POWER in MUSIC

What is "power"?

The ability to act or produce an effect

Possession of control, authority, or influence

How does music represent "power"?

How is music "powerful"?

* Subject matter
* Large Ensembles
* Brass/Percussion Choruses * Loud Dynamics * Crescendos * Visual Splendor
* Sound EFX



"O Fortuna" Carmina Burana (1935-36)

Carl Orff (1895-1982)

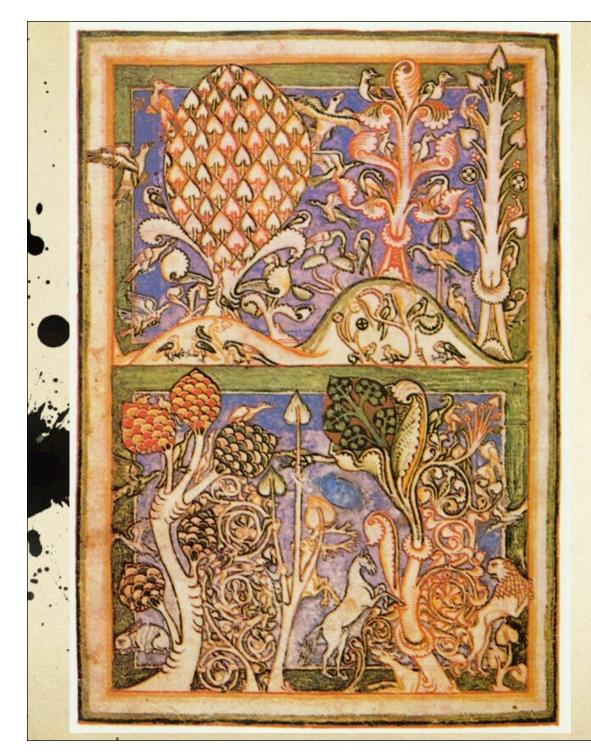
Carmina Burana [Songs of Beuren]

24 Latin poems from eleventh-thirteenth centuries

Carmina Burana poetry by the GOLIARDS

They wrote about...

Love, Sex, Drinking, Eating, & and their BAD LUCK One of the most famous Goliard manuscripts is the *Carmina Burana* written around 1230



Illumination of a forest from the Carmina Burana manuscript

In 1934 the composer CARL ORFF read the Carmina and set 24 of poems for soloists, chorus, and orchestra



Carl Orff

The original performances were staged with sets, costumes, and dancing



Orff sets the work in 5 sections

Fortune, Empress of the World

1. In the Spring; In the Meadow

2. In the Tavern

3. The Courts of Love; Blanziflor et Helena

Fortune, Empress of the World

"O Fortuna"

First movement introduction-

Fortuna Imperatrix Mundi

"O Fortuna"

First movement introduction-

Fortune, Empress of the World



semper crescis ever waxing vita detestabilis detestable life ludo mentis aciem, as fancy takes it; egestatem, poverty

O Fortuna | O Fortune, velut luna like the moon statu variabilis, you are changeable, aut decrescis; and waning; nunc obdurat that first oppresses et tunc curat and then soothes potestatem and power, dissolvit ut glaciem you melt them like ice.

*Large Orchestra *Large Chorus *Driving Ostinato *Crescendo *Theatrically staged *Delay of Tonic *Minor to Major



Carl Orff, "O Fortuna" *Carmina Burana* (1935) UC Davis University Chorus and Symphony, dir. Jeffrey Thomas



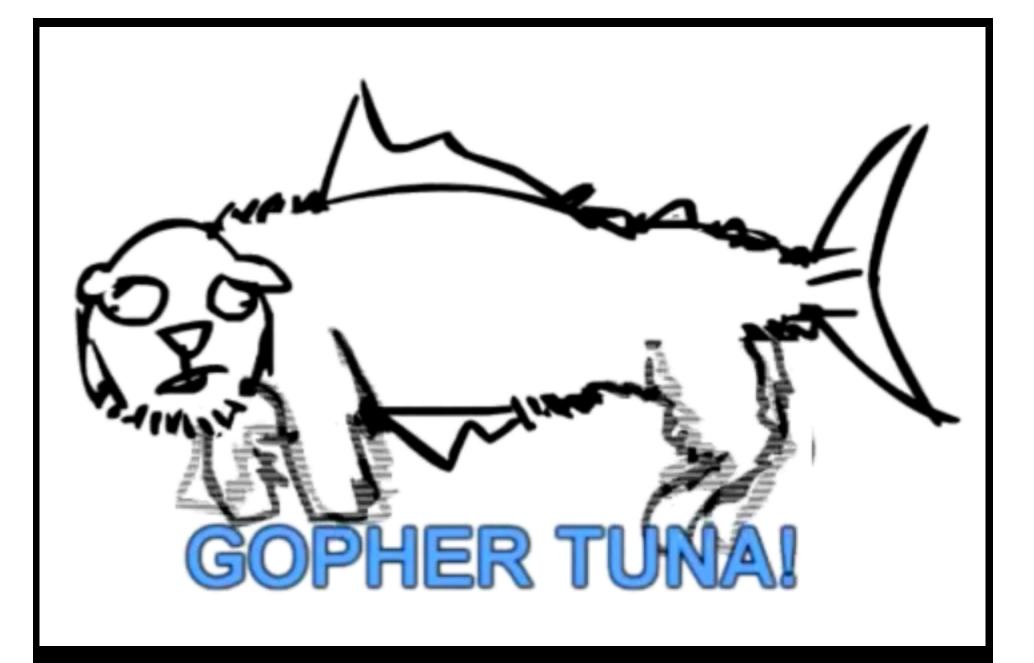
Excalibur (1981), dir. John Boorman



Carlton Draught Beer Ad (2005) George Patterson Partners



Hershey's Spreads Commercial



FamishedMammal, "O Fortuna Misheard Lyrics"

PIECES to KNOW

- ----Carl Orff, "O Fortuna," Camina Burana (Track
- 20, The 99 Most Essential Pieces of Classical Music)

TERMS to KNOW --Goliard --Songs of Beuren --Ostinato