

## Psychometric Properties of Music Performance Anxiety Inventory

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### Abstract

Music performance anxiety (MPA) has been defined as the experience of marked and persistent anxious apprehension related to musical performance, which is manifested through combinations of affective, cognitive, somatic and behavioral symptoms. This study aimed to examine the validity and reliability of the Diana Kenny's Music Performance Anxiety Inventory (2006) in an Iranian sample for the second time. The first time, the inventory was conducted in Shiraz and Mashhad. The relevant factor analysis indicated that the inventory had two items which could explain 35.14% of the variance. Although the research findings support the reliability of the said inventory on the Iranian sample, the variance explained was far from the intended rate. On the other hand, the inventory had generally investigated evocations of anxious propositions (e.g., uncontrollability, unpredictability, negative affect and musical symptoms) and attentional shift (task or self-evaluative focus and fear of negative evaluation). This study, however, did not fully examine the dimensions. Thus, the present study, which is a pilot one, examines the psychometric properties and uses the obtained dimensions from the exploratory analysis in the measurement model and main research context.

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### INTRODUCTION

Anxiety is a feeling of fear, dread, and uneasiness. Anxiety or apprehension is a continuous, unpleasant and vague feeling or dread with an unknown origin, which causes a person to suffer from uncertainty, despair and physiological arousal (Sligman & Rezeuhn, 2006). Performance anxiety includes a host of disorders which affect people in a wide range of issues such as tests, math performance, public speech, sports, and dance rehearsals, arts, acting, and music (Halls, 2015). Music performance anxiety is a complex phenomenon that arises from the interaction of a number of

factors, including genetic factors, environmental stimuli and experience, feelings, cognition and individual behaviors. Music performance anxiety is manifested through three independent components of cognition, arousal, and independent behaviors. While a certain level of functional anxiety is deemed to be normal, it can also be debilitating factor and regarded a mental disorder (Matei & Ginsberg, 2017). In recent years, music performance anxiety has drawn the attention of researchers, especially psychologists, including Urruzola & Bernaras, 2020; Kalmska and Rudzj, 2020; Sinico et al., 2019; Dubos et al., 2019; Asavidson, Vogol & Ross, 2019; Gonzaleza

et al., 2018; Kenny & Halls, 2018; Eri Jathoud et al., 2017; Matei & Ginsberg, 2017; Osório et al., 2017 and Spehn & Walther, 2016). Kenny (2011) defined music performance anxiety to be the experience of marked and persistent anxious apprehension related to musical performance, which is manifested through combinations of affective, cognitive, somatic and behavioral symptoms. Music performance anxiety is also known as stage fright, musician stress syndrome, and music syndrome. This type of anxiety becomes a problem when its physiological manifestations leave a negative effect on the individual's performance (Dauncer, Hildbrandt, Ariyal & Gomez, 2011). As a specific psychological phenomenon, music performance anxiety has a myriad of symptoms. Osório et al. (2017) argue that strategies such as frequent visiting of a psychologist/psychiatrist and taking antidepressants are among the known symptoms. Eighteen percent of musicians were found to take beta-blockers while 6% took prescribed drugs. Medeiros Barbar and Alexander Dei (2013) demonstrated that 24% of musicians suffered from music performance anxiety, 19% from social anxiety and 20% from depression indicators. These figures were even higher for the amateur musicians, who saw the said rates double compared to the professionals. Urruzola & Bernaras (2020) maintained that anxiety can affect the performance quality negatively and increase the likelihood of failure and dysfunction. Kalenska and Rudzaj (2020) concluded that the apprehension and multiplicity of emotional states reported by young musicians included five emotional profiles which varied from negative emotions of fear and uneasiness (higher level of music performance anxiety) through a combination of positive and negative affect (moderate performance anxiety, desire, capacity) to positive affect, such as trust, courage and happiness (self-confidence- trust). Sinico et al. (2019) pointed out that male pipers showed a higher level of music performance anxiety, while professional pipers could better cope with musical performance anxiety. Dubos et al. (2019) demonstrated that women reported higher levels of music performance anxiety and social anxiety without significant perfectionism

differences. Social fear and perfectionism were found to be significantly correlated with music performance anxiety. Asavidson, Vogul, and Ross (2019) concluded that adults' parenting style and attachment behavior were associated with music performance anxiety, measured by the Kenny's subscale of Music Performance Anxiety. Gonzaleza et al. (2018) demonstrated that because of the similarities, music performance anxiety could be negatively predicted by self-efficacy which was a negative predictor. The overall effect of music performance anxiety on the performance was found to be negatively significant. Self-efficacy was a positive predictor for the increased performance. In this connection, Kenny (2011) showed that trait anxiety, neuroticism, negative emotionality, introversion, self-concept, self-esteem, self-efficacy, source of control, coping style, behavioral inhibition and perfectionism were considered to be music performance anxiety-related contexts. Other researchers also concluded that negative emotionality (Kaspersen & Gotestam, 2002), trait anxiety (Kokotsaki & Davidson, 2003), core self-evaluation (Kenny, 2011), and perfectionism (Flett & Hewitt, 2005) were symptoms of music performance anxiety. Experience gained in making music can be undermined by concerns about a performer's evaluation of his or her performance or that of others, thus resulting in a debilitating anxiety in a host of physiological, cognitive, emotional and behavioral areas. Physiological symptoms can be similar to those of fear experience, which include high heart rate, muscle spasm, tremors, shortness of breath, sweating, impaired vision, dizziness, and gastrointestinal dysfunction. Concerns about evident manifestations of anxiety can also leave negative effects on the performer and cause apprehension about how the audience perceive the symptoms. Cognitive symptoms can cause catastrophic thoughts before the performance such as the possibility of symbolic error, memory loss, loss of body control, negative reaction by the audience, and dread of negative evaluation. Speaking of emotions, the musician may feel disappointed this way and loses control (Kenny & Halls, 2018). Those who enter the highly competitive realm of music must not only enjoy personal characteristics such as determination and resilience, but also acquire cognitive and social skills, instrument-specific motor skills, coping

skills commensurate with the psychological demands, general performance, etc. They must also have the capability of handling their time and assume responsibility for their physical and mental well-being. Although musicians are said to have the highest levels of career satisfaction, they also suffer from mental illness, too. Performance anxiety has been examined in a host of contexts such as taking tests, public lecture, writing, sexual functioning, sports, and the performing arts (dancing, music, and acting) (Matei & Ginsborg, 2017).

However, it seems to be necessary to investigate the subject of anxiety among musicians as well. Because stage anxiety can affect the individual's performance considerably negatively, this study mainly aimed to validate the psychometric properties as well as the reliability of music performance anxiety context among musicians in Iran.

### **Methodology**

This study used a descriptive-correlational method, and employed an online sampling method through Porsline site. The statistical population consisted of the singers and musicians residing in the province of Kermanshah and other cities as well as those who had the experience of performance in front of a crowd, and a group of art students who were members to a concert group who also had the experience of performance. In general, as many as 310 people took part in the research. The sample size included 217 males and 93 females. Of the total sample size, 3 people had a doctorate degree, 17 ones had a master's degree, 74 ones had a bachelor's degree, 154 ones had a diploma and associate's degrees, and 62 ones were student. The following tools were used to collect the data.

### **Kenny's Music Performance Anxiety Inventory**

This inventory was developed by Kenny et al. (2004) to examine the relationship between musical performance anxiety and Barlow's Theory of Emotion (2000). This scale includes 26 items on evocations of anxious propositions (e.g., uncontrollability, unpredictability, negative affect and musical symptoms) and attentional shift (task or self-evaluative focus and fear of negative evaluation), physiological arousal, and memory bias. The items are

answered on a 7-point Likert scale ranging from -3 (strongly disagree) to +3 (strongly agree). The maximum score is 156. Higher scores indicate more anxiety and more psychological distress. This inventory enjoys a higher internal consistency (Cronbach's alpha: 0.94) (Kenny et al., 2004). A regression analysis by Mounesi-Tousi et al. (2016) demonstrated that the Spielberger State-Trait Anxiety Inventory (STAI) (Spielberger, 1983) and the individual scale of Kass and Kennedy Music Performance Anxiety Inventory have the ability to independently predict the Kenny's Music Performance Anxiety Inventory based on the State-Trait Anxiety Inventory (STAI) and the Kenny's inventory scoring method (with score over 40 regarded to be positive). These two variables explain 85.3% of the score variance.

### **Validity of the inventory**

The internal consistency index, i.e., the Cronbach's alpha coefficient of this inventory was 0.78. However, after eliminating the items with low factor load, the Cronbach's alpha coefficient was calculated to be 0.82, indicating that only 18% of the total inventory scores variance had been explained as a result of measurement error. This also suggested the desirable reliability of this inventory. The Guttman method was also used to measure the reliability of the inventory. The alpha coefficient ranged from 0.78 to 0.85, which may indicate good reliability of the inventory. The reliability was also calculated to be 0.79 by split-half test. Intra-factor consistency was calculated to be 0.80 from Cronbach's alpha method while the second factor yielded 0.68. The correlation between these two factors was 0.64. The correlation between performance anxiety and anxiety evocations with total score was 0.89 and 0.85, respectively (Mounesi et al., 2016).

### **Inventory scoring**

The scores were measured on a Likert scale as follows:

“Strongly disagree (0), disagree (1), somewhat disagree (2), no idea (3), somewhat agree (4), agree (5), strongly agree” (6). Of course, items 2, 9, 14, 20, 24 and 26 are reversely scored.

### **Spielberger State-Trait Anxiety Inventory**

The first form of the State-Trait Anxiety Inventory (STAI-X) was constructed by Spielberger et al. in

1970. The revised STAI-Y form changed 12 of the 40 items, i.e., 30% of the X form content, thus improving the psychometric properties of both the State-and-Trait Anxiety Scales (Spielberger, 1983). Over the past 20 years, the State-Trait Anxiety Inventory has been extensively used in various studies as the most common test to measure anxiety. This inventory contains 40 items which measure both state anxiety and trait anxiety scales. The trait part has 20 items scored on 4-point Likert scale ranging from 1 (almost never) to 4 (almost always). In total, a score of 40 to 160 is recorded for each person. The Cronbach's alpha coefficient of State and Trait Anxiety Scales were reported to be 0.92 and 0.90, respectively. Also, the retest coefficients of State and Trait Anxiety Scales were calculated 0.62 and 0.68, respectively (Spielberger et al., 1970). This instrument was standardized by Panahi Shahri

in Iran, yielding a reliability of 0.90 for female students. Mehram (1993) calculated the reliability coefficient of state anxiety, trait anxiety scales and a total rate of 0.91, 0.90 and 0.94, respectively. For validity, concurrent criterion validity method was used. Using this method, a significant difference was noted between the subjects of the normal and the criterion groups on both the state and trait anxiety scales. In a study on 300 students, Shirzadi, Mehrabizadeh- Honarmand and Haghighi (2002) used the internal consistency method to calculate the reliability coefficients of the state and trait anxiety scales at 0.91, 0.89 and 0.94, respectively.

### Findings

First, the distribution of variables normality is examined using Kolmogorov-Smirnov test and the confirmatory factor analysis results are then provided.

Table 1: Research variable distribution

Variables	Normality distribution test	
	Kolmogorov-Smirnov	Sig.
Music performance anxiety	0.03	0.200
State anxiety	0.04	0.200
Trait anxiety	0.05	0.059
Total state and trait anxiety test	0.03	0.200

Table 1 gives Kolmogorov-Smirnov values which are not significant, confirming the normality of variables distribution. Before the confirmatory factor analysis is performed, it is required to examine the adequacy of the sample using the Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin (KMO) index,

which was 0.898 ( $p=0.0001$ ) for the Kenny Music Performance Anxiety Inventory as given by Table 2. This also helped analyze this scale items. In this pilot study, principal components analysis and varimax rotation (Mounesi et al., 2016) were used to analyze the inventory items. Preliminary results are also given in Table 3.

Table 2: KMO and Bartlett's test

Measuring sample adequacy using the Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin (KMO) index	0.898
<b>Bartlett's Test of Sphericity</b>	2938.492
<b>Freedom degree</b>	325
<b>Sig.</b>	0.0001

Table 3: Factor analysis of music performance anxiety inventory

Component	Initial eigenvalues			sum of squares of the extracted loads before rotation			sum of squares of the extracted loads after rotation		
	eigen	Variance	Cumulative	eigen	Variance	Cumulative	eigen	Variance	Cumulative

	val ues	e pe rce nt ag e	ve var ian ce pe rce nta ge	val ues	e pe rce nt ag e	ve var ian ce pe rce nta ge	val ues	e pe rce nt ag e	ve var ian ce pe rce nta ge
1	7.7 84	29. 93 8	29. 93 8	7.7 84	29. 93 8	29. 93 8	4.5 42	17. 47 0	17. 47 0
2	2.4 73	9.5 11	39. 44 9	2.4 73	9.5 11	39. 44 9	3.7 79	14. 53 6	32. 00 6
3	1.5 79	6.0 71	45. 52 0	1.5 79	6.0 71	45. 52 0	2.5 47	9.7 97	41. 80 2
4	1.2 60	4.8 48	50. 36 8	1.2 60	4.8 48	50. 36 8	2.0 35	7.8 25	49. 62 8
5	1.0 91	4.1 96	54. 56 4	1.0 91	4.1 96	54. 56 4	1.2 84	4.9 37	54. 56 4

Table 3 gives Scree test results as illustrated in Figure 1 as well as the eigenvalues, which yielded 5 factors, with the number of items of

each factor taken from Table 3, which shows the post-rotation matrix of components.

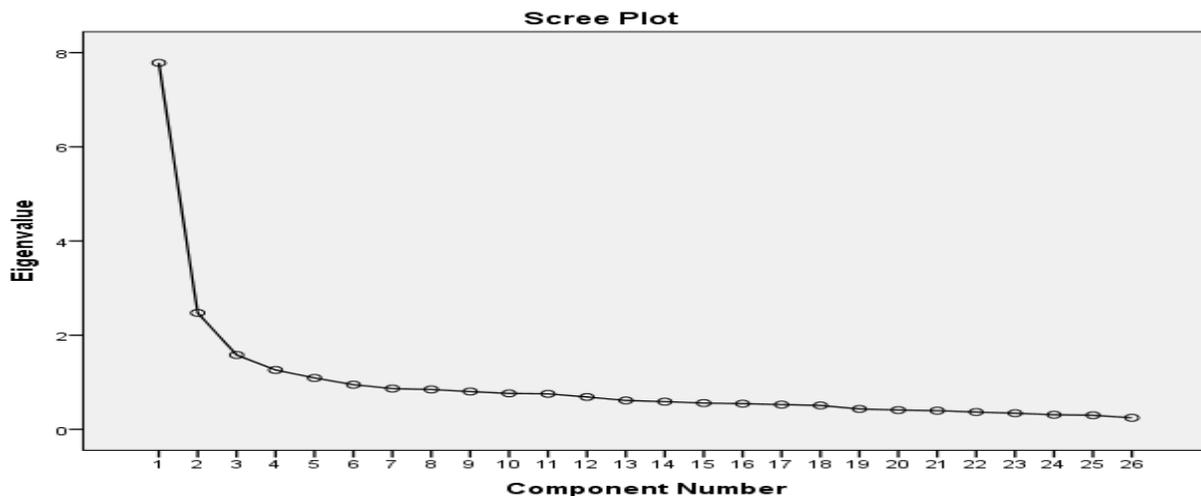


Figure 1: Scree test results

Later, the post-rotation matrix of components was provided in Table 3 with the number of items of each factor specified. This indicates five factors extracted whose factor loads are given in Table 3. The researcher lists the factors based on common and general concept of the

items pertaining to each factor, as given in Table 3. These 5 factors can explain 54.56% of the total variance. Following this, confirmatory factor analysis was used to investigate and confirm these extracted factors, which are as follows:

Table 4: Matrix of components after rotation  
item. Consistent with Table 5, the normality is met

Factor No.	Item statement	Factorial load	Proposed factor title
<b>First factor</b>	10. I never know before a concert whether I will perform well	0.745	Self-
	17. From early in my music studies, I remember being anxious about performing	0.685	
	12. During a performance I find myself thinking about whether I'll even get through it	0.684	
	13. My worry and nervousness about my performance interferes with my focus and concentration	0.634	
	14. Even in the most stressful performance situations, I am confident that I will perform well	-0.596	
	22. I often prepare for a concert with a sense of dread and impending disaster	0.591	
	25. I worry so much before a performance, I cannot sleep	0.567	
	18. I worry that one bad performance may ruin my career	0.559	
	15. I am concerned about being scrutinized by others	0.545	
	7. Even if I work hard in preparation for a performance, I am likely to make mistakes	0.542	
<b>Second factor</b>	23. I often feel that I have nothing to look forward to	0.739	Negative affect and situational symptoms
	6. I often feel that life has not much to offer me	0.709	
	11. I often feel that I am not worth much as a person	0.676	
	3. I seldom feel in control of my life	0.661	
	4. I often find it difficult to work up the energy to do things	0.588	
	20. My parents always listened to me	0.588	
<b>Third factor</b>	21. As a child, I often felt sad	-0.511	Fear of negative evaluation
	19. I give up worthwhile performance opportunities due to anxiety	0.794	
	9. My parents were mostly responsive to my needs	0.731	
	24. My parents encouraged me to try new things	0.518	
<b>Fourth factor</b>	26. When performing without music, my memory is reliable		Uncontrollability
	1. Sometimes I feel anxious for no particular reason	0.680	
	16. Sometimes I feel worried for no particular reason	0.639	
<b>Fifth factor</b>	5. Excessive worrying is a characteristic of my family	0.572	Unpredictability
	8. I find it difficult to depend on others	0.748	
	2. I find it easy to trust others	0.728	

The precondition to use this analysis is multivariate normality. However, the normal distribution of scales is also mentioned, but it investigates the normality in each and every

because the kurtosis column values are outside the +10 and -10. Also, the skewness column is not out of 3+ and 3, so the data distribution is normal and the assumption of distribution normality is met.

Table 5: Measurement of data distribution normality

Variables	Kurtosis	Critical ratio	Skewness	Critical ratio
Item 7	0.264	1.900	-1.148	-4.126
Item 2	-0.130	-0.932	-1.445	-5.192
Item 8	-0.153	-1.098	-1.195	-4.296
Item 5	-0.112	-0.812	-1.441	-5.180
Item 16	-0.492	-2.887	-1.198	-4.307
Item 1	-0.637	-4.582	-1.001	-3.597
Item 19	-0.579	-4.160	-0.831	-2.985
Item 9	1.085	7.800	0.313	1.125
Item 24	0.474	3.406	-0.996	-3.581
Item 26	1.032	7.419	0.095	0.341
Item 23	0.881	6.334	-0.612	-0.200
Item 6	0.691	4.965	-0.881	-3.166
Item 11	1.724	12.390	1.844	6.627
Item 3	0.589	4.235	-0.917	-3.297
Item 4	0.315	2.267	-1.292	-4.643
Item 20	-0.505	-3.628	-0.919	-3.304
Item 21	0.690	4.961	-0.975	-3.504
Item 10	-0.198	-1.424	-1.134	-4.074
Item 17	0.018	0.126	-1.281	-4.604
Item 12	-0.431	-3.096	-0.890	-3.197
Item 13	-0.039	-0.282	-1.049	-3.770
Item 14	0.548	3.937	-0.781	-2.806
Item 22	0.366	2.633	-1.125	-4.044
Item 25	-0.033	-0.238	-1.354	-4.865
Item 18	0.332	2.387	-1.111	-3.991
Item 15	0.019	0.135	-1.310	-4.709

In the next step, the measurement model is plotted consistent with the exploratory factor analysis and the confirmatory factor analysis is

performed. The following figure illustrates the measurement model, with the model fit results given in Table 6.

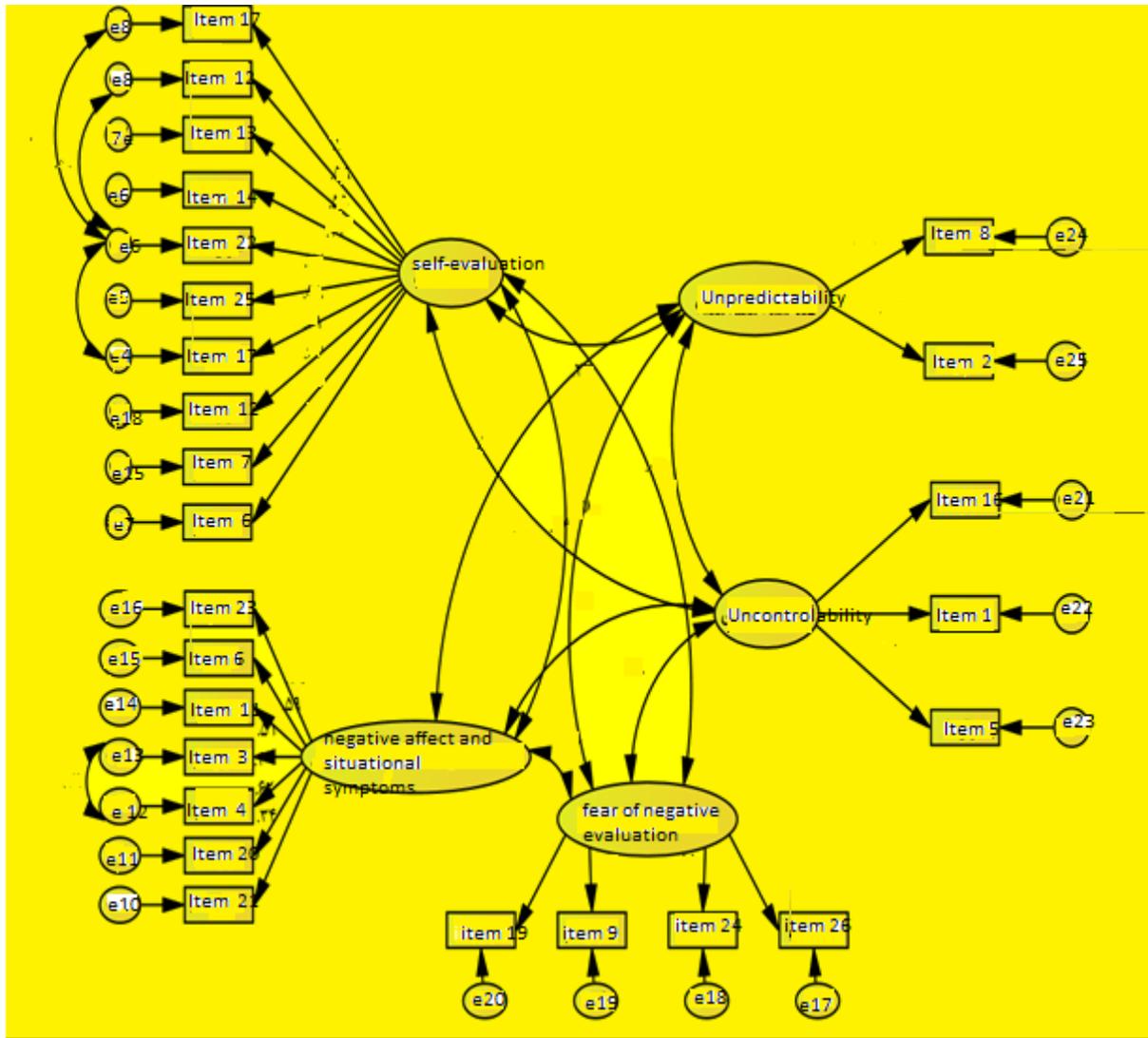


Figure 2: Measurement model of music performance anxiety

Table 6 shows that the fit indices of the measurement model after modifying the model indicate the optimal fit of the model.

Table 6: Fit indicators of music performance anxiety measurement model

Indicator	$X^2$	$Df$	$X^2/df$	$GFI$	$AGFI$	$RMS EA$	$CFI$	$PGFI$
	438.011	208	1.689	0.880	0.852	0.047	0.942	0.717

Upon ensuring that the measurement model had good fit and the exploratory factors were confirmed, the internal consistency of the inventory items was examined. The internal consistency index, i.e., Cronbach's alpha coefficient was calculated to be 0.83. Also, the

Cronbach's alpha of the first, second, fourth and fifth factors were 0.87, 0.61, 0.62 and 0.32, respectively. However, concerning the third factor, items 9, 19, 24 and 26 yielded an undesirable Cronbach's alpha of 0.40, which could have been an acceptable value of 0.61, if item 19,

having intense internal consistency with other items, was removed as recommended by the software, Thus, one would conclude that it was better to remove item 19 from the third factor as

well as the fifth factor to provide good consistency in general.

Table 7 gives the correlation of the factors with each other and with the total score which indicates a good correlation.

**Table 7: Correlation of factors with each other and with the total score**

	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>1. Music performance anxiety</b>	1				
<b>2. self-evaluation</b>	**0.894	1			
<b>3. negative affect and situational symptoms</b>	**0.778	**0.533	1		
<b>4. fear of negative evaluation</b>	**0.368	**0.169	**0.255	1	
<b>5. uncontrollability</b>	**0.674	**0.450	**0.508	**0.272	1

\*\*= significance level (0.001).

In the end, in the first part of the analysis, to calculate the convergent validity, the correlation coefficient of each individual's scores on the

Musical Performance Anxiety inventory with the Spielberger State-Trait Anxiety Inventory (STAI) was used.

**Table 8: Correlation coefficient of individual's scores on the Music Performance Anxiety inventory and the Spielberger State-Trait Anxiety Inventory (STAI)**

	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>1. Stat trait anxiety</b>	1					
<b>2. Music performance anxiety</b>	**0.745	1				
<b>3. self-evaluation</b>	**0.585	**0.894	1			
<b>4. negative affect and situational symptoms</b>	**0.707	**0.778	**0.533	1		
<b>5. fear of negative evaluation</b>	**0.333	**0.368	**0.169	**0.255	1	
<b>6. uncontrollability</b>	**0.598	**0.674	**0.450	**0.508	**0.272	1

\*\*= significance level (0.001).

Also, stepwise multiple regression analysis was used to examine the convergent validity of the Music Performance Anxiety Inventory, multiple regression test is based on some assumptions which consist of: 1- The assumptions that the errors are independent of each other; to test this assumption, the Watson-Durbin test was used. One would say that if this test has a value

ranging from 1.5 to 2, the independence of the observations can be confirmed and the analysis can be performed. The value in the present study was 1.387, indicating the observations was confirmed to be independent; 2- The assumption that errors are normally distributed and have a mean of zero, which is also met in the present study; on the other hand, the errors have a

relatively normal distribution, with the mean error value being very insignificant (close to zero) and the standard deviation close to one (0.975) and 3- The assumption that the independent variables are non- collinear; to examine this, two tolerance and variance inflation factor statistics were used. As given in Table 9, collinearity is noted between the

independent variables in the second step; thus, step one of this analysis can be invoked. As a result, with regression analysis tests assumptions being met, this test can be used to predict the music performance anxiety in order to examine the convergent validity.

Table 9: Summary of stepwise regression analysis

Step	Variable	t	F	R2	R	$\beta$	B	.Sig	Collinearity Assumption		Durbin-Watson
									variance inflation	Tolerance	
1	Trait anxiety	19.30	372.79	0.54	0.740	0.74	1.36	0.001	1	1	1.855
			192.61	0.55	0.746						
2	Trait anxiety	4.78			0.49	0.92	0.013	0.133	7.518		
	State-anxiety	2.48			0.25	0.46	0.013	0.133	7.518		

Table 9 shows that consistent with the regression analysis the Spielberger State-Trait Anxiety Inventory (STAI) can significantly predict music performance anxiety (beta of 0.74). Generally speaking, the music performance anxiety inventory held a higher validity.

### Discussion and conclusion

Pambeori et al. (2011) suggested that music performance anxiety is a cause of concern for a majority of musicians, even professional ones. Musicians were found to have similar perceptions and concerns. Anxiety, though reported to be a useful state, involved negative consequences. The prevalence of anxiety in individual performance was greater than that of the group performance. Generally speaking, the impacts of anxiety with performance was found to be associated with its perceived intensity during the performance, as this perceived intensity was modified by the musicians' performance experience and their general sensitivity to anxiety. In sum, this study suggested that the Music Performance Anxiety inventory held a high construct validity. A review of the Kenny Music Performance Anxiety Inventory (2011) and the State-Trait Anxiety Inventory (STAI) yielded 5 factors

consisting in: self-evaluation, negative affect and situational symptoms, fear of negative evaluation, uncontrollability and unpredictability. The findings concluded that the inventory held a high concurrent validity as data analysis revealed a significantly positive correlation between State-Trait Anxiety Inventory (STAI) and Kenny's Music Performance Anxiety inventory. Kenny et al. (2004) concluded that people with high trait anxiety will also experience greater musical performance anxiety. In the meantime, the total score of this inventory, the observed factors of performance anxiety and anxiety evocations saw a higher total score correlation, suggesting a higher construct validity of this inventory. Another finding of the study revealed that the Music Performance Anxiety inventory had a good validity. The internal consistency coefficient of this scale was 0.74. The findings were consistent with those of the Kenny et al. (2004), as the Persian version had been well adapted with the Iranian culture. It should be pointed out that items 2, 9, 14, 20, 24 and 26 should be reversely scored. The findings generally revealed that using music performance anxiety inventory can help screen music performance anxiety among musicians as it can help usher in a new realm for the future studies on music performance anxiety. Kenny and

Osborne (2006) argue that music performance anxiety is a relatively neglected psychological phenomenon that is rarely studied in major psychological journals or textbooks. This subject has, so far, been taken up for adult and amateurs and professional musicians. Thus, there are compelling reasons to deal with music performance anxiety as preventive attention is more focused on conditions that show stability over time and moderate response to existing treatments. Eri Jaycard et al. (2017) concluded that the variables explained 45.6% of the variance of musical performance anxiety in males and 52.1% of the variance in females. Consistent with the findings, it is recommended to standardize a 40-item scale already developed by Kenny (K-MPAI) in the Iranian society to address music performance anxiety problems. To measure more accurate reliability and validity, this scale can be applied to a majority of Iranian musicians.

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Diana Kenny's Music Performance Anxiety Inventory

Row	Statement	Never	always
1	I never know before a concert whether I will perform well		
2	From early in my music studies, I remember being anxious about performing		
3	During a performance I find myself thinking about whether I'll even get through it		
4	My worry and nervousness about my performance interferes with my focus and concentration		
5	Even in the most stressful performance situations, I am confident that I will perform well		
6	I often prepare for a concert with a sense of dread and impending disaster		
7	I worry so much before a performance, I cannot sleep		
8	I worry that one bad performance may ruin my career		
9	I am concerned about being scrutinized by others		
10	Even if I work hard in preparation for a performance, I am likely to make mistakes		
11	I often feel that I have nothing to look forward to		
12	I often feel that life has not much to offer me		
13	I give up worthwhile performance opportunities due to anxiety		
14	I seldom feel in control of my life		
15	I often find it difficult to work up the energy to do things		
16	My parents always listened to me		
17	As a child, I often felt sad		
18	I give up worthwhile performance opportunities due to anxiety		
19	My parents were mostly responsive to my needs		
20	My parents encouraged me to try new things		
21	When performing without music, my memory is reliable		
22	Sometimes I feel anxious for no particular reason		
23	Sometimes I feel worried for no particular reason		
24	Excessive worrying is a characteristic of my family		
25	I find it difficult to depend on others		
26	I find it easy to trust others		