

15. Using Contrapuntal sound

As copyright-free, professional soundtrack music becomes available (See LearningNI website plus other cheaply available collections), you should encourage your students to use this in their work. Music can be used for a plethora of reasons, comic or tragic effect, to drive action or mislead the audience. Make every effort to ensure your students do not choose wholly inappropriate music because it happens to be their favourite.

In film sound is sometimes used to create an opposite (counterpoint) of the image. Such as the poignant use of Louis Armstrong's 'What a wonderful world' as troops head to danger in 'Good Morning Vietnam'.

Robert deNiro in his directorial debut 'A Bronx Tale' chose the Moody Blues 'Nights in white satin' to carry a fight scene between Italian and Black gangs.