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Posted by The Angry Gnome - 2007/08/13 00:48

Well, being new, i didn't want to start a thread on a subject that had already been discussed to death, but i didn't seem to see it in your guys' history.

It's become somewhat of a discarded practice, but i still like to put on some tunes when I'm DMing, and I wonder if there's anyone else that does it. I realise that an improper selection can really take away from the roleplaying aspect of the game, but i put on some celtic-themed black metal and it really conjures images of the wanton slaughter of orcs and such. Good good stuff. If anyone is interested, here's my typical DnD playlist:

Finntroll - Jaktens Tid --- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uFQet75TXMg
Dimmu Borgir - Death Cult Armageddon --- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j8bUs0eqHYY
Ensiferum - Victory Songs --http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nkUrI12dXJw&mode=related&search=
Amon Amarth - The Avenger --http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wy1Z53gOE-E&mode=related&search=
Blind Guardian - Imaginations From the Other Side --http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rmu0LMIS8Us

Erm... if any of these videos profoundly disturbs anyone... i apologise... that third one isn't even a video, it's just the song with a picture of the cover art... and the last one is actually pretty cool, the guy set the song to clips from "Troy"

Anyways, that's a taste of what my poor PC's are up against auditorially when they're trying to hold off a legion of raging orcs.

What about you? If you don't listen whilst you game, what kinda stuff do you listen to when you're not playing?

Tunes, anyone? Posted by Shadox - 2007/08/13 09:29

we use various appropiate sound effects... Running water, rain storms, soldiers marching, monster sounds etc. No music unless the PCs are in an inn we have some old celtic bard tpe music.

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Tunes, anyone? Posted by L - 2007/08/13 10:00

I'm pretty old school -- nothing really works for me better than Dead Can Dance.

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But I do think that VNV Nation's "Chosen" works really well for hardcore sci-fi campaigns, esp. those with a 40K sort of apocalyptic feel, or for fantasy games with a despairing tone. (granted, it's also better for wargames than RPG's, since it involves armies and war so prominently) Here are the lyrics, which are spoken/whispered over ominous electronic music:

Order is shattered in a strange guttural tone, that resounded along the walls of the houses which seemed dead and deserted, while behind the closed shutters, eyes watched the conquerors who, by right of war, were now masters of the city and of the lives and fortunes of its people.

In their darkened ruins, the inhabitants have given way to the same feeling of panic which is aroused by natural cataclysms -- those devastating upheavals of the Earth against which wisdom and strength alike are of no avail.

The same feeling is experienced wherever the established order of things is upset, when security ceases to exist, when all that was previously protected by the laws of man and nature is suddenly placed at the mercy of brutal unreasoning force.

The earthquake, burying a whole people beneath the ruins of their houses...

The river in spate, sweeping away the bodies of drowned peasants, together with the carcasses of cattle and rafters torn from roofs...

And the victorious army slaughtering all who resist, making prisoners of the rest, looting by right of the sword, and thanking their god to the sound of cannon.

All these are terrifying scourges which undermine all our belief in eternal justice and all the trust we have been taught to place in divine protection and human reason.

Tunes, anyone?
Posted by Ghenghis Ska - 2007/08/13 10:01

I tend to stick with the Classics, and i mean classical.

Gustav Holst: The Planets Suite

Sound tracks:

Connan

13th Warrior

One of the Official D&D soundtracks

Some other movies, Currently Pirates of the Carrabian cause we are in a big Pirate themed game;)

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(shudder) WoW (which sometimes can be distractiong to the WoW addicts who will start to talk about what level their thingy is)

Star Wars (various from Games to other projects)- though mainly for the SW RPG Serenity/Firefly (also for Star wars)

Tunes, anyone?
Posted by jackattack - 2007/08/13 14:19

Sting's "Songs from the Labyrinth" is absolutely great for a run where your players are in a tavern (with live entertainment).

Some of the pieces from "The Princess Bride" are nice, especially "Friends' Song", "Sword Fight", and "Florin Dance".

"Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest" is probably some of the best adventure music written in the past 50 years.

Selections from genre movies in general are usually a pretty safe bet, but be careful if you are buying collection albums. Erich Kunzel is good, but Billy Strange is a hack.

Tunes, anyone? Posted by L - 2007/08/13 15:47

I used to listen to the Pirates soundtrack while playing the WK Pirates game, when it first came out. (It's how I realized they'd changed composers for the second film -- a huge error!)

Also good, for more lyrical stuff: early Ray Lynch (before he went electronic), Bach, early Xymox/Clan of Xymox, This Mortal Coil...

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Tunes, anyone?

Posted by Myrthe - 2007/08/13 17:49

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Sure, if the party has just been scorched by a dragon, lost all their treasure and want to drink themselves into a stupor;) I picked up the disc and tried to like it ... I really did. But, man, that is one downer of an "experimental" CD from an artist I have always liked.

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For tavern tunes, I typically throw on some celtic disks that I got from a trip to a renaissance faire a few years ago.

And then the basics like Conan, Braveheart, Pirates, etc ...

I did have a PERFECT Halloween sound effects disc years ago but lent it to a fellow DM ... permanently, apparently.

Tunes, anyone?
Posted by Celtchief - 2007/08/14 23:28

If you want good fantasy/folk music for your tavern, check out http://blackmoresnight.com/

It's Ritchie Blackmore from Deep Purple...apparently he got into New Age/English Folk music after Smoking on the Water...

Anyhow, it's really good fantasy mood music for a game.

Tunes, anyone?
Posted by The Angry Gnome - 2007/08/16 02:35

That was pretty damn cool actually! I quite like Deep Purple's Machine Head album, but haven't really listened to anything else.

I guess I like an edge to the music i play while campaigning because most of my campaigns are based around some sort of war... metal just gives me that "millions of bodies colliding in an epic slash-fest" feeling...:S

Tunes, anyone? Posted by philip - 2007/08/16 07:56

I like to play new age such as.

Dead Can Dance: all

Lightwave: Mundus Subterraneous

Enigma: all

Brannan Lane: Lost Caverns of Thera

Native Flute Ensemble: Gathering of Shamen

Dwarven Forge - Dwarven Forge Generated: 11 December, 2013, 00:26 Steve Roach: Sacred Sites Adam Plack: Winds of Warning ______ Tunes, anyone? Posted by Myrthe - 2007/08/17 00:13 If you want good fantasy/folk music for your tavern, check out http://blackmoresnight.com/ It's Ritchie Blackmore from Deep Purple...apparently he got into New Age/English Folk music after Smoking on the Water... Anyhow, it's really good fantasy mood music for a game. Robert, thanks for the info. I really like the music and will have to pick up a disk or two. BTW, did you see the blonde he's "collaborating" with ??? I'd get into whatever kind of music she'd ask me to :D Tunes, anyone? Posted by jkratzer - 2007/08/17 13:54 Music? You Guys use MUSIC?? Wow; what a concept. Of course, with BoneHead screaming (usually at the top of his lungs) "I WANNA KILL SOMETHING!!!" who can hear music anyway? Jim (who is frequently whistling whilst DM'ing; most likely something from Raiders or Harry Potter) Tunes, anyone? Posted by The Angry Gnome - 2007/08/17 15:04 Of course, with BoneHead screaming (usually at the top of his lungs) "I WANNA KILL SOMETHING!!!" who can hear music anyway?

Friend, you need yourself some metal. This... Bonehead... needs it. Join us and together we will rule the

galaxy... you can't imagine the power of the dark side...