbek Pop (Farsi)

- ▶ Shahzoda “Layli va Majnoon”

<https://youtu.be/JgqHsHxa-6I>



Discussion Questions

- ▶ Which songs did you enjoy and why?
 - ▶ Had you heard any of these songs previously?
 - ▶ Which songs sound more similar to popular US music?
 - ▶ What similarities do you notice in music styles?
 - ▶ Do the different languages sound similar or different?
 - ▶ Can you tell from listening which language someone is speaking?
 - ▶ Can you determine what country (s)he comes from by listening to their language? by their photo?
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