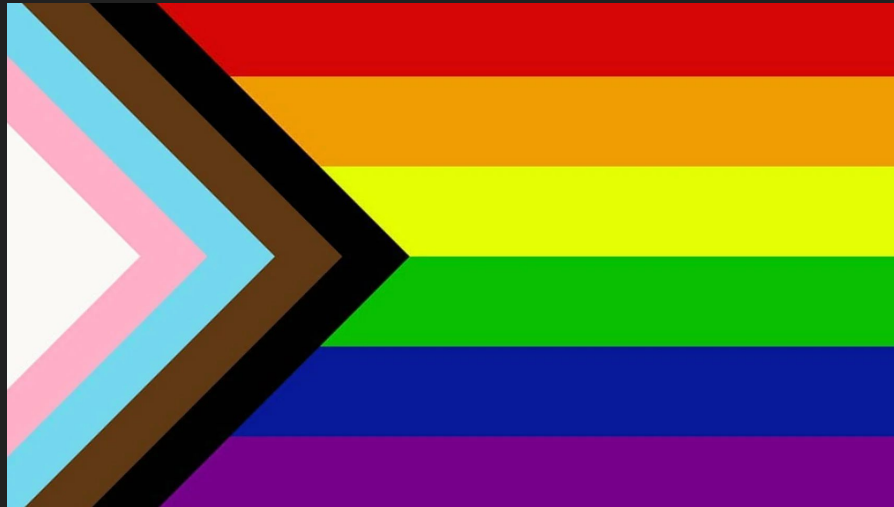


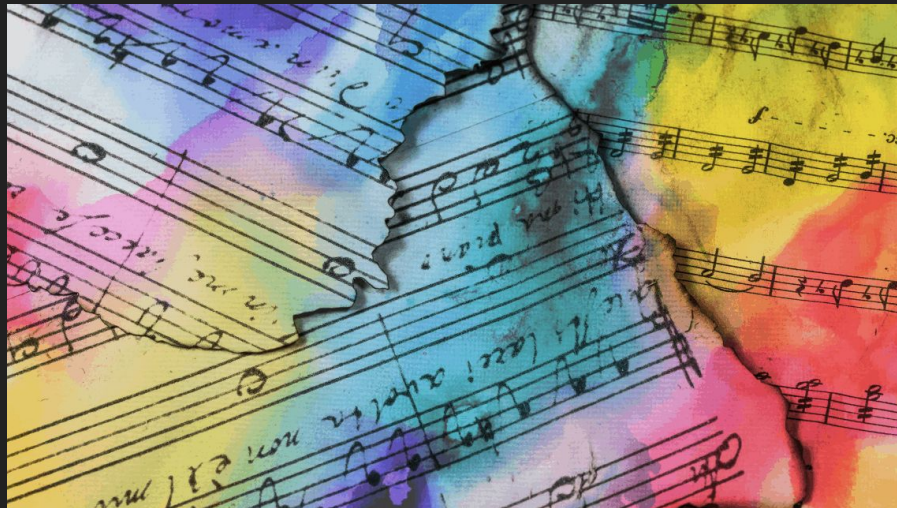
LGBTQ+ ARTISTS IN POPULAR MUSIC

A study Into the Queer Roots of Mainstream Art



“The Queer Voice”

- There is not just one
- Every queer person’s experience is different
- Those differences are reflected in the art
- Although differences exist, there are shared experiences



Early Roots

- The queer roots of Pop Music are about as old as Pop Music itself
- Notable examples: Little Richard, 80s Glam Rock, Lou Reed & Andy Warhol's Factory, David Bowie



Fast Forward to the Modern Day

- A wide array of LGBTQ+ artists occupy our soundwaves
- Queer-centric subgenres have emerged, largely due to the internet
- There are Queer artists from the experimental and Avant-Garde to the mainstream



The Queer Impact on Cisgender and Heterosexual Artists

- Queer artists have a substantial impact on modern Popular Music
- Collaborations with their Cisgender and Heterosexual counterparts
- Songwriting credits
- Production credits
- Notable Examples: Lil Nas X & Jack Harlow, Sophie & Charli XCX, Arca & Kanye West



Why Should I Care?

- It's good to understand the different backgrounds of the artists that produce your favorite art
- More holistic worldview
- It's important to understand the deep Queer roots of one of society's most accessible forms of art

