



The German Socio-Economic Panel Study

Effects of fine arts' competencies on Educational Outcomes

Cognitive effects of active practice of music –

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Non-cognitive Skills: Acquisition and Economic Consequences
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The Mozart Effect – Business & Science Rauscher et al. (2003) in Nature







Research Questions About Potential Cognitive Effects of Music Lessons

- Does active practice of music have causal cognitive effects on non-musical skills? For example, do music lessons enhance IQ or cognitive potential?
- Are these cognitive effects music specific (more than just attention), and are they large enough to have practical significance?
- Is it adequate to regard music lessons as fast and easy way to promote children's intellectual development?





Experimental and Quasi-Experimental Studies

- To conclude that music lessons have a causal association with IQ that is specific to music, one must demonstrate that nonmusical, extracurricular activities (e.g., sports, drama) do not have comparable effects on IQ (schooling effect)
- Longitudinal design adequate (randomized) control group
- Schellenberg's (2004) experimental study is as yet the only study worldwide that meets these methodological standards





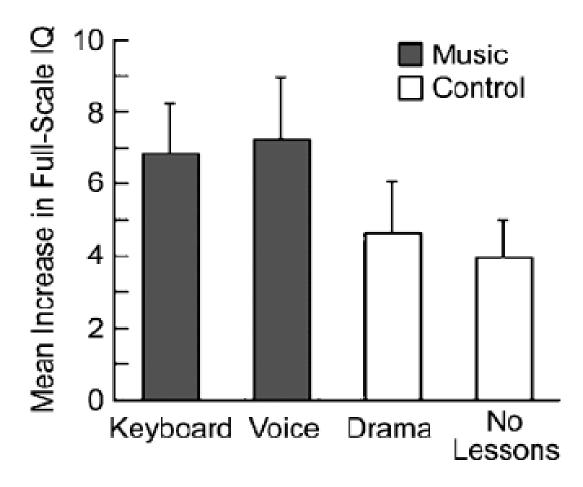
E. Glenn Schellenberg (2004):

Music Lessons Enhance IQ. Psychological Science, Vol. 15/8, 511-249.

- participants / time: 144 six-year-olds / 36 weeks
- experimental groups: two types of music (keyboard or voice lessons)
- control groups: drama lessons / no additional lessons
- results: the increases in IQ in the music groups (7.0 points) were slightly higher than in the control groups (4.3 points)







Schellenberg (2004)

Fig. 1. Mean increase in full-scale IQ (Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children-Third Edition) for each group of 6-year-olds who completed the study. Error bars show standard errors.





Data on participation in musical activities in Germany

- Poor empirical evidence of surveys in school-classes on the impact of music courses
- In the OECD based PISA surveys *no* information on music activity or other fine arts' competencies
- In representative surveys usually only aggregated information on music activity (creative activities like ...)
- No information in special cross-sectional youth surveys in Germany that are replicated every two years (Shell-Youth-Surveys)
- Basic information in German Time-Budget-Study (2001/2002)
- Longitudinal information in Socio-economic Panel Study (SOEP) – quasi-experimental approach is possible





Longitudinal data and empirical results for Germany

- Data The German Socio-Economic Panel Study (SOEP)
- Descriptive results on active practice of music / sport
- (Retrospective) Information of start with music/sport within in early life-course
 - Choice of secondary school
 - Who gets good grades in school (gymnasium)
 - Who is successful in a test of cognitive potentials





SOEP-instruments used in 2005

- Standard Instruments
 - Address protocol (filled in by Interviewer)
 - Household questionnaire (~10-15 min.)
 - Individual questionnaire for each HH member aged 16 and older
 not for 16-year old) (~25-45 min.)
- Instruments for specific Target Groups
 - questionnaire "Life History" first time respondents aged 18 and over; ~20min.)
 - questionnaire "Youth/Adolescence" (2000/01) & "DJ Cognitive Potential" first time respondents aged 16/17 ~25 min + ~ 30 min) starting in 2006 !!!
 - questionnaire "Mother & Child" (New born babies)
 - questionnaire "Infant" (Infants of age 2/3)
 - questionnaire "Closing Gap" (Temporary Drop-outs)
 - Experiment on "Trust and Trustworthiness " (Only Face-to-Face Sample F)





Questionnaire "Youth" (started 2000/2001)

- Substitutes former questionnaire "Life history" only for first-time respondents aged 16-17
- Themes covered:
 - Relationship to parents
 - leisure time use
 - music and sport
 - school performance
 - educational intentions
 - job expectations
 - personality characteristics
 - family expectations
 - Standard indicators on intergenerational mobility





New Questionnaire "Youth" – Number of cases

Year of survey (cohort)	Number of Cases
2000 (1983)	232
2001 (1982-84)	618
2002 (1985)	352
2003 (1986)	365
2004 (1987)	373
2005 (1988)	368
2006 (1989)	307
All 17-year-old Respondents	2,383





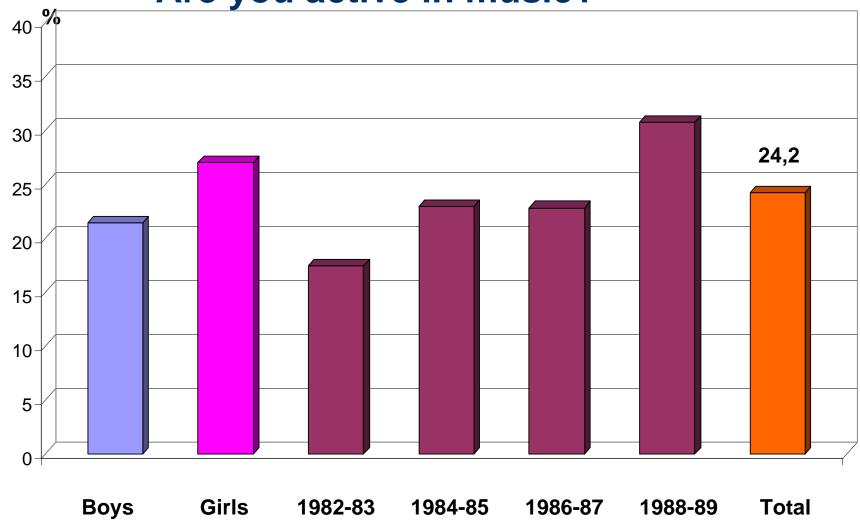
Detailed questions about active music – starting 2000/2001

16.	Are you active in music? Do you play an instrument or pursue singing seriously?			
	Yes No	Skip to question 20!		
17.	. What type of music do you make?			
	Classical	🔲		
	Pop / rock / techno / funk / rap / hip-hop	🔲		
	Folk music or another type of popular music	🗆		
17a	a Do you do this alone or in some sort of group?			
	Alone or with a teacher in lessons	📙		
	In an orchestra or choir	∐		
	In a band	📙		
	In another type of group	🗀		
18.	. How old were you when you started to play an inst	rument or pursue singing seriously?		
	years old			
19.	. Do you take or have you ever taken music lessons	outside of school?		
	Yes No			





Are you active in music?



SOEP 2000-2006; Youth Questionnaire; weighted results.

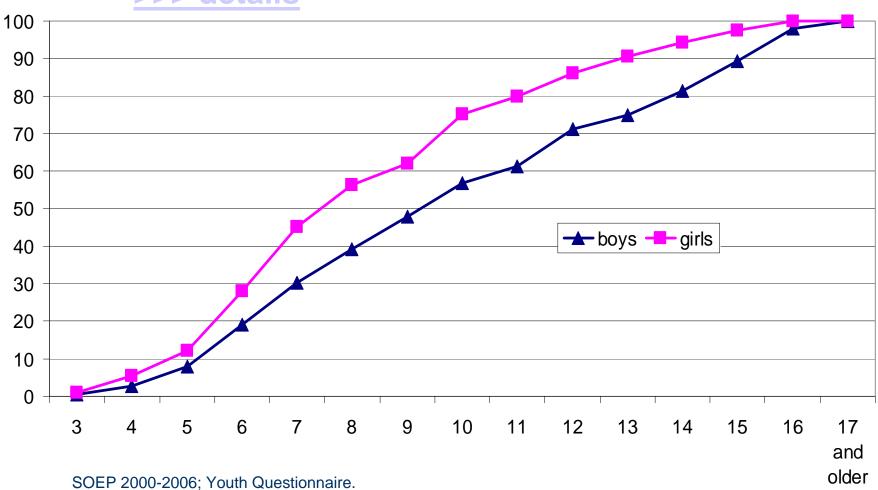
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Age to start with active music



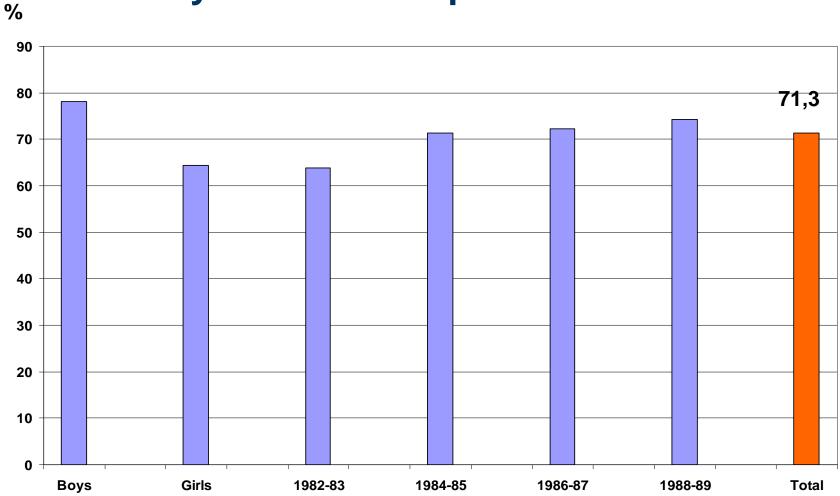








Are you active in sport?



SOEP 2000-2006; Youth Questionnaire; weighted results.





Hypotheses on the correlation of early music/sport activity on educational outcomes

- Active music means additional time investment in learning, practicing (performing) – is there a substitution of time for school engagement or do we find an additional outcome?
- 1. Does early active music increase chances to get into higher educational school track?
- 2. Does early active music increase chances to achieve better grades in school?
- 3. Does early active music also increase the cognitive potential (Schellenberg) or is there no effect on cognitive potential (Bourdieu)?





SOEP - Number of cases in models

Total Youth	Music in	"Mozart"	Sport in	"Boris "		
Sample	general	active &	general	active &		
		early &		early &		
		classic		competition		
2.380	607	114	1.683	438		
(100 %)	(25 %)	(5 %)	(71 %)	(18 %)		
2006 - 3	2006 - Sample with measurement of cognitive potential					
711	211	33	543	153		
(100 %)	(30 %)	(5 %)	(76 %)	(21 %)		





Choice of secondary school - Results of a multinominal logit

Medium secondary = comparison group)

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>>>SKIP to Boys/GITIS	Higher secondary	Lower secondary
	(Gymnasium)	(Hauptschule)
Gender – Boys		+++
Region – East		
Nationality – Non-German	n.s.	+++
Education of Father (other degrees)		
- University graduate	+++	
- Interm. school & prof. train.	+++	-
- without degree	+++	+++
Education of Mother (same degree)		
- higher than father	+++	-
- lower than father		+
Active Music (early age)	+++	
Active Sport (early age)	n.s.	n.s.
Pseudo R ²	0.1635	0.1635
N of Cases	2354	2354





Matching – nearest neighbour Music-Effect on the average school grade (N=2232)

Two-sample T-test	Mean	Stand. Error
Group 0 (without effect)	2.960	0.015
Group 1 (with effect)	2.607	0.070
Difference	-0.353	0.069
Matching-Sample (Pseudo-R ² =0.1053)	Unmatched	ATT
T-Stat (average school grade)	-5.13***	-3.57***
Treated	2.607	2.607
Controls	2.960	3.354
Difference	-0.353	-0.748
S.E.	0.069	0.210





Matching – nearest neighbour Sport-Effect on the average school grade (N=2232)

Two-sample T-test	Mean	Stand. Error
Group 0 (without effect)	2.939	0.017
Group 1 (with effect)	2.956	0.033
Difference	-0.017	0.039
Matching-Sample (Pseudo-R ² =0.0320)	Unmatched	ATT
T-Stat (average school grade)	0.44 (n.s.)	-0.94 (n.s.)
Treated	2.956	2.956
Controls	2.939	3.156
Difference	0.017	-0.199
S.E. ZEW Mannheim, May 17th 2008	0.039	0.213





Matching – nearest neighbour Music & Sport-Effect on the *maths school grade*

- higher secondary school only

(N=699)

	Active Music (early age & classic)		Active Sport (early age & compet.	
Pseudo-R ²	0.063	34	0.0145	
Matching-Sample	Unmatched	ATT	Unmatched	ATT
T-Stat (Maths school grade)	-1.92**	-2.29***	-0.69 (n.s.)	-0.98 (n.s.)
Treated	2.610	2.610	2.783	2.783
Controls	2.865	3.416	2.852	3.076
Difference	-0.255	-0.805	-0.069	-0.293
S.E.	0.133	0.352	0.100	0.299







Matching – nearest neighbour Music & Sport-Effect on cognitive potential (N=711)

	Active Music (early age & classic)		Active Sport (early age & compet.)	
Pseudo-R ²	0.15	523	0.0536	
Matching-Sample	Unmatched ATT		Unmatched	ATT
T-Stat (cognitive potential)	4.27***	1.87**	3.03***	1.13 (n.s.)
Treated	38.848	38.848	33.967	33.967
Controls	31.532	33.636	31.297	31.046
Difference	7.316	5.212	2.669	2.921
S.E.	1.712	2.784	0.882	2.596





Matching – nearest neighbour Music & Sport-Effect on verbal potential (N=711)

	Active Music (early age & classic)		Active Sport (early age & compet.)	
Pseudo-R ²	0.15	523	0.0536	
Matching-Sample	Unmatched ATT		Unmatched	ATT
T-Stat (verbal potential)	3.67***	0.34 (n.s.)	2.46***	0.61 (n.s.)
Treated	10.939	10.939	9.248	9.248
Controls	8.463	10.515	8.394	8.647
Difference	2.476	0.424	0.854	0.601
S.E.	0.674	1.262	0.347	0.987





Matching – nearest neighbour Music & Sport-Effect on *numeric potential* (N=711)

	Active Music (early age & classic)		Active Sport (early age & compet.)	
Pseudo-R ²	0.15	23	0.0536	
Matching-Sample	Unmatched ATT		Unmatched	ATT
T-Stat (numeric potential)	2.49***	2.04***	1.78**	1.01 (n.s.)
Treated	15.545	15.545	14.105	14.105
Controls	13.382	12.909	13.312	12.863
Difference	2.163	2.636	0.793	1.242
S.E.	0.870	1.293	0.446	1.226





Matching – nearest neighbour Music & Sport-Effect on *figural potential* (N=711)

	Active Music (early age & classic)		Active Sport (early age & compet.)	
Pseudo-R ²	0.15	23	0.0536	
Matching-Sample	Unmatched ATT		Unmatched	ATT
T-Stat (figural potential)	4.29***	1.74**	3.18***	1.3*
Treated	12.364	12.364	10.614	10.614
Controls	9.687	10.212	9.591	9.536
Difference	2.676	2.152	1.023	1.078
S.E.	0.624	1.239	0.321	0.827





Summary and Conclusions

- The empirical evidence is consistent with the hypothesis that early participation in musical activities promote intellectual development
- We found only poor (n.s.) evidence that non-musical early activities in sports with competition are positively associated with cognitive potential
- The direction of causality is still an open question but results with Propensity Score Matching techniques that adjust for pre-treatment observable differences between a group of treated and a group of untreated show significant increases in grades and in cognitive potential
- The effect of intensity and duration of music activities could not be tested with SOEP-data
- In a next step the personality trait indicators could be included into the model
- In a few years other outcome variables (wages) can be tested
- Active music is an investment in cultural and human capital





Comments welcome !!!



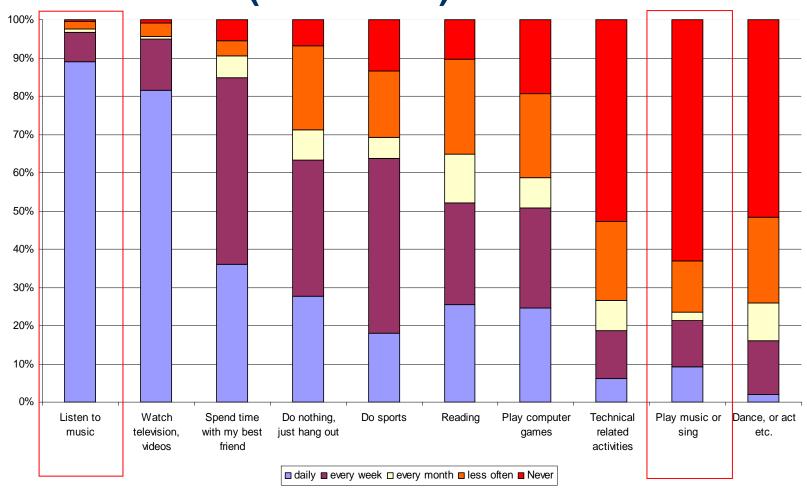


Additional Slides for Discussion





Time Use of Teenagers for selected activities (2000-2006)



SOEP 2000-2006; Youth Questionnaire.





Study by Schellenberg (2003)

Does exposure to music have beneficial side effects? In: I. Peretz & RJ. Zatorre (eds.), The Cognitive Neuroscience of Music, Oxford, 430-448.

- participants: 147 children between age 6 and 11
- variables: IQ and duration of music lessons
- result: music lessons had small positive associations with measures of intelligence
- possible explanations:
 - music lessons promote intellectual development
 - children with high IQ are more likely to take and to continue music lessons than children with low IQ
 - better educated parents generally invest more into the intellectual development of their children and tend to provide music lessons for them





SOEP-Pretest in 2005 - Pilot study of 217 teenagers

- Testing full cognitive abilities and potentials for teenagers (first time respondents) and school/training attainment
- Test: I-S-T 2000 R (Amthauer et al. 2001) (copy fee = 1 € / Interview)
- Dimensions:
 - Verbal potential (analogies)
 - Numerical potentials (number sequences)
 - Figural potentials (matrices/pictorial material)
 - Reasoning (= sum score)
- Interview time: 30 minutes for test (stop watch as additional incentive)
- Longitudinal perspective: Information on the respondent's life course before and after the ability measurement





Cognitive Potential of Teenagers

- Introduction of testing cognitive potential for teenagers in 2006 (first year personal interview)
- Cooperation with Elsbeth Stern, ETH, Zürich, and Heike Solga, WZB
- Pretest in 2005 with quota sample of teenagers
- Test: I-S-T 2000 R (Amthauer et al. 2001)
- Dimensions:
 - Verbal potential (analogies)
 - Numerical potentials (arithmetic operators)
 - Figural potentials (matrices/pictorial material)
 - Reasoning (= sum score)
- Interview time: 30 minutes for test (stop watch as additional incentive)
- Implementation in SOEP 2006
 - Additional incentives to participants
 - Abdication of questionnaire for adult respondents for one year with core questions of the adult questionnaire
 - Extension of 2 pages in "Youth"-questionnaire
- Longitudinal perspective: Information on the respondent's life course before and after the ability measurement





Cognitive potentials

First results of Pretest in 2005:

Solga, Heike; Stern, Elsbeth, Bernhard v. Rosenbladt; Schupp, Jürgen; Gert G. Wagner (2006): The Measurement and Importance of General Reasoning Potentials in Schools and Labor Markets. DIW Research Notes 2006-10. Berlin: DIW Berlin.

 Project funding by Jacobs Foundation "The Discovery of Youth's Learning Potential Early in the Life Course" (2007-2011)

PI: Heike Solga (University of Göttingen) Co-PI: Elsbeth Stern (MPIB; as of October 1st 2006 FUB), Jürgen Schupp and Gert G. Wagner

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SOEP-Test in 2006 - Some Results on cognitive ability

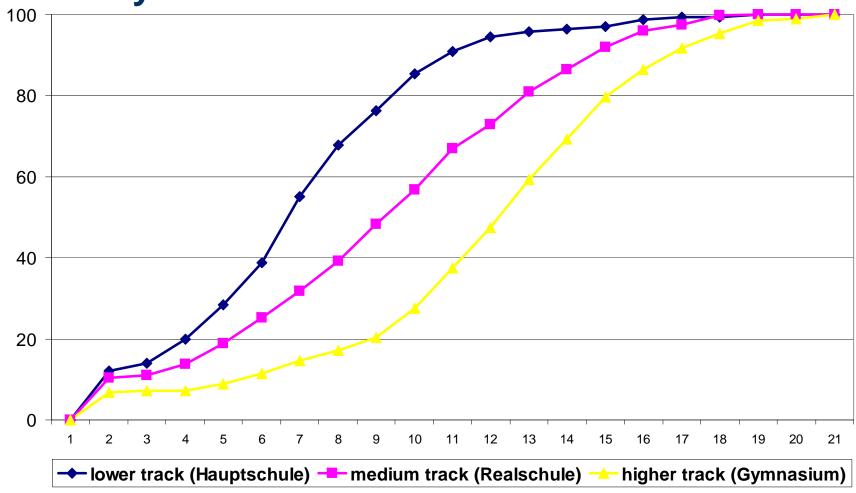
Mean of test-score (1-20) by track of secondary education

	Type of cognitive ability				
Track of school	Verbal potential	Numerical potential	Figural potential		
Lower track (Hauptschule)	5,3	10,1	6,6		
Medium track (Realschule)	7,5	11,9	8,8		
Higher Track (Gymnasium)	10,1	14,3	10,7		
Total	7,7	12,1	8,8		





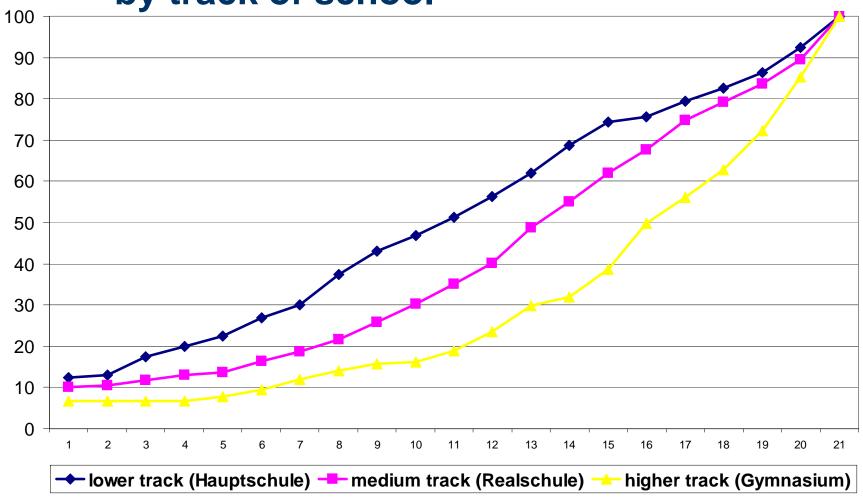
Distribution of Verbal Potential by track of school







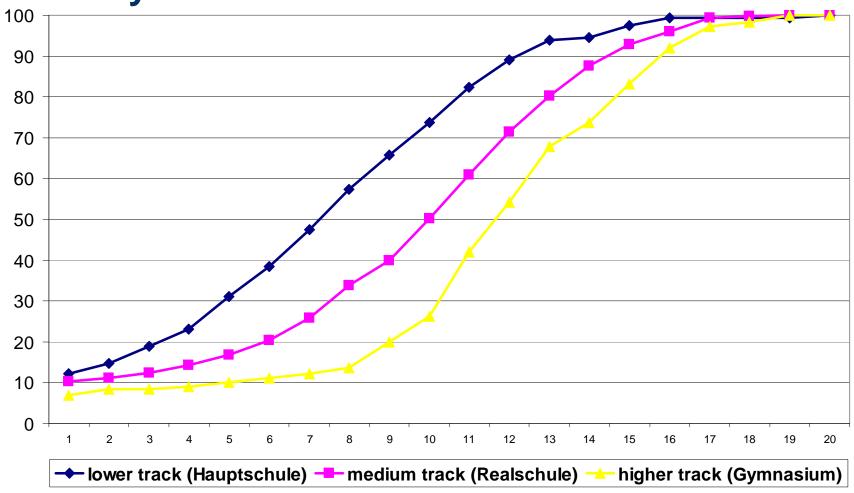
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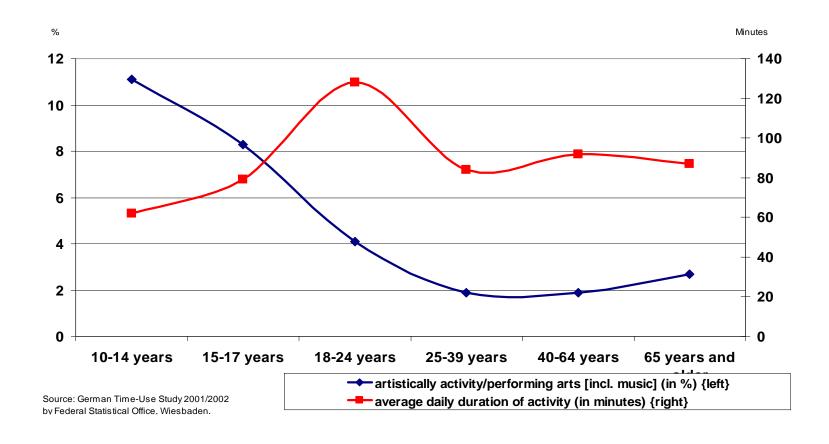
Distribution of Figural Potential by track of school







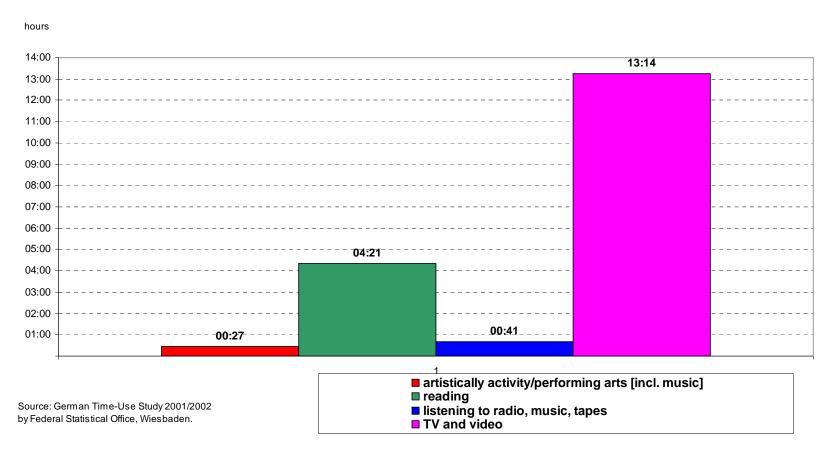
Artistically activity (including music activity) in Germany (2001/02)







Time use for entertainment and cultural activities (hours:minutes per week)









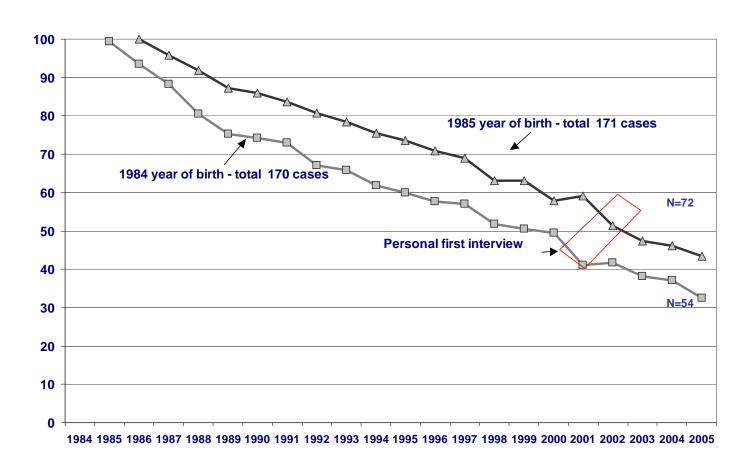
Governance of Survey Instruments and Methodology

- Planning and running the longitudinal survey and provide measures of the determinants of socio-economic behavior and social change.
- Main advantages of *panel data* are:
 - Decomposition of gross and net changes
 - Analysis of causal relationships
 - Control for otherwise unobserved heterogeneity
- Questionnaire Timing of Replication
 - Year by year
 - Bi-annual
 - Up to 5 (and more) years replication period on survey topics
- Strengthening new areas of the survey that provide better measures of the determinants of socio-economic behavior
- Keeping a fair balance of the need of continuity ("just stupid replication")
 and innovative developments in the social sciences and survey
 methodology





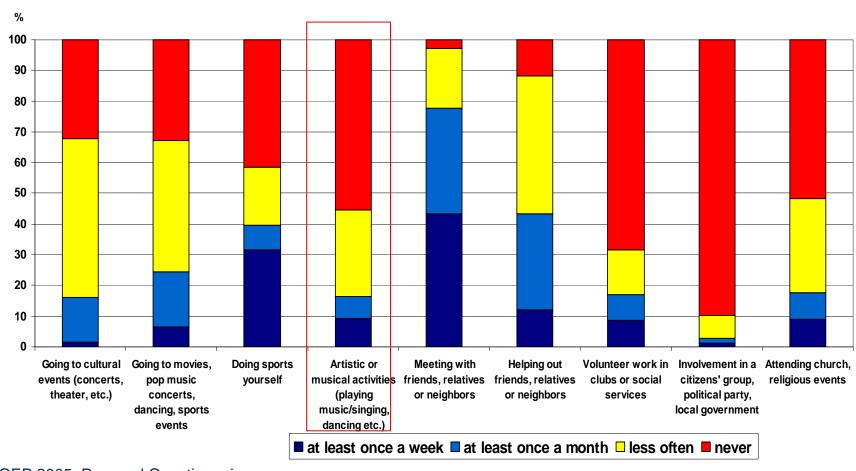
The "golden" cohorts in SOEP – born after the survey started







Time Use of Adults for selected activities (2005)



SOEP 2005; Personal Questionnaire.





Choice of secondary school - Boys Results of a multinominal logit

Medium secondary = comparison group)

	Higher secondary	
	(Gymnasium)	(Hauptschule)
Region – East		
Nationality – Non-German	n.s.	+++
Education of Father (other degrees)		
- University graduate	+++	
- Interm. school & prof. train.	+++	n.s.
- without degree	++	n.s.
Education of Mother (same degree)		
- higher than father	+++	-
- lower than father		+
Active Music (early age)	+++	
Active Sport (early age)	n.s.	n.s.
Pseudo R2	0.1745	0.1745
N of Cases	1170	1170





Choice of secondary school - Girls Results of a multinominal logit

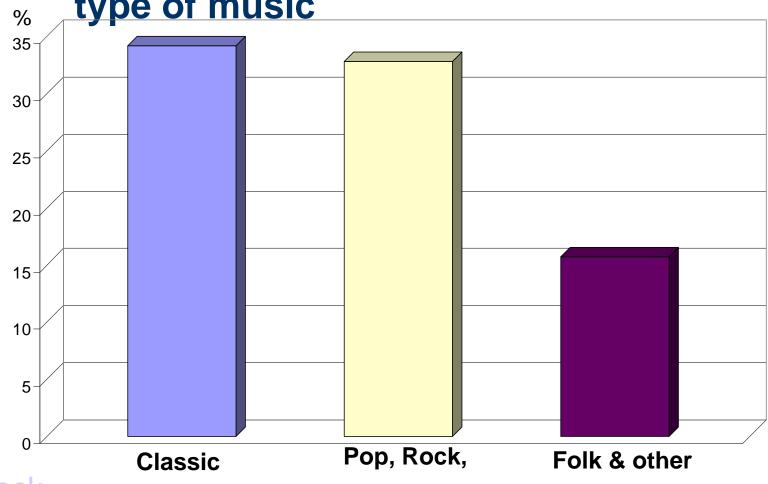
Medium secondary = comparison group)

>>>skip back	Higher secondary	Lower secondary
	(Gymnasium)	(Hauptschule)
Region – East		
Nationality – Non-German	n.s.	++
Education of Father (other degrees)		
- University graduate	+++	n.s.
- Interm. school & prof. train.	+++	n.s.
- without degree	++	+++
Education of Mother (same degree)		
- higher than father	+++	n.s.
- lower than father		n.s.
Active Music (early age)	+++	
Active Sport (early age)	n.s.	n.s.
Pseudo R2	0.1514	0.1514
N of Cases	1184	1184





Take music lessons outside of school by type of music



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SOEP 2000-2005; Youth Questionnaire.

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Some empirical indicators on active music in Germany

■The German Association of singers "Deutscher Sängerbund" is representing 20,000 choirs with 1.7 million members

■thereof nearly 700,000 active singers

■In Germany exist more than 900 music-schools with about 850,000 active students

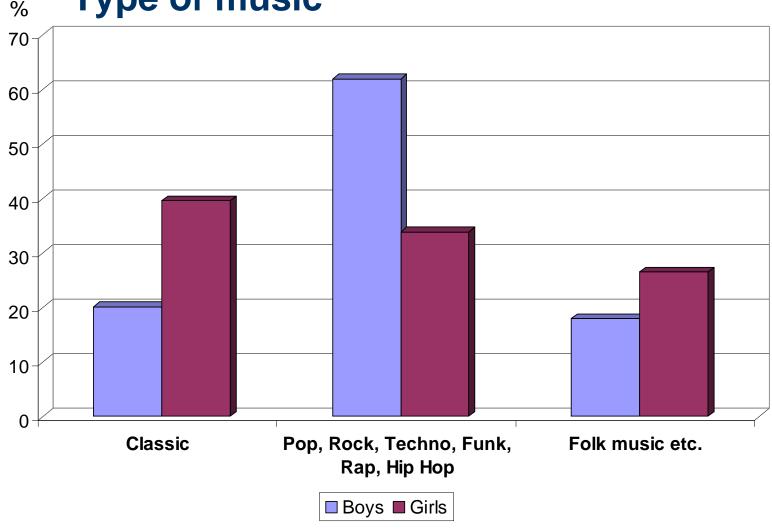


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Type of music



SOEP 2000-2006; Youth Questionnaire.

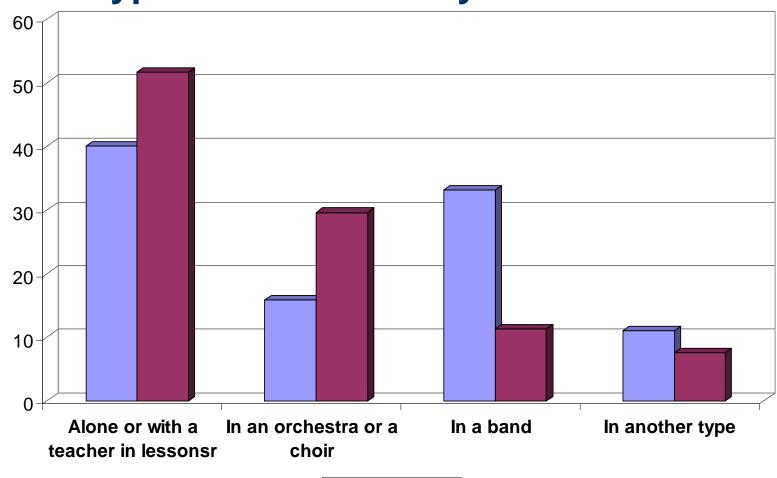




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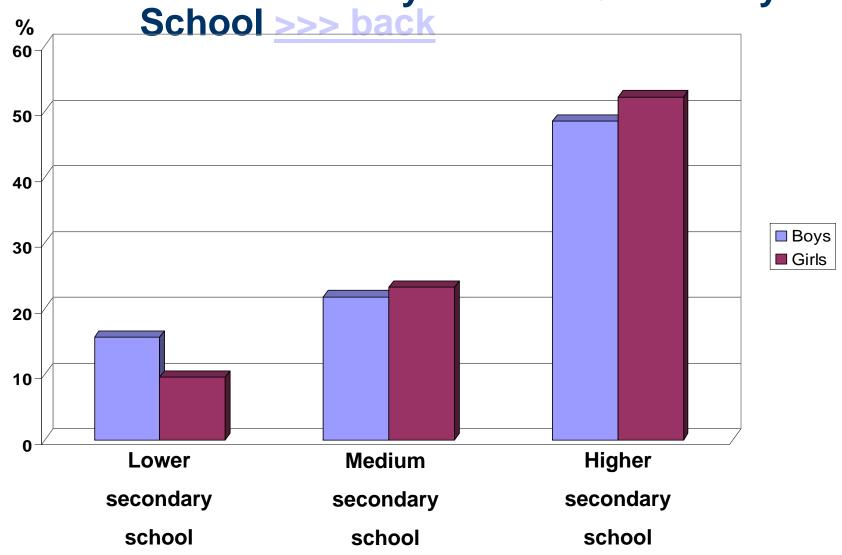








Active Music by Track of Secondary School >>> back







Matching – nearest neighbour Music & Sport-Effect on the *German school grade* (N=2232)

	Active Music (early age & classic)		Active Sport (early age & compet.)	
Pseudo-R ²	0.10	53	0.0320	
Matching-Sample	Unmatched	ATT	Unmatched	ATT
T-Stat (German school grade)	-4.59***	-2.48***	1.65**	-1.53*
Treated	2.541	2.541	2.948	2.948
Controls	2.906	3.108	2.874	3.283
Difference	-0.366	-0.568	0.073	-0.336
S.E.	0.080	0.229	0.044	0.219





Matching – nearest neighbour Music & Sport-Effect on the *Maths school grade* (N=2232)

	Active Music (early age & classic)		Active Sport (early age & compet.)	
Pseudo-R ²	0.10	53	0.03	320
Matching-Sample	Unmatched	ATT	Unmatched	ATT
T-Stat (maths school grade)	-2.88***	-3.54***	-2.73***	-0.89 (n.s.)
Treated	2.694	2.694	2.843	2.843
Controls	2.979	3.712	2.993	3.117
Difference	-0.286	-1.018	-0.151	-0.274
S.E.	0.099	0.287	0.055	0.308





Matching – nearest neighbour Music & Sport-Effect on the Foreign Language school grade (N=2232)

	Active Music (early age & classic)		Active Sport (early age & compet.)	
Pseudo-R ²	0.10	53	0.03	320
Matching-Sample	Unmatched	ATT	Unmatched	ATT
T-Stat (foreign language school grade)	-4.48***	-2.14***	2.52***	0.04 (n.s.)
Treated	2.586	2.586	3.079	3.079
Controls	2.995	3.243	2.950	3.067
Difference	-0.409	-0.658	0.128	0.012
S.E.	0.091	0.308	0.051	0.288





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Music & Sport-Effect on the average school grade - higher secondary school only (N=699)

	Active Music (early age & classic)		Active Sport (early age & compet.)	
Pseudo-R ²	0.063	34	0.0145	
Matching-Sample	Unmatched	ATT	Unmatched	ATT
T-Stat (average school grade)	-3.03***	-2.33***	0.95 (n.s.)	-1.02 (n.s.)
Treated	2.541	2.541	2.826	2.826
Controls	2.807	3.113	2.763	3.025
Difference	-0.265	-0.571	0.063	-0.200
S.E.	0.088	0.245	0.066	0.196





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Music & Sport-Effect on the foreign language school grade - higher secondary school only

(N=699)

	Active Music (early age & classic)		Active Sport (early age & compet.)	
Pseudo-R ²	0.06	34	0.01	45
Matching-Sample	Unmatched	ATT	Unmatched	ATT
T-Stat (foreign language school grade)	-2.66***	-1.25 (n.s.)	2.15***	-0.30 (n.s.)
Treated	2.519	2.519	2.911	2.911
Controls	2.807	2.870	2.736	2.981
Difference	-0.288	-0.351	0.175	-0.070
S.E.	0.108	0.281	0.081	0.232



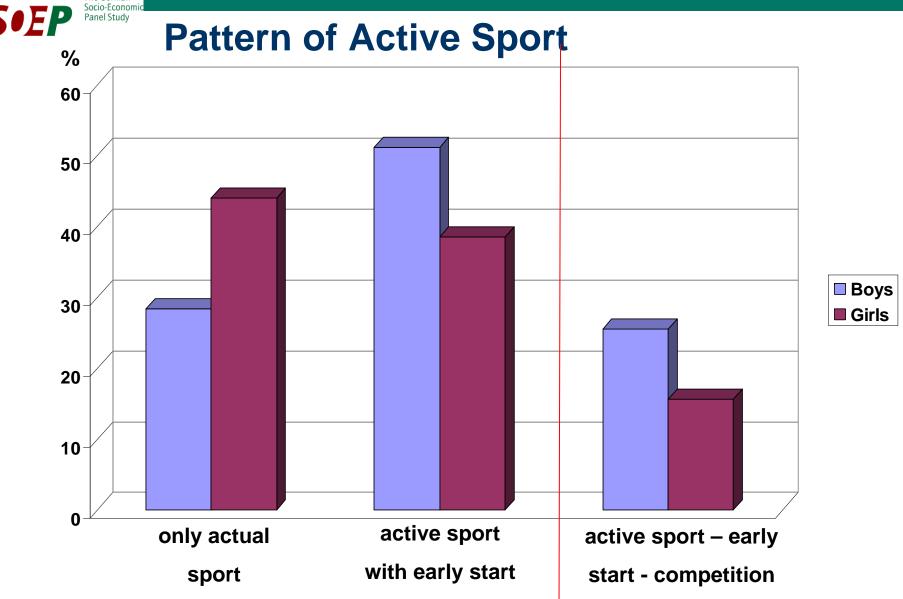


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Pseudo-R ²	0.063	34	0.0145	
Matching-Sample	Unmatched	ATT	Unmatched ATT	
T-Stat (German school grade)	-2.52***	-2.19***	1.09 (n.s.)	-1.08 (n.s.)
Treated	2.494	2.494	2.783	2.783
Controls	2.748	3.052	2.701	3.019
Difference	-0.254	-0.558	0.082	-0.236
S.E.	0.101	0.255	0.076	0.218



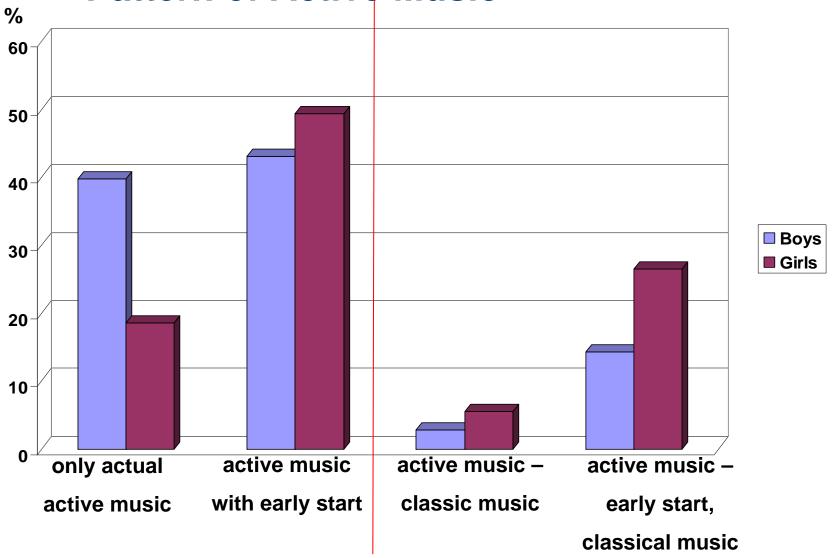
















Outline

- Motivation: why should music make you smarter cognitive effects of music lessons outcomes of music?
- Empirical evidence of cognitive effects
- Active practice of music in Germany
- Practice of music and patterns of social structure
- Outcomes of active practice of music in Germany
- Identification of Treatment-Effects of Music
- Summary and Conclusion





School grades at higher sec. school Results of a OLS regression model

	Average school grade (German, Maths, Foreign	School grade German
Gender – Boys	Language	
Region – East	+++	+++
Nationality – Non-German	n.s.	n.s.
Education of Father (other degrees)		
- University graduate	+	n.s.
- Interm. school & prof. train.	n.s.	n.s.
- without degree	n.s.	n.s.
Education of Mother (same degree)		
- higher than father	n.s.	n.s.
- lower than father	n.s.	n.s.
Active Music (early age & classic)	+	++
Active Sport (early age & compet.)	n.s.	n.s.
R^2	0.0512	0.0948
N of Cases	699	699





School grades at higher sec. school Results of a OLS regression model

	School grade	School grade
	maths	foreign language
Gender – Boys	n.s.	
Region – East	++	n.s.
Nationality – Non-German	n.s.	n.s.
Education of Father (other degrees)		
- University graduate	+	+
- Interm. school & prof. train.	n.s.	n.s.
- without degree	n.s.	n.s.
Education of Mother (same degree)		
- higher than father	n.s.	n.s.
- lower than father	-	n.s.
Active Music (early age & classic)	++	+
Active Sport (early age & compet.)	n.s.	-
R2	0.0240	0.0588
N of Cases	699	699





Cognitive Potential Results of a OLS regression model

	Additive Index	Verbal Index
Gender – Boys	n.s.	n.s.
Region – East	+	++
Nationality – Non-German		
Education of Father (other degrees)		
- University graduate	+++	+++
- Interm. school & prof. train.	+++	++
- without degree	n.s.	n.s.
Education of Mother (same degree)		
- higher than father	n.s.	n.s.
- lower than father	n.s.	-
Active Music (early age & classic)	+++	+++
Active Sport (early age & compet.)	+++	n.s.
R2	0.1260	0.1789
N of Cases	711	711

>>> <u>Details on cognitive potential</u>





Cognitive Potential Results of a OLS regression model

	Numerical Index	Figural Index
Gender – Boys	++	n.s.
Region – East	+	n.s.
Nationality – Non-German		
Education of Father (other degrees)		
- University graduate	++	+++
- Interm. school & prof. train.	++	n.s.
- without degree	n.s.	n.s.
Education of Mother (same degree)		
- higher than father	n.s.	n.s.
- lower than father	n.s.	n.s.
Active Music (early age & classic)	+++	+++
Active Sport (early age & competit.)	n.s.	+++
R2	0.0541	0.0995
N of Cases	711	711





Determinants to practice music/sport - Results of a binary probit model

not practicing music and not practicing sport = reference groups)

	Dreeticing Music	Dracticing Chart
	Practicing Music	
	(classic, early)	(early, competition)
Gender – Boys		+++
Region – East		
Secondary School-Track (medium)		
- lower secondary school	n.s.	
- higher secondary school	+++	n.s.
Education of Father (other degrees)		
- University graduate	n.s.	n.s.
- Interm. school & prof. train.		n.s.
- without degree	n.s.	n.s.
Education of Mother (same degree)		
- higher than father	n.s.	n.s.
- lower than father	n.s.	n.s.
Pseudo R ²	0.1523	0.0536
N of Cases	711	711



