

- Shuker, Fabbri's emphasis, p.14

Record sales, concert attendance, numbers of performers, radio and

television air play, are all quantifiable indicators of popularity...for

the purposes of this study, I have largely followed conventional

academic practice, equating 'popular music' with the main

commercially produced and marketed musical genres, primarily in a

Western context. I am conscious that this emphasis is open to

charges of ignoring many significant forms of popular music, located

primarily in non-Western settings, but boundaries were necessary to

make the project viable. Further, Western styles of popular music

continue to dominate the international market place, at the same

time appropriating local music styles.





HOW DO WE DEFINE POPULAR MUSIC?

Circulated through mass media

No public subsidy, based on free market

Electroacoustic instruments have primary role

Expression of subcultures and countercultures

TV, radio

Integrated in communication systems of multimedia like cinema,

We chose 'popular music', but the term is not used everywhere

