



DOES PLAYING AN INSTRUMENT INCREASE SOMEONE'S ATTRACTIVENESS ?

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When Romeo comes to Juliet's balcony, he comes to seduce her with music — or at least with his vocal skills. Nowadays, the stereotype of a guy playing guitar and seducing girls looking at him all amazed is a well-known story that everybody has heard at least once in his life. But, is the cliché real? does music really helps you picking up girls ?

In our surveyed, we broadened the question so it would fit for both sexual preferences : *Does playing an instrument increase someone's attractiveness?*

Conditions

We analysed the answers of 106 persons concerning the attractiveness of the sex they like. In this group, 42% of the surveyed liked women and 58% preferred men. We asked their thoughts through a questionnaire to determine if playing an instrument has an effect on them and which one the preferred sex should play.

The music effect

First, we gathered all the data (without differentiating men and women) and analyzed them as a whole. We found that 61% of the surveyed think that playing music helps to improve someone's sex-appeal, versus 39% that think it doesn't matter.

Furthermore, we can see that the majority of the surveyed have positive feelings (89%) about someone playing an instrument (which mean they think the musician is at least cool or attractive).

So, we are able to say that playing an instrument increases your sex -appeal (and therefore increases your chance of picking up somebody).

But not every musicians have the same amount of attractiveness. Those playing the piano, singing and playing acoustic guitar have the most chance to succeed respectively.

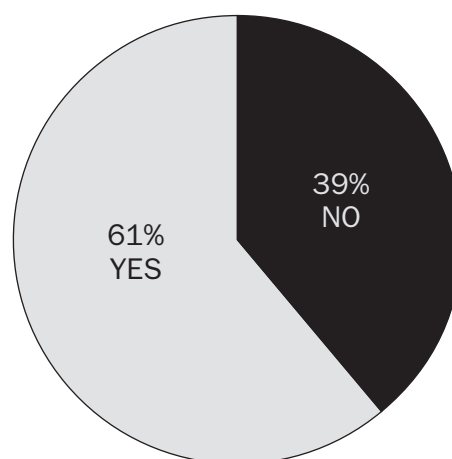


Chart 1: Do you think he/she is more attractive ?

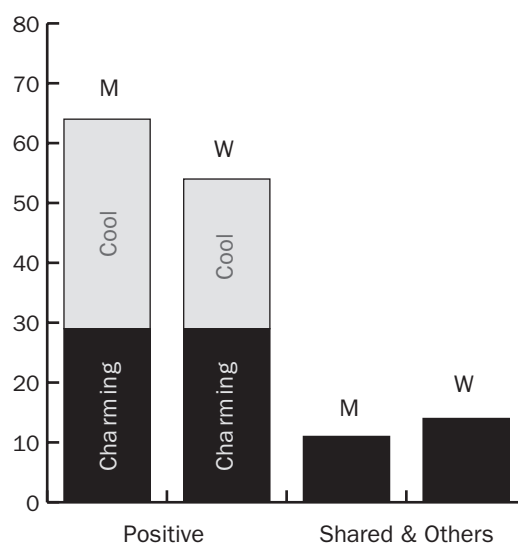


Chart 2: What do you think about someone's playing music ?

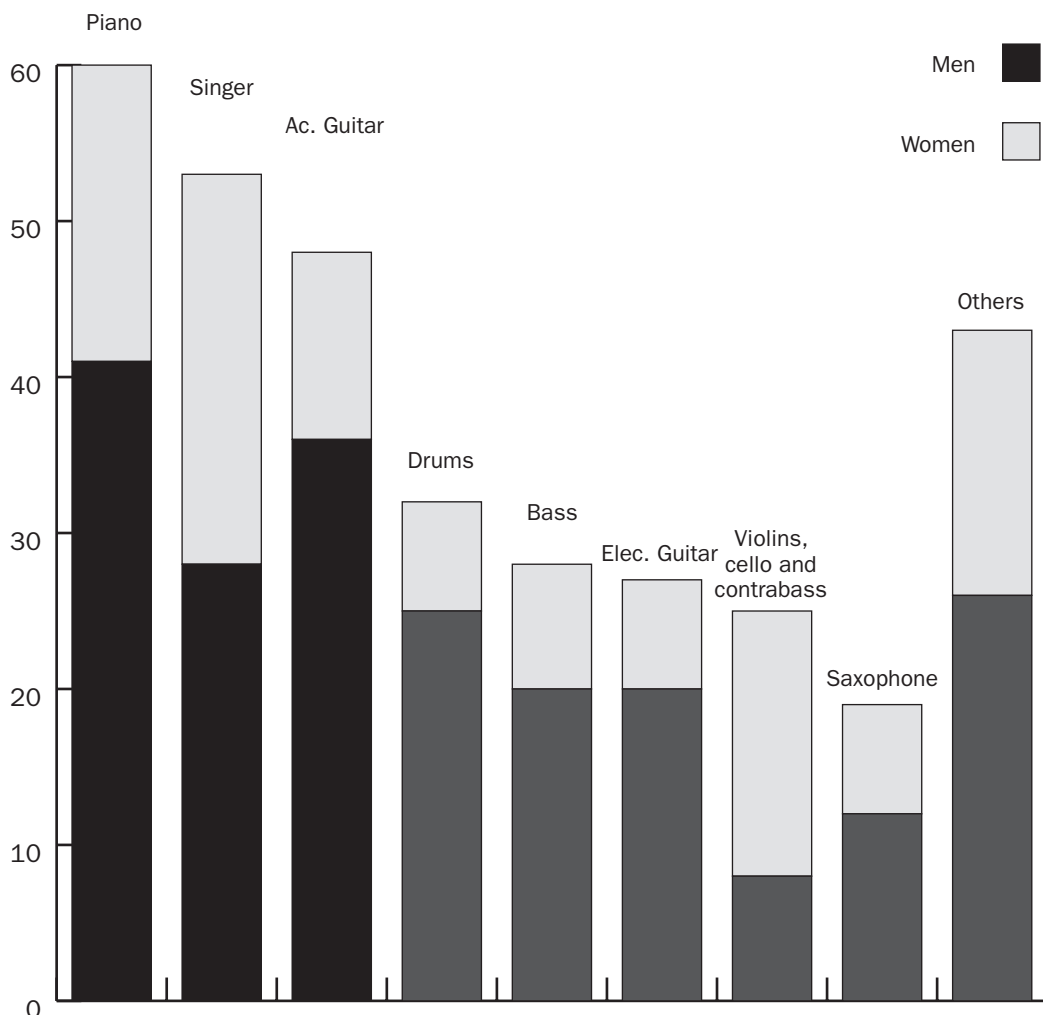


Chart 3: Which instrument could improve the sex-ap-
peal ?

Men vs. Women ?

In the second part, we analyzed the differences between men and women.

The graphic 2 is quite interesting, it appears that women are more attractive than men when playing music. Indeed, 55% of the surveyed who like women said that women playing music is charming against 47% for those who like men.

So women should definitely play an instrument if they want to seduce someone.

Moreover, they should sing and play piano because they are far beyond the other instruments in our survey (respectively 57% and 43% of the surveyed that like women have told their preference for these music).

And if you are a man, it doesn't matter, you can still be attractive by playing the piano (67% of the surveyed who like men have answered positively concerning this instrument). But you can also play the acoustic guitar (59%), sing (46%) or play the drum (41%), you will still increase your chance to pick up someone. Just less than if you were a woman.

Conclusion

Without any doubt, the clichés were correct. Playing music does help increasing someone's attractiveness and if not, it's a great way to approach someone and start a conversation. However, the most effective ways to do it are quite surprising concerning men. The stereotype of a rocker on his electric guitar burning a splendid riff and seducing all the girls watching it is long gone. A calm, sensitive pianist is way more attractive than him.

Furthermore, keep in mind that about 4 out of 10 people — which is not negligible — don't consider music as a factor of attractiveness but more the person's personality.