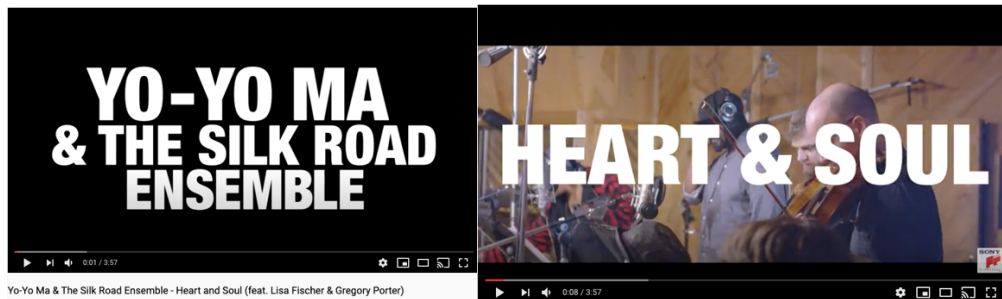


Yo-Yo Ma and the Silk Road Ensemble

“Heart and Soul”

The Silk Road Ensemble is a non-profit organization initiated by cellist Yo-Yo Ma that promotes collaboration across artists of different genres and institutions. Described as a multicultural artistic exchange, the Silk Road Ensemble connects musicians, composers, artists and audiences around the world.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jrVoQnpg23M>



Read these questions BEFORE watching the video. Be ready to answer by the time the video is finished.

- 1) How many different families of instruments do you see?
- 2) At a glance, how many different cultures of music do you see? Describe the ones you recognize.

Read these questions AFTER watching the video and answering the previous questions.

- 3) What musical challenges do you think these musicians faced when creating this collaborative performance?
- 4) What logistical challenges do you think these musicians faced?
- 5) In your opinion, what drives musicians from different backgrounds to collaborate?