



Cultural Rhythm Fact Sheet



Afrobeat – West Africa



Afrobeat combines traditional Yoruba rhythms with jazz, funk, and highlife. It often uses layered percussion and call-and-response vocals.

Artists like Fela Kuti used Afrobeat for political protest and cultural pride.



Samba – Brazil



Samba is a vibrant dance and rhythm style rooted in Afro-Brazilian culture. It features syncopated beats and percussion instruments like the surdo, tamborim, and agogô. Samba is central to Brazilian Carnival celebrations.



Techno – Detroit, USA



Techno emerged in the 1980s in Detroit, blending electronic sounds with futuristic ideas.

It uses repetitive beats, synthesized sounds, and loops.

Techno culture promotes freedom, identity, and innovation.

Taiko – Japan



Taiko drumming is a traditional Japanese performance art that involves powerful rhythms, choreography, and teamwork. Used in festivals and ceremonies, Taiko expresses energy, unity, and cultural heritage.

