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### Islamic Stance on Music [■]

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Music has been so normalized that “scholars” have even misguided people on it. May Allah forgive us and guide us, aameen.

This will be a long but informative thread on this topic, in shaa’ Allah

Ibn Masud (rAa) said about this ayah: “It is singing, by the one and only God” he repeated it 3x (Tafsir Tabari 11/61)

Ibn Abbas says the same thing (recorded in Adab Al Mufrad), so do Jabir Ibn Abdillah and Ibn Umar. As well as Ibn Abbas’ father (radhiAllahu ‘anhum)

وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَنْ يَشْتَرِي لَهْوَ  
 الْحَدِيثِ لِيُضِلَّ عَنْ سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ  
 بِغَيْرِ عِلْمٍ وَيَتَّخِذَهَا هُزُوًا ۚ أُولَٰئِكَ  
 لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ مُّهِينٌ ﴿٦﴾

But there are some who employ theatrics,<sup>1</sup> only to lead others away from Allah's Way—without any knowledge—and to make a mockery of it. They will suffer a humiliating punishment.

— Dr. Mustafa Khattab, the Clear Quran

The scholars of tafsir regarding the voice (of Iblis):

Mujahid: It is singing, flutes, distraction, falsehood (Tafsir Tabari 15/81)

Hasan Al-Basri: It's the duff and the flute (Tafsir Samani 3/258)

وَأَسْتَفْزِرُ مَنِ اسْتَطَعْتَ مِنْهُمْ بِصَوْتِكَ

وَأَجْلِبُ عَلَيْهِمْ بِخَيْلِكَ وَرَجِلِكَ

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وَشَارِكُهُمْ فِي الْأَمْوَالِ وَالْأَوْلَادِ وَعِدُّهُمْ

وَمَا يَعِدُّهُمْ الشَّيْطَانُ إِلَّا عُرُورًا ﴿٦٤﴾

And incite whoever you can of them with your voice, mobilize against them all your cavalry and infantry, manipulate them in their wealth and children, and make them promises." But Satan promises them nothing but delusion.

— Dr. Mustafa Khattab, the Clear Quran

Ibn Abbas said: It is singing. Upon hearing the Quran, they (the mushrikeen of makkah) used to sing and play. (Tafsir Tabari 13/82)

Mujahid also says the same thing in Talbis Iblis by Ibn Jawzi (p. 231)

53:61

وَأَنْتُمْ سَمِدُونَ ﴿٦١﴾

while persisting in heedlessness?

— Dr. Mustafa Khattab, the Clear Quran

Ibn Abbas said: The Quraysh would make tawaf around the kabah naked while whistling and clapping.

Mujahid said: They used to oppose the Prophet ﷺ while making tawaf by whistling and clapping, trying to confuse him during tawaf and prayer

Ighathat Lahfan (2/274-275)

8:35

وَمَا كَانَ صَلَاتُهُمْ عِنْدَ الْبَيْتِ إِلَّا مُكَاءً  
وَتَصْدِيَةً ۚ فَذُوقُوا الْعَذَابَ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ  
تَكْفُرُونَ ﴿٣٥﴾

And their prayer at the House [i.e., the Ka'bah] was not except whistling and handclapping. So taste the punishment for what you disbelieved [i.e., practiced of deviations].

— Saheeh International

The word {■■■■■} is again mentioned in these verses. The sahaba said lahwah hadith is talking about music. The same word is used generally in the Quran in these verses. People look to music for amusement/entertainment, that which is forbidden.

6:70

وَذَرِ الَّذِينَ اتَّخَذُوا دِينَهُمْ لَعِبًا وَهَوًّا  
وَغَرَّتْهُمْ الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا وَذَكَّرَ بِهِ أَنْ  
تُبْسَلَ نَفْسٌ بِمَا كَسَبَتْ<sup>ص</sup> لَيْسَ لَهَا مِنْ  
دُونِ اللَّهِ وَلِيٌّ وَلَا شَفِيعٌ<sup>ج</sup> وَإِنْ تَعْدِلْ كُلُّ  
عَدْلٍ لَا يُؤْخَذُ مِنْهَا<sup>ط</sup> أُولَئِكَ الَّذِينَ أُبْسِلُوا  
بِمَا كَسَبُوا<sup>ج</sup> لَهُمْ شَرَابٌ مِّنْ حَمِيمٍ  
وَعَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ<sup>ع</sup> بِمَا كَانُوا يَكْفُرُونَ ﴿٧٠﴾

Ibn Qasim (rahimahuLLah) said "I asked Malik (Ibn Anas) about singing. He said: Allah the Highest said: \*quoted Surah Yunus verse 32\*

Then he said "Is it Haqq (truth)?"

Tafsir Al Qurtubi (14/52)

10:32

فَذَلِكُمْ اللَّهُ رَبُّكُمُ الْحَقُّ ۖ فَمَاذَا بَعَدَ  
الْحَقِّ إِلَّا الضَّلَالُ ۚ فَأَنَّى تُصْرَفُونَ



That is Allah—your True Lord. So what is beyond the truth except falsehood? How can you then be turned away?"

— Dr. Mustafa Khattab, the Clear Quran

Ibn Hajar completed the chain of this hadith, it was narrated by Abu Malik Al Ashari rAa.

Narrated Abu 'Amir or Abu Malik Al-Ash'ari:

that he heard the Prophet saying, "From among my followers there will be some people who will consider illegal sexual intercourse, the wearing of *silk*, the drinking of *alcoholic* drinks and the use of *musical instruments*, as lawful. And there will be some people who will stay near the side of a mountain and in the evening their shepherd will come to them with their sheep and ask them for something, but they will say to him, 'Return to us tomorrow.' Allah will destroy them during the night and will let the mountain fall on them, and He will transform the rest of them into monkeys and pigs and they will remain so till the Day of Resurrection."

وَقَالَ هِشَامُ بْنُ عَمَّارٍ حَدَّثَنَا صَدَقَةُ بْنُ خَالِدٍ،  
حَدَّثَنَا عَبْدُ الرَّحْمَنِ بْنُ يَزِيدَ بْنِ جَابِرٍ، حَدَّثَنَا  
عَطِيَّةُ بْنُ قَيْسٍ الْكِلَابِيُّ، حَدَّثَنَا عَبْدُ الرَّحْمَنِ بْنُ  
غَنِمِ الْأَشْعَرِيِّ، قَالَ حَدَّثَنِي أَبُو عَامِرٍ - أَوْ أَبُو مَالِكٍ  
- الْأَشْعَرِيُّ وَاللَّهُ مَا كَذَّبَنِي سَمِعَ النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ  
عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَقُولُ " لَيَكُونَنَّ مِنْ أُمَّتِي أَقْوَامٌ  
يَسْتَحِلُّونَ الْحِرَّ وَالْحَرِيرَ وَالْحُمْرَ وَالْمَعَارِفَ، وَلَيَنْزِلَنَّ  
أَقْوَامٌ إِلَى جَنْبِ عِلْمٍ يَرُوحُ عَلَيْهِمْ بِسَارِحَةٍ لَهُمْ،  
يَأْتِيهِمْ - يَعْنِي الْفَقِيرَ - لِحَاجَةٍ فَيَقُولُوا ارْجِعْ إِلَيْنَا  
غَدًا. فَيُبَيِّتُهُمُ اللَّهُ وَيَضَعُ الْعِلْمَ، وَيَمْسَحُ آخِرِينَ  
قَرْدَةً وَخَنَازِيرَ إِلَى يَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ "

Prophet ■ warns us about the bell

❁ Umm Salamah, the wife of the Prophet [SAW], said:

"I heard the Messenger of Allah [SAW] say: 'The angels do not enter a house in which there is a small *bell*, or a *bell*, and the angels do not accompany groups of people who have *bells* with them.'"

❁ أَخْبَرَنَا يُوسُفُ بْنُ سَعِيدٍ بْنِ مُسْلِمٍ، قَالَ حَدَّثَنَا حَجَّاجٌ، عَنِ ابْنِ جُرَيْجٍ، قَالَ أَخْبَرَنِي سُلَيْمَانُ بْنُ بَابِيهِ، مَوْلَى آلِ نَوْفَلٍ أَنَّ أُمَّ، سَلَمَةَ زَوْجَ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَتْ سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَقُولُ " لَا تَدْخُلُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ بَيْتًا فِيهِ جُلُجُلٌ وَلَا جَرَسٌ وَلَا تَصْحَبُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ رُفْقَةً فِيهَا جَرَسٌ . "

**Grade: Sahih**

(Darussalam)

**Reference**

In-book reference

English translation

: Sunan an-Nasa'i 5222

: Book 48, Hadith 183

: Vol. 6, Book 48, Hadith 5224

Prophet ■ warns us about drums

✽ Narrated Abdullah ibn Amr ibn al-'As:

The Prophet (saws) forbade wine (khamr), game of chance (maysir), **drum** (kubah), and wine made from millet (ghubayrah), saying: Every intoxicant is forbidden. Abu Dawud said: Ibn Sallam Abu 'Ubaid said: Ghubairah was an intoxicant liquor made from millet. This wine was made by the Abyssinians

✽ حَدَّثَنَا مُوسَى بْنُ إِسْمَاعِيلَ، حَدَّثَنَا حَمَّادٌ، عَنْ مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ إِسْحَاقَ، عَنْ يَزِيدَ بْنِ أَبِي حَبِيبٍ، عَنِ الْوَلِيدِ بْنِ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ، عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ عَمْرٍو، أَنَّ نَبِيَّ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ نَهَى عَنِ الْخَمْرِ وَالْمَيْسِرِ وَالْكُوبَةِ وَالْغُبَيْرَاءِ وَقَالَ " كُلُّ مُسْكِرٍ حَرَامٌ ". قَالَ أَبُو دَاوُدَ قَالَ ابْنُ سَلَامٍ أَبُو عُبَيْدٍ الْغُبَيْرَاءُ السُّكْرَكَةُ تَعْمَلُ مِنَ الذُّرَةِ شَرَابٌ يَعْمَلُهُ الْحَبَشَةُ .

**Grade: Sahih** (Al-Albani)

**حكم : صحيح**  
(الألباني)

Similar hadith to the one in bukhari

It was narrated from Abu Malik Ash'ari that the Messenger of Allah (saw) said:

"People among my nation will *drink wine, calling* it by another *name*, and musical instruments will be played for them and singing girls (will sing for them). Allah will cause the earth to swallow them up, and will turn them into monkeys and pigs."

حَدَّثَنَا عَبْدُ اللَّهِ بْنُ سَعِيدٍ، حَدَّثَنَا مَعْنُ بْنُ عِيسَى،  
عَنْ مُعَاوِيَةَ بْنِ صَالِحٍ، عَنْ حَاتِمِ بْنِ حَرْثٍ، عَنْ  
مَالِكِ بْنِ أَبِي مَرْيَمَ، عَنْ عَبْدِ الرَّحْمَنِ بْنِ غَنَمٍ  
الْأَشْعَرِيِّ، عَنْ أَبِي مَالِكٍ الْأَشْعَرِيِّ، قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ  
اللَّهِ - صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ - " لَيَشْرَبَنَّ نَاسٌ مِنْ  
أُمَّتِي الْخَمْرَ يُسَمُّونَهَا بِغَيْرِ اسْمِهَا يُعْزَفُ عَلَى رُءُوسِهِمْ  
بِالْمَعَازِفِ وَالْمُغَنِّيَاتِ يَخْسِفُ اللَّهُ بِهِمُ الْأَرْضَ  
وَيَجْعَلُ مِنْهُمْ الْقِرَدَةَ وَالْخَنَازِيرَ " .

**Grade: Hasan**

(Darussalam)

<b>Reference</b>	: Sunan Ibn Majah 4020
In-book reference	: Book 36, Hadith 95
English translation	: Vol. 5, Book 36, Hadith 4020



✽ Abu Huraira reported Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him) as saying. Allah fixed the very portion of **adultery** which a man will indulge in. There would be no escape from it. The **adultery** of the eye is the lustful look and the **adultery** of the **ears** is listening to voluptuous (song or talk) and the **adultery** of the tongue is licentious speech and the **adultery** of the hand is the lustful grip (embrace) and the **adultery** of the feet is to walk (to the place) where he intends to commit **adultery** and the heart yearns and desires which he may or may not put into effect.

✽ حَدَّثَنَا إِسْحَاقُ بْنُ مَنْصُورٍ، أَخْبَرَنَا أَبُو هِشَامٍ  
الْمَخْزُومِيُّ، حَدَّثَنَا وَهَيْبٌ، حَدَّثَنَا سُهَيْلُ بْنُ أَبِي  
صَالِحٍ، عَنْ أَبِيهِ، عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى  
اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ " كُتِبَ عَلَى ابْنِ آدَمَ نَصِيبُهُ مِنَ  
الزَّنى مُدْرِكُ ذَلِكَ لَا مَحَالَةَ فَالْعَيْنَانِ زِنَاهُمَا النَّظَرُ  
وَالْأُذُنَانِ زِنَاهُمَا الْإِسْتِمَاعُ وَاللِّسَانُ زِنَاهُ الْكَلَامُ  
وَالْيَدُ زِنَاهَا الْبَطْشُ وَالرَّجُلُ زِنَاهَا الْخُطَا وَالْقَلْبُ  
يَهْوَى وَيَتَمَنَّى وَيُصَدِّقُ ذَلِكَ الْفَرْجُ وَيُكَذِّبُهُ "

Quran and Sunnah are clear about this issue. Now, let's see if the 4 madhabs follow, starting with the hanafis.

"Abu Hanifa, he used to hate singing and considered it among the sinful acts. Same as Sufyan, Hammad, Ibrahim, Shabi and others."

This was reported in Talbis Iblis p. 282 and Ighathat Lahfan 1/348

"Abu Hanifah regarding this is from the strictest opinions...

They explicitly mentioned that it's a sin and the one who engages in it is a fasiq whose testimony is rejected... seeking pleasure is disbelief"

"Abu Yusuf said regarding a house which has music coming from it, Enter upon them without permission for forbidding evil is obligatory." Ibid

It's permissible to smash other people's instruments in the hanafi madhab as Ibn Abidin explains in Hashiyat (5/575)

"The testimony of the one who sings to people is rejected because he gathering people for a major sin"

Al Bidayah by Al-Marghinani (3/137)

Malikis say the same: When Imam malik was asked, he said "only the sinners amongst us do it" (Talbis Iblis p. 229)

The same is brought by Al Sahnun in Al-Mudawwanah Al Kubra (11/421) and by Shaykh Al Islam Abu Tayyib At-Tabari in Ar-Radd ala man yuhibbus-sama (p. 30)

Dusuqi says "Listening to songs is prohibited if they incite ones desire, contain bad words or accompanied by instruments

This can be found in his hashiyat (2/327)

Shafii madhab: Shafii said, "Singing is a hated distraction. It resembles falsehood and idleness. Whoever does it a lot is foolish and their testimony is rejected." Sunan Al Bayhaqi (10/322)

Abu Ishaq Shirazi says that it's haram when accompanied by instruments and beating of the duff is allowed on special occasions which is the exception. Al-Baghawi says the same thing.

Ahmad Ibn Hanbal said singing makes hypocrisy grow in the heart. (Al-Amr bilMaruf wanNahi anil Munkar 164)

he also said "the flute, pipe, sorna (woodwind instrument), mandolin, lute, rebec and its likes are haram" Talbis Iblis p. 301

The third type of proof is ijma, which is also found. Al Qurtubi cites ijma in this tafsir under surah 31:6. Ibn Hajar says some scholars have relayed ijma on this issue, in Fath Al Bari - Bab Al Hiram.

Ibn Taymiyah cites ijma of 4 schools (Majmu 11/576)

Ibn Qudamah: Musical instruments such as the mandolin, flute etc are instruments of sin by consensus (Mughni 9/115)

Ibn Nujaim Al Hanafi: Al-Bazzazi reported in Al Manaqib consensus regarding prohibition of singing with an instrument (Bahr Raiq 7/89)

Other scholars such as Ibn Al Qayyim and Al-Ajurri also cited ijma. Albani rh cites ijma of 4 schools like Ibn Taymiyah.

Al-Qadhi Iyyadh went extreme and said whoever denies its prohibition is disbeliever. (Sharh Al Muntaha 9/358)

SubhanAllah

Alhamdulillah, from the information above it's quite clear that music is prohibited. Since there is a tantamount of evidence from the Quran, sunnah along with some many citations of ijma, any speech of a mujtahid against this is disregarded, whether it's Ibn Hazm or otherwise.

With that being said, there are exceptions to the rule. If the singing is not women to men, doesn't contain bad words and doesn't include instruments, it's permissible as long it's not excessive. And we have narrations on special occasions for women playing duff and singing.

This singing for women is only amongst themselves though. Lullabies for babies are also included in this type of singing. and Allah knows best.

That's the end of the thread, if I said something wrong, it's from me and shaytan and Allah SWT and His messenger ﷺ are free from it.

May Allah protect us from sin (especially that of music). May Allah grant us guidance and increase all of us in beneficial knowledge and righteousness. Ameen