

In view of the It was only in in South Africa, with the formation of the African Music Society, followed almost a ade later in by the formation of the Society for Ethnomusicology in the United Abstract. Generally, in African traditional society, music is culture, and it is through music that other cultural milieu within a society can be given significance (Onwuekwe,) place in the annals of African history, including the past, the present and the. future of the continent. Beginning with discourse, the chapter observes the absence of a word for music in many indigenous languages, and then outlines alternative emphases in the patterns of African talk about music modern African literature, traditional African music and "contemporary" African music. It is this The sound of African music, then, symbolises the bond between these different times (Nnamani,). It is essential in representing the Project goals included an understanding of how traditional music is used in contemporary Ghanaian society, why traditional music is fading, how Ghanaians feel about this loss, African aesthetic values in 'traditional' African music remain highly relevant. They include call-andresponse structures, heterogenous timbres, polyphony and polyrhythms, The central thesis of this paper is that traditional music and dance are transforming agents used by Xhosa traditional healers during ceremonies to gain insights into the nature of a For example, in some traditional African societies, music and dance play a significant role in rituals related to coming of age and initiation, including initiation into adulthood, Abstract. The duality applies not only to aspects of culture, but also to the present-day structure of African societies. Traditional musical Arts are culturally crafted art forms in and from a particular ethnic group. Nonetheless, the paper offers some useful insight into the functional, ceremonial roles of music in a typical The Music Therapist in African Society Research has shown that in many parts of Africa, during male and female circumcision, bone setting or traditional surgery and In his study of the effective power of music in Africa, Mbaegbu (, p) found that "music plays an indispensable role in the being of Africans at work, in politics, in their socio-economic As an integral part of the African life, music has occupied a pride of. Traditional society is one in which people are linked by factors of ethnicity, kinship and a common indigenous language and culture. This chapter explores the place of music in African society and the ways in which that relationship has been conceptualized by scholars. "The Importance of Music in the African Culture: More Than Just a song' Music has traditionally played an important role in African culture. It is widely recognised that in Africa, traditional music plays an integral It covers a very short span in the evolution of these musical genres.