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Broadening Your Musical Appreciation

So many times when students are selecting a new piece of music to learn I hear “But I don’t know that song (therefore I don’t want to learn it)”. This is a very limited approach to learning music as there must be a first time for everything, including the first time you have heard a particular piece of music.

The wider your knowledge of music and learn to appreciate various styles of music you must firstly be open to try different types of music whether you know the song or not. The next most valuable lesson is to listen to all different types of music, including different radio stations, old CD’s, new CD’s, Classical, Jazz, Modern, Movies, Musicals, TV shows – all are wonderful sources of musical variety. The world is full of music wherever you go – in shopping centres, car’s, and even on some public transport. Invest in some free entertainment put on occasionally by local orchestra’s, bands, the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra who provide opportunities throughout the year to heard their performances (some free of charge). Go and see some musical productions and musical theatre (amateur or professional).

Please take a moment to listen carefully to the music that surrounds you in whatever environment and learn to try new things with your music. Remember, you never know if you are going to like something unless you have tried it.