



# The Role of Choral Music and Portrayal of Indigenous Choral Traditions in Films

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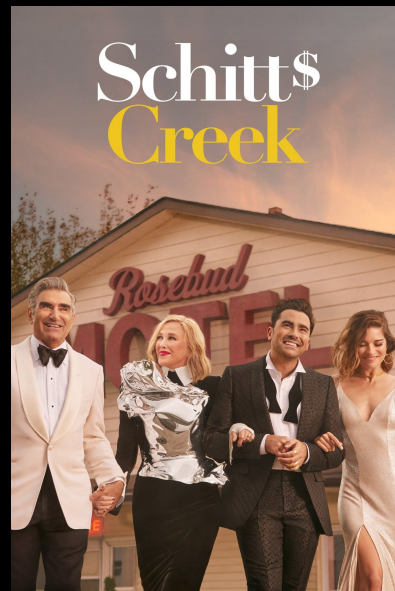
IF YOU'RE SURPRISED, IT MEANS YOU DON'T SEE  
ENOUGH BLACK PEOPLE IN MAJOR ROLES.

# Harry Potter

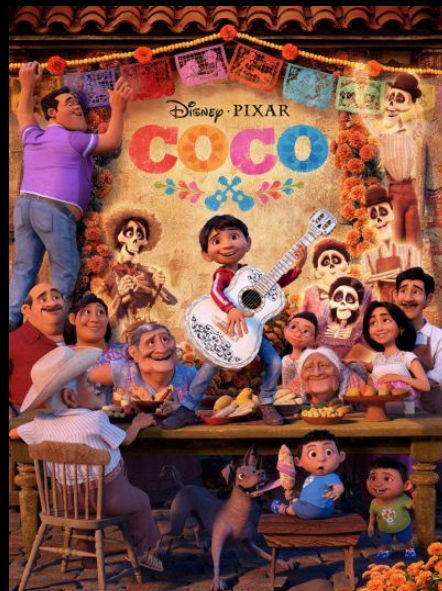
AND THE  
DEATHLY  
HALLOWS



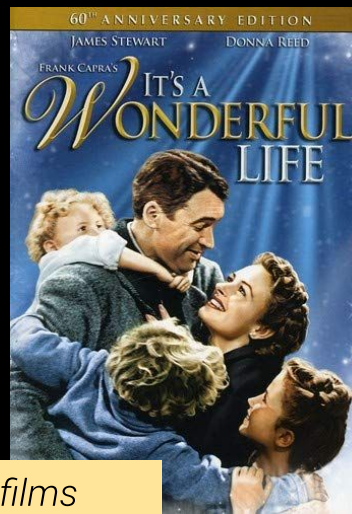
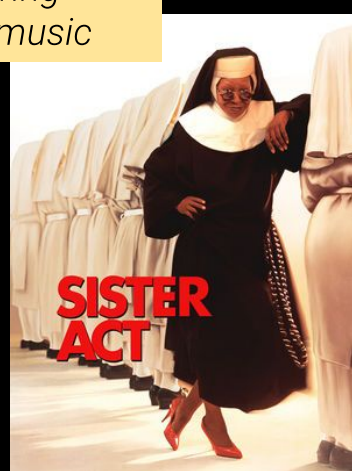
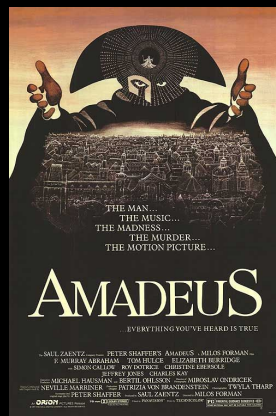
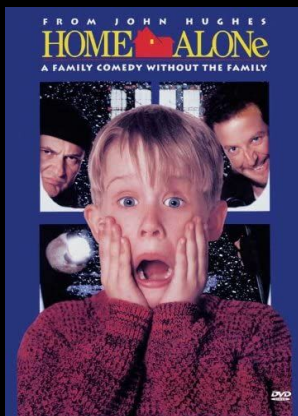
JOIN US ON OUR MISSION FOR BETTER  
BLACK REPRESENTATION IN THE MEDIA



*Representation  
is important!*



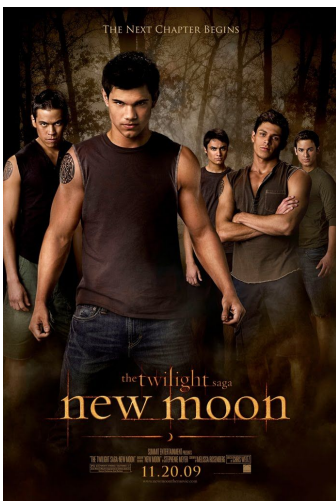




A few films  
featuring  
choral music



*misrepresentation*



# Misrepresentation is a problem

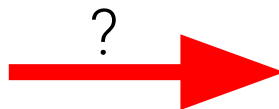
"When it comes to movies – in Canada but also globally – made about First Nations people, **roughly 99.9 percent of them have been made by non-Indigenous peoples.**"

- Jesse Wenthe, Indigenous Screen Office

*cultural erasure*

*appropriation & whitewashing*

*lack of representation*



*accurate, respectful, meaningful representation*





# Awareness and discussion is a solution

## Agreement

*This Agreement, hereinafter referred to as the “Agreement,” is made and entered on the 22nd day of September, 2019 by and between Walt Disney Animation Studios (“WDAS”) and the Sámi people, as represented by the Sámi Parliament of Finland, Sámi Parliament of Norway, Sámi Parliament of Sweden, and the Saami Council (collectively, “the Sámi”) in connection with the feature length animated motion picture currently entitled “Frozen 2” (“Frozen 2”).*

### PREAMBLE

*WHEREAS, it is the position of the Sámi that their collective and individual culture, including aesthetic elements, music, language, stories, histories, and other traditional cultural expressions are property that belong to the Sámi;*

*WHEREAS, it is the position of the Sámi that to adequately respect the rights that the Sámi have to and in their culture, it is necessary to ensure sensitivity, allow for free, prior, and informed consent, and ensure that adequate benefit sharing is employed;*

*WHEREAS, the filmmakers of Frozen 2 wish to show respect to the Sámi people and their concerns, without expressing a view as to the above positions, and desire to collaborate with the Sámi in an effort to ensure that the content of Frozen 2 is culturally sensitive, appropriate and respectful of the Sámi and their culture.*

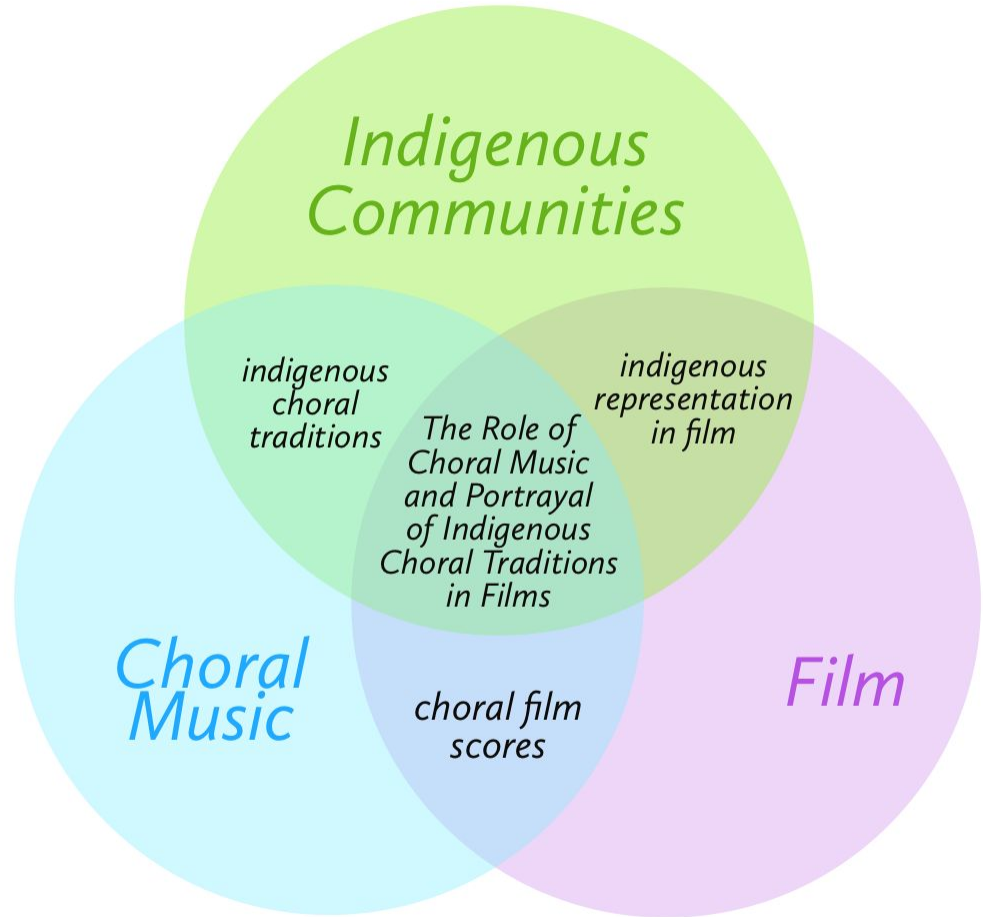


Sámi = a group of people indigenous to Norway, Sweden, Finland, and Russia  
yoik/joik = chant singing from Sámi people



First,  
**what is the role of choral music in films?**

Second and more specifically,  
**how are indigenous choral traditions portrayed in films?**



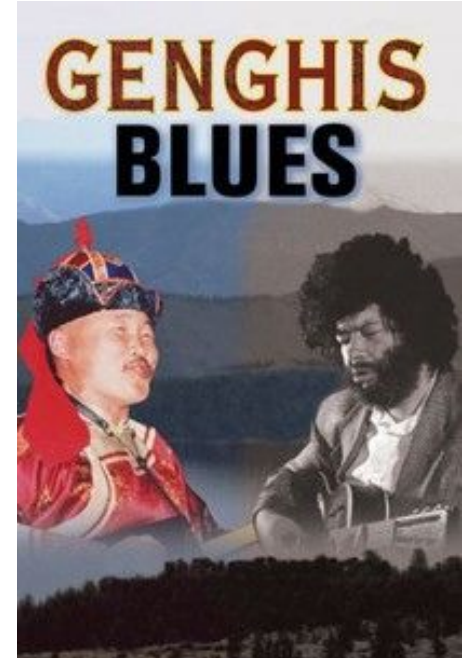
# Analyzing indigenous choral traditions in films



Sámi  
yoiking/joiking



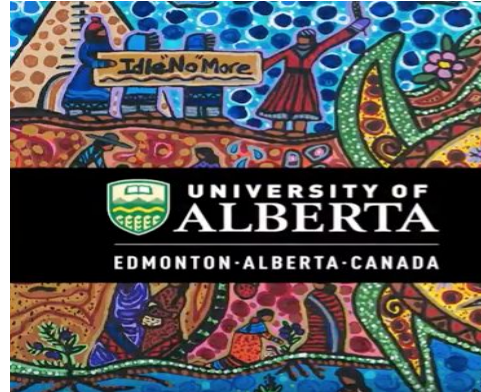
Australian Aboriginal  
female singing group



Tuvan  
throat singing



# Building awareness & continuing the discussion



Continue to...

- listen
- watch
- learn

And make use of free online resources such as the Coursera “Indigenous Canada” course.

Thank you!

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