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Musical Style as an Institution: Rules and Human Behavior in Music Composition Practices

Thinking about music and musical style along institutional lines is not, at first glance, a natural extension of the Institutional Analysis and Development (IAD) Framework. Engaging with the concept of musical style in federal music copyright litigation challenges us to examine the institutions that are clearly involved. Not surprisingly, there are institutions of the law and property. The IAD framework reveals that musical style is also an institution at work in such action arenas. Treating musical style as an institution reveals that there are accepted compositional practices—particularly rules, norms, strategies, and incentives—that interact with legal and property institutions. By layering the IAD framework on a general description of one action scene from federal music copyright litigation—music expert testimony—we can better understand the tension that occurs when legal and property institutions engage with music institutions, particularly, the institution of musical style.

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