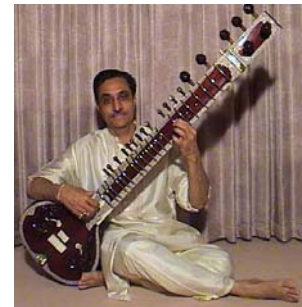


Traditional Bhangra



Language for Learning:

- ✓ Punjab (region of origin of *traditional* Bhangra)
- ✓ Punjabi language and folk-style melody used in Bhangra songs
- ✓ Chaal (essential backing rhythm pattern - dha na na na na dha dha na)
- ✓ Dhol (double-headed drum for playing Chaal)
- ✓ Originally intended to celebrate the Harvest
- ✓ Now used in Clubs and at Asian Weddings



Other Asian Instruments sometimes used:

- ✓ Sitar (large string instrument – pitch bend)
- ✓ Tabla (pair of drums, smaller than Dhol)
- ✓ Harmonium (reed organ)



Impact of modern technology:

- ✓ Drum Machine)
- ✓ Electronic instruments:
 - Electric Guitar
 - Bass Guitar (riffs)
- ✓ Synthesiser (can replace harmonium)
- ✓ Sampling:
 - short extracts of *other* songs added to track
- ✓ Shouts of 'Hoi' can be sampled and repeated
- ✓ FX – eg. echo/reverb added to voice



Tracks to listen to:

- ✓ Surjit Bindrakhia: *Tera Yaar Bolda*
- ✓ Amrit Saab: *Sardar*

