How does film score of a movie affect the success of a movie?

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Abstract

A film score (also known as background music, film soundtrack, film music, screen composition, screen music, or incidental music) is original music written specifically to accompany a film. The score forms part of the film's soundtrack, which also usually includes dialogue and sound effects, and comprises a number of orchestral, instrumental, or choral pieces, which are timed to begin and end at specific points during the film in order to enhance the dramatic narrative and the emotional impact of the scenes. Music in films achieves a number of things. It establishes setting, it creates atmosphere, it calls attention to elements, it reinforces or foreshadows narrative developments, it gives meaning to a character's actions or translates their thoughts, and it creates emotion. The main objective of this study is to examine the fact that how does the film score of a movie makes a bigger impact on the success of a movie. Therefore for this study, I chose the movie **Bohemian Rhapsody** (directed by Bryan Singer) which won the Academy awards for best sound editing as well as for best sound mixing in the year 2019. Bohemian Rhapsody is a biographical drama film about **Freddie Mercury**, the lead singer of the British rock band Queen released in the year 2018. John Ottman, a frequent collaborator of Singer, edited the film's soundtrack. For this study, I chose content analysis as the research methodology and my conclusion is the film score of **Bohemian Rhapsody** played the main role to develop the story and the message of this film.

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