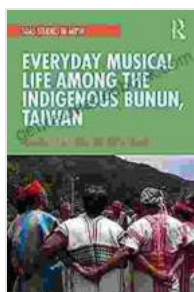


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## Music in Daily Life

For the Bunun, music is a way of expressing their emotions and experiences. They sing about their joys and sorrows, their hopes and dreams. Music is also used to mark important events in the Bunun life cycle, such as birth, marriage, and death.

Some of the most common types of everyday music among the Bunun include:

- **Lullabies:** Lullabies are sung by mothers to their children to help them fall asleep. The lyrics of lullabies often tell stories about the natural world, or they may express the mother's love for her child.
- **Work songs:** Work songs are sung by people while they are working. The lyrics of work songs often describe the task at hand, or they may provide encouragement to the workers.
- **Ritual songs:** Ritual songs are sung during religious ceremonies and festivals. The lyrics of ritual songs often tell stories about the Bunun ancestors, or they may invoke the help of the gods.
- **Festival songs:** Festival songs are sung during Bunun festivals. The lyrics of festival songs often celebrate the harvest, or they may express the community's hope for a good year.

## **The Role of Music in Bunun Culture**

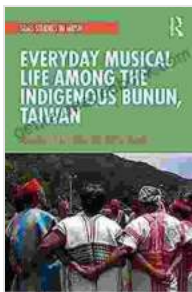
Music is more than just entertainment for the Bunun. It is an essential part of their culture and identity. Music helps to connect the Bunun to their ancestors and to the natural world. It also helps to create a sense of community and belonging.

The Bunun have a strong tradition of oral history. Many of their stories and legends are passed down from generation to generation through songs. Music is also used to teach children about their culture and traditions.

In recent years, the Bunun have begun to share their music with the rest of the world. They have performed at festivals and concerts around the globe, and they have recorded several albums. The Bunun are proud of their musical heritage, and they are eager to share it with others.

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The Bunun have a rich and vibrant musical tradition. Their music is a testament to their creativity and their love of life. It is a music that is both beautiful and meaningful, and it is a music that deserves to be shared with the world.



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