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Old Time Music traces the advent of what is now considered old time back to 1923, when Fiddlin' John Carson cut a record for the Okeh label. It was a critical flop, but enough of a commercial success to still be remembered today. The record wasn't easily classified as popular music, so Okeh dubbed it "old time music," and work echoing this style has been referred to as such ever since.

At that point, old time music was basically what we would now call Americana or traditional folk tunes. These songs were largely performed by folks from the rural tradition, with untrained voices and instrumental skills. Often, old time music was (and still is) incorporated in dances and centered around the work of the fiddler. Also, for the most part, old time music was historically something that came from the American south, and preceded the popularization and

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urbanization of bluegrass and country music.

As most other things in the American South, old time music was hugely influenced by African-American musicality, particularly by the inclusion of the banjo—an instrument introduced to the region by its African-American population. Eventually, the inspiration of southern and Appalachian old time music gave way to the rise of bluegrass and contemporary country artists.

The genre is enjoying a resurgence, however, particularly among young musicians, who see it as an opportunity to explore a largely under-exploited artform. --- folkmusic.about.com

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